## **Resources for Reading Groups**

A key focus of the CAPONEU project has been to produce materials on political novels for community reading groups and to organize book clubs across Europe. This collection brings together resources and reports on those activities which will be useful for anyone who runs or attends a reading group.

Audience: Reading Groups

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# How to Start a Reading Group

Coming soon!

## **Questions for Reading Groups**

These questions were developed in conversation with experienced facilitators who support reading groups in different kinds of settings and with different kinds of readers. Please feel free to pick the questions you think might work with your group. Click the button below to download the questions.

Reading Group Resources

**Questions for Reading Groups** 

By: Sarah Colvin, Tara Talwar Windsor

### **Recommended Novels**

Browse our CAPONEU novel profiles for inspiration on books to read with your book group and for helpful summaries written by experts on the novels. We have selected some as examples but there are plenty more to explore!

Natasha Brown

#### **Assembly**

Presented by:Polina Mackay

Cancer

Racism

**United Kingdom** 

Intersectional Politics

Sharon Dodua Otoo

#### **Adas Raum**

#### Ada's Room

Presented by: Kyung-Ho Cha

Colonialism

An Gorta Mór

Slavery

Great Famine (Ireland)

Holocaust

Serhiy Zhadan

#### Ворошиловград (Voroshylovhrad)

#### Voroshilovgrad

Presented by:Sarah Colvin

NoViolet Bulawayo

#### **Glory**

Presented by:Sarah Colvin

Authoritarianism

Uprising

Anti-fascist resistance

# Public Event: Art and Authoritarianism: Resistant Fiction in an Age of Post-Truth

Join us for an evening for readers and book groups with Professor Sarah Colvin (Tuesday 4 November 2025, 7.30pm GMT at Jesus College Cambridge AND Online)

Caponeu event

Art and Authoritarianism: Resistant Fiction in an Age of Post-Truth

# Public Event: What's Novel about a Novel? Storytelling and Travelling Knowledge

In March 2024, the Cambridge CAPONEU team hosted a public event with the author Shida Bazyar, in conversation with Miriam Schwarz and Tara Talwar Windsor in conversation with Shida Bazyar. The event focused on Bazyar's novel Sisters in Arms and explored how knowledge is treated and transported in Bazyar's novel, taking its characters, readers and even its author on epistemic journeys. Click the button below to access a recording of the event.

Video

What's Novel about a Novel? Storytelling and Travelling Knowledge

By: Miriam Schwarz, Tara Talwar Windsor

# Workshop Report: The Political Novel in Reading Groups

This workshop brought together experts in the delivery of community and prison reading groups and was designed to enable and inform the production of free downloadable resources for book clubs are now available on the CAPONEU online platform. Read more about the workshop by clicking the button below.

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The Political Novel in Reading Groups & What's Novel about a

#### **Novel? Storytelling and Travelling Knowledge**

### **CAPONEU Book Clubs**

Read more here about the book clubs hosted by the CAPONEU teams in Zagreb and Berlin!

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**Book Club Politics and Literature: Literary Work and Work Collectives** 

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The Feminist Book Club - Season 2 (2024/2025)

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The Feminist Book Club

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The Feminist Book Club - Season 1 (2023/2024)

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**Book Club Politics and Literature: Novels for the New Century** 

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**Book Club Politics and Literature: Everyday Life Under Authoritarianism** 

# Collection's novels and events on the map