

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 (May 5 – August 8) STUDY DISCUSSION GROUP SCHEDULE

THE PLATO SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES



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HYBRID=Combined Zoom and In-Person SDG

Monday 10:00-12:00	Tuesday 10:00-12:00	Wednesday 10:00-12:00	Thursday 10:00-12:00	Dates to Remember
<p>The Singularity is Nearer – When We Merge with AI 9 weeks HYBRID (5 Remote, 9 In-Person) May 5th to July 7th <i>Bill Clarkson and David Johnson</i></p> <p>Fact and Fiction of Espionage 13 weeks HYBRID (4 Remote, 10 In-Person) May 5th to August 4th <i>Stewart Paperin and David Sternlicht</i></p>	<p>Introduction to Complexity Theory 1st 7 weeks, HYBRID (5 Remote, 9 In-Person) May 6th to June 17th <i>Dorée Gerold</i></p> <p>Great American Movie Comedies 14 weeks GAYLEY May 6th to August 5th <i>Jim Kohn and Linda Kelemer</i></p> <p>Finding the Mother Tree: Wisdom of the Forest 2nd 7 weeks HYBRID (5 Remote, 9 In-Person) June 24th to August 5th <i>Dorée Gerold and Ellenmary Michel</i></p>	<p>The Cuban Connection: America’s Hidden History 10 weeks GAYLEY May 7th to July 9th <i>Ellen Haas and Sherri Davis</i></p> <p>The Age of Grievance: Frank Bruni, 2024 14 weeks ZOOM May 7th to August 6th <i>William Meisel</i></p> <p>Fall of Civilizations 14 weeks GAYLEY May 7th to August 6th <i>Steve Breuer</i></p> <p>The Promise and Perils of AI – A Cinematic Perspective 14 weeks ZOOM May 7th to August 6th <i>Bill Sacks and Stan Dorfman</i></p>	<p>Foreign Affairs 10 weeks ZOOM May 8th to July 10 <i>David Roloff and Elizabeth Ralph</i></p> <p>Chinese Writer and Nobel Laureate Mo Yan 10 weeks ZOOM May 8th to July 17th <i>Kate Carpenter and Lynne Patterson</i></p> <p>NYT 100 Best Books of the 21st Century 11 weeks HYBRID (7 Remote and 7 In-Person) May 8th to July 3 <i>Ellenmary Michel</i></p>	<p>Please email Lorena Rivera LRivera@college.ucla.edu to sign up or get more info. Include your UID# in your email. (DO NOT contact PLATO directly.) Sign up with Lorena by April 1st. IMPORTANT: You must be a sophomore or above and have an informal counseling appointment with Lorena before you sign up for a group. For more information and the link to our application click HERE. DATES: Summer Sem. 2-Minute Pitches: Thu., March 20, 2025, 1:30pm Pre-meetings: Apr. 14-17, 2025 Term Begins: Mon., May 5, 2025 2nd 7-Weeks Begins: Mon, Jun. 23 Term Ends: Friday, August 8, 2025</p>
Monday 1:00 – 3:00	Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	Wednesday 1:00 – 3:00	Thursday 1:00 – 3:00	
<p>England from the Battle of the Boyne to Waterloo 10 weeks ZOOM May 5th to July 14th <i>Diane Brookes and Alice Lewis</i></p> <p>A Journey in Art Exploration 2nd 7 wks HYBRID (No restrictions) June 23rd to August 4th <i>Elise Shapiro and Francine Ellman</i></p> <p>Frances Perkins, FDR’s Secretary of Labor, Force Behind New Deal 2nd 7 weeks GAYLEY June 23rd to August 4th <i>Stan Morris and Lynn Morris</i></p>	<p>The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum: The Rise and Fall of an American Organized Crime Boss 2nd 7 weeks ZOOM June 24th to August 5th <i>Teri Conway and Andrea Bell</i></p> <p>Thomas Hardy’s Finest Novels 9 weeks GAYLEY May 6th to July 1st <i>Michael Tannatt and Anne Mellor</i></p>	<p>What’s Up with the Current Supreme Court? 13 weeks GAYLEY May 7th to July 30th <i>Stanton Zarrow and Bud Shapiro</i></p> <p>Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel: Meteoric Rise of Cromwell 1st 7 weeks ZOOM May 7th to June 18th <i>Barry Allwright and Mary Allwright</i></p> <p>The Genetic Book of the Dead Mid 10 weeks HYBRID (5 Remote, 9 In-Person) May 28th to July 30th <i>Bob Moore-Stewart and Susana Schuarzberg</i></p>	<p>The Struggle for Taiwan Then and Now 1st 7 weeks ZOOM May 8th to June 19th <i>Sheri Ross and Teri Conway</i></p> <p>The Age of the Strongman and the Erosion of Liberal Democracy 14 weeks GAYLEY May 6th to August 5th <i>Ed Markarian and Geraldine Walter</i></p>	<p>COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: Available on the PLATO website: http://Theplatosociety.org Login: Tracey.Martin Password: honors Go to SDGs</p> <p align="center">THE PLATO SOCIETY 1083 Gayley Avenue, 2nd floor Los Angeles, CA 90024-1333 (310) 443-7676 NOTE: Enter the building from the back (Weyburn Terrace side). Email: Office@ThePLATOsociety.org Lorena’s email: LRivera@college.ucla.edu</p>

