

# 110 YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF ELIAS CANETTI

2015 CANETTI YEAR





# 2015 year marks the 110 years of the birth of Ruse-born Nobel Prize winner Elias Canetti

On this occasion, under the patronage of the Governor of Ruse and in cooperation with the Municipality of Ruse, Foundation "Ruse - free spirit city", the embassies of Austria, Israel, Goethe Institute in Bulgaria, Wittgenstein House, Austria and other cultural institutions, the International Elias Canetti Society organized CANETTI YEAR





"It would be difficult to give a complete picture of the diversity of those early years in Rustschuk, of all the passions and fears. Anything I subsequently experienced had already happened in Rustschuk"

Elias Canetti "The Tongue Set Free" (Die gerettete Zunge)







# CANETTI YEAR includes a total of 40 major projects in Bulgaria and abroad, which are in the fields of:

- science

- culture

- education

- publishing projects

- cultural and historical heritage

- others





#### SCIENCE

Two conferences on the topic "Interdisciplinarity, intertextuality, intermediality" are planned in:

- Vienna (04. / 06. November 2015)

-Ruse (20. / 21. November 2015).

Thus we are focusing on two iconic for Elias Canetti places: Ruse (Rustschuk) - his hometown, and Vienna - his "second homeland"





#### **SCIENCE**

The conference in Vienna is held within the organization of Austrian libraries with the support of the Foreign Ministry, Austria (BMEIA), Austrian Society for Literature and Wittgenstein House, Vienna

In the conference will participate scientists from Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Hungary





#### **SCIENCE**

The conference in Ruse is held within the occasion of 20 years from the legal registration of the International Elias Canetti Society (founded 23 years ago) and 10 years Austrian Library "Elias Canetti", Ruse.

In the conference will participate scholars and translators from Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Denmark, India, Italy, Romania, Syria, Turkey, France.





### SCIENCE

This building is the headquarters of the International Elias Canetti Society and the Austrian Library







#### CULTURE

Creative writing project: Continue writing the "Earwitness" by Elias Canetti

With the support of:





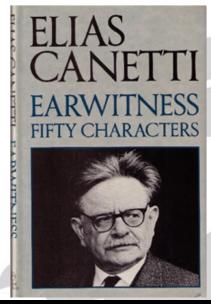


Our sincere thanks to Hanser Publishers and Johanna Canetti, daughter of Elias Canetti, for the opportunity for free use of selected texts by Elias Canetti.





"Earwitness" is a translation of a rare German word (der Ohrenzeuge) which Elias Canetti used to name a special character with. The word also became the name of a collection of 50 characters, each of which is about one page long and surprises the reader so much in one way or another that it even makes him invent similar characters by himself.









#### CULTURE

Therefore the 110 anniversary of the birth of Elias Canetti is an occasion to launch the project "Continue writing the "Earwitness" by Elias Canetti".

Within this project International Elias Canetti Society is in the process of developing bilingual website for creative writing in Bulgarian and German.

http://eliascanettiprojekt.org/de/50-charaktere-von-canetti/





#### **CULTURE**

The page <u>http://eliascanettiprojekt.org</u> will be activated online in early July 2015.

On it, all who are interested in literary writing and want to get in touch with the works of Elias Canetti, will be inspired to write and will be able to express themselves, to communicate with other creative people and to write new characters.

After one year (July 2016) the best characters will be selected and published as a book.





#### **CULTURE**

The aim of our project on one hand is to contribute to promoting the works of Elias Canetti (Link "Elias Canetti") and on the other hand we want to motivate not only students, but all creative people for literary writing!

On our page you can touch the works of Elias Canetti (Link "50 Charaktere"), get inspiring impulses for writing (Link "Schreibimpulse"), and will have the opportunity to express yourselves, to write your own new characters (Link Box "Schreiben" or "Write now!")

You can also use other media, for example, to upload pictures and photos. And we look forward to your works!



# 2015 CANETTI YEAR CULTURE



# The Earwitness 50 Characters

The King-proclaimer
The Name-licker

The Submitter

The Self-giver

The Tattletale

The Tear-warmer

The Blind Man

The Long-changer

The Narrow-smeller

The Earwitness

The Loser

The Bitter-Tangler

The Fun-runner

The Moon Cousin

The Home-biter

The Bequeathed Man

The Wile-catcher

The Defective

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#### CULTURE

Furthermore, International Elias Canetti Society organizes workshops on creative writing: Continue writing the "Earwitness" by Elias Canetti in Bulgaria, Germany and Austria.

The first workshop on this topic in Bulgaria was held in Ruse on the 06<sup>th</sup> of May.

The next two will be in Veliko Tarnovo and Ploydiv.



# 2015 CANETTI YEAR CULTURE



This year for the fifth time will be awarded the The National Literature Prize named after Elias Canetti, initiated by the Municipality of Ruse and the International Elias Canetti Society.

#### ELIAS CANETTI PRIZE WINNERS:

- •Konstantin Iliev
- •Ivaila Alexandrova
- •Alek Popov
- Galin Nikiforov
- •Milen Ruskov



# 2015 CANETTI YEAR CULTURE



This year from the 1st - 4th of October for the eighth time International Elias Canetti Society organizes

#### LITERATURE FESTIVAL RUSE

with participants from Bulgaria, Germany, Austria, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland











# 2015 CANETTI YEAR EDUCATION



Under the patronage of the Governor of Ruse, Dr. Stefko Burdzhiev six cities in the country - Ruse, Veliko Tarnovo, Plovdiv, Shumen, Varna and Sofia will be presenting the Reader "Elias Canetti. The Earwitness of the century" to students and teachers from selected schools. The presentations aim to acquaint the younger generation with the creativity of the Bulgaria-born Nobel Prize winner and give teachers a solid textbook to work with the works of Elias Canetti.



# 2015 CANETTI YEAR EDUCATION



Ruse - April 16th, Veliko Tarnovo - May 27th, Plovdiv - June 29th. In Sofia, Varna and Shumen in the fall.







# 2015 CANETTI YEAR EDUCATION



At the initiative of the Secondary School of Economics and Management "Elias Canetti", Ruse for the fifth year was organized an essay writing contest on a quote by Elias Canetti. The contest is at a national level.

"There is nothing that man fears more than the touch of the unknown." (Crowds and Power - Elias Canetti)



# 2015 CANETTI YEAR PUBLISHING



Elias Canetti Publishing House prepares two volumes of Notes by Elias Canetti in a series of collected works.

The notes are intended to be a mirror version of the German edition and thus to facilitate the search of names and concepts.





# Permanent exhibition and film entitled "Elias Canetti and Ruse" in Canetti House

A package tour is prepared that includes the following:

- 1. showing of the trade house of Canetti family "Canetti House", two exhibitions about the life of Canetti and Ruse;
- 2. a preview of a short film dedicated to the life and work of the writer; 3. as well as the unique opportunity for visitors to make a "souvenir photo" with the Nobel laureate through specially created photographic installation.
- 4. additionally, at the request of guests International Elias Canetti Society offers a guided tour "In the footsteps of Elias Canetti in Ruse" led by specialists in Bulgarian, German and English.





# On 25<sup>th</sup> of July at "Elias Canetti" Square in Ruse will be unveiled a monument of the Nobelist.

### CANETTI HOUSE















# Thank you very much for your attention!

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