

Fall 2026 Study Discussion Group Schedule (August 31 - December 4)				
THE PLATO SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES				
ZOOM = Zoom only SDG GAYLEY = In Person only SDG HYBRID = Combined Zoom and In Person SDG				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Dates to Remember
10:00AM - 12:00 PM	10:00AM - 12:00 PM	10:00AM - 12:00 PM	10:00AM - 12:00 PM	Meet with Lorena Rivera to get more information and register for an SDG. (DO NOT contact PLATO directly).
The Light Eaters: A New Understanding of Plant "Intelligence" 1st 7 Weeks, ZOOM Aug 31 to Oct 12 Elizabeth Rolph and Lynne Patterson	Red Scare: Blacklists, McCarthyism, and The Making of Modern America 14 Weeks, HYBRID Sep 1 to Dec 1 Bill Clarkson	Scandinavian Noir 7 Weeks over 14 Weeks, GAYLEY Sep 2 to Dec 2 Barry McGrath and Ruhama Goldman	4 Great Novels by 4 Eastern European Authors 12 Weeks, ZOOM Sep 3 to Nov 19 Kate Carpenter	IMPORTANT: You must be at least a sophomore and have met with Lorena to register for a PLATO SDG. After meeting with Lorena, she will provide you with the registration form to sign up.
Of Boys and Men 1st 7 Weeks, GAYLEY Aug 31 to Oct 26 Ken Alexander and Ken Star	George Bernard Shaw: His Plays, Philosophies and Life 14 Weeks, GAYLEY Sep 1 to Dec 1 Jim Kohn and Marsha Rosenberg	The Joy of Films with Ambiguous Endings 14 Weeks, ZOOM Sep 2 to Dec 2 Stan Dorfman and Linda Kelemer	Capitalism and Its Critics 10 Weeks, ZOOM Sep 3 to Nov 5 David Roloff and Carrier Menkel-Meadow	2-Min SDG Pitch Meeting: Wed, July 15 at 1:30 PM on ZOOM Registration Deadline: Wed, July 29 at 4:00 PM
Out of the Closet: America's Hidden Queer History 10 Weeks, GAYLEY Aug 31 to Nov 2 Marlene Furth and Rick Mitz	An Empire of Food 14 Weeks, ZOOM Sep 1 to Dec 1 Lee Hotz and Andrea Bell	Emperors in World History 14 Weeks, GAYLEY Sep 2 to Dec 2 Steve Breuer and Sydell Weiner	Understanding Human Beings' Most Basic Desire: Mattering 2nd 7 Weeks, ZOOM Oct 22 to Dec 3 Sheri Ross and Dianne Hantos	Enrollment is first-come, first-served, and registration is processed on a rolling basis, meaning students are registered as soon as their materials are submitted and verified. Please note that spaces may fill before the deadline.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Receive Application Decision: Monday, August 3
The European Middle Ages 12 Weeks, ZOOM Aug 31 to Nov 16 Alice Lewis and Fred McLane	Echoes and Silences: Reading Ishiguro Across Time 10 Weeks, GAYLEY Sep 1 to Nov 3 Stan Morris and Jackie Jaffe	The Big Questions - Devising Your Answers 13 Weeks, HYBRID Sep 2 to Nov 25 David Johnson	THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK	Term Dates Pre-Meetings: Mon, Aug 10 - Fri, Aug 14 Term Begins: Mon, Aug 31 2nd 7 Weeks Begins: Mon, Oct 19 Term Ends: Fri, Dec 4 Holidays (Office Closed) Labor Day: Mon, Sep 7 Thanksgiving: Thurs, Nov 26 and Fri, Nov 27
1929 2nd 7 Weeks, ZOOM Oct 19 to Nov 30 Emily Lodmer and Mary Fonseca	A Short History of Stupidity 1st 7 Weeks, ZOOM Sep 1 to Oct 13 Teri Conway and Kate Carpenter	The Finest American Women Playwrights 12 Weeks, GAYLEY Sep 2 to Nov 18 Anne Mellor and Lynn Gelfand		1083 Gayley Ave., 2nd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90024 Phone: (310) 443-7676 NOTE: Enter the building from the back (Weyburn Terrace side).
Soviet Cinema from the Avant-Garde to the Cold War Era 10 Weeks, HYBRID Aug 31 to Nov 2, Additional Meeting Times: Wed, Sep 9 and Wed, Sep 23 Johanna Druker and Robert Goren	The Epic Story of Kit Carson, the Navajo Nation, and the American West 1st 7 Weeks, GAYLEY Sep 1 to Oct 13 Lynn Morris and Barbara Gutek	THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK		THE PLATO SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES
Revolusi: Indonesia and the Birth of the Modern World 14 Weeks, GAYLEY Aug 31 to Nov 30 Ken Korman and Sam Pryor	The Fiction and Films of Daphne Du Maurier 11 Weeks, GAYLEY Sep 1 to Nov 10 Linda Symcox and Judith Taylor			