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Confused about how to vote in the referendum on May 5th? Ignore what the celebs are saying and come and hear the experts thrash out the arguments in our debate "[Vote for AV](#)". What do the recent bailouts mean for Germany and the dream of a united Europe? A former president of France and five other big hitters go head to head in our debate "[Germany no longer needs Europe – the dream is over](#)".

Plus two very different literary events: [Rob Lowe](#), Hollywood actor and star of *The West Wing*, talks about his new autobiography with Kate Muir, and Nobel Prize-winning author [V. S. Naipaul](#) will be in conversation with Geordie Greig.

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Scroll down for more information and for what's new on our [website](#) this week – our weekly round-up, video of three of our recent live events and a new micro-site. Plus a forthcoming event from our partner [5x15 Stories](#).

EVENTS COMING UP



Vote for AV

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Tuesday 26th April 2011, 6:45pm
Cadogan Hall

Supporters of the Alternative Vote – the system we're being asked to vote on in the referendum on May 5th – say that, by giving weight to voters' second and third preferences, AV will create genuine contests for seats that sitting MPs at present take for granted as "theirs". But supporters of our traditional First Past the Post system also argue that theirs is the fairer system. Confused? Come and hear the experts at the [Intelligence² AV debate](#) on April 26th and make up your own mind.

Germany no longer needs Europe - the dream is over

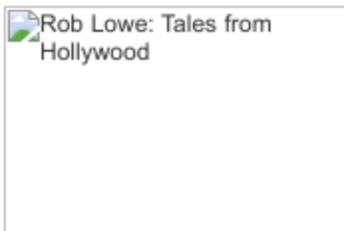
Tuesday 17th May 2011, 6:45pm
Royal Geographical society

The Germans have got what they wanted from [Europe](#) – reunification – and feel increasingly disenchanted with the bargain they had to make to get it – accepting the euro. After the grudging bailout of Greece, the fumbled bailout of Ireland and all the sharp divisions exposed by the financial crisis, isn't the idea of Europe as a world power beginning to look like a pipe dream? Or will the euro crisis drive Europe's leaders to strengthen economic policy coordination to make sure there's no repeat performance, giving a fresh impetus for the dream of Europe? Come and hear what a former French president and five other big hitters have to say on the issue.

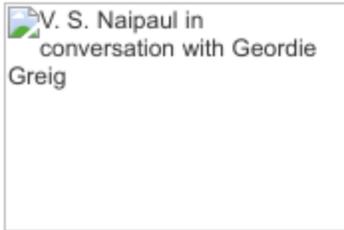
Rob Lowe: Tales from Hollywood

Wednesday 25th May 2011, 7pm
Royal Geographical Society

Teen idol at fifteen, founder of the Brat Pack at twenty, at 47 [Rob](#)



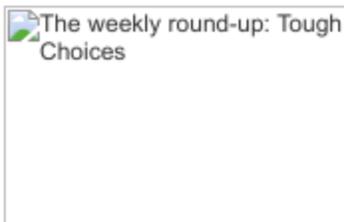
Lowe is still one of Hollywood's top international stars. On May 25th he comes to the Intelligence² stage to recount the successes and disappointments of his Hollywood career. He'll be in conversation with Kate Muir, chief film critic on The Times, and signing copies of his new autobiography, *Stories I Only Tell my Friends*.



V. S. Naipaul in conversation with Geordie Greig
Tuesday 31st May 2011, 7pm
 Royal Geographical Society

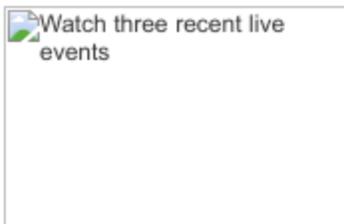
The Nobel Prize-winning Trinidadian author V. S. Naipaul has spent half a century examining the legacy of colonialism on the Third World, unravelling the guilt of the rulers and the self-serving myths of the ruled. His latest book, *The Masque of Africa: Glimpses of African Belief*, is a travelogue in which the author sets out to discover how far the old Africa's belief in magic has been subverted by the outside world. Tickets are still available to see a giant of Western letters.

IQ² ONLINE THIS WEEK



The weekly round-up: Tough Choices

A selection of [tough choices](#): Find out what Sam Harris made of 'trolleyology', watch Debbie Purdy on why doctors shouldn't be allowed to make decisions about the quality of her life in our debate on assisted suicide. Plus is fashion bad for us? And debates on philanthropy and blood diamonds.



Watch three of our recent live events

Latest events from IQ², all available to watch on our website. Clive James, Don Paterson, Andrew Motion and Wendy Cope read their own works and poems by Tennyson, Shakespeare, Louis MacNeice and Edward Thomas at our [poetry evening](#). American atheist [Sam Harris](#) enthralled a sell-out audience at Kensington Town Hall with his reasoning on why science can provide us with a moral framework. And from the London Book Fair, a panel featuring Cory Doctorow argues whether '[Publishers will soon be irrelevant](#)' in a debate organised by IQ² and [The Publishing Point](#).



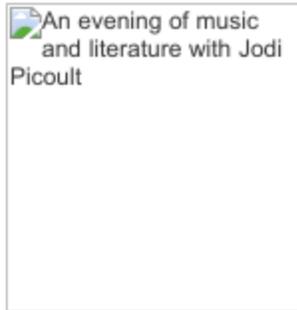
New micro-site

Supporters of AV claim it will create genuine contests for seats that sitting MPs at present take for granted as "theirs". Critics of AV say that we risk committing a grave crime against our democracy if we do away with First Past the Post. Take a look at our [micro-site](#) on AV, with videos explaining the system, articles trying to sway your view and a profile on voting through the ages.

PARTNER EVENT

5x15 and Time Out Live present
An evening of music and literature with Jodi Picoult
Tuesday 19th April 2011, 7:00pm
 Cadogan Hall

She's the queen of the book club, Britain's biggest-selling author of women's fiction, and regularly tops the New York Times bestseller list. Jodi Picoult arrives in the UK for a one-night only appearance at Cadogan Hall to mark the publication of her latest book *Sing You*



Home. Featuring live music by Ellen Wilber.

Over the last 18 years Picoult has produced a staggering 19 books addressing society's most topical and thorny issues – from genetic engineering to gay parenting, teenage suicide, autism...the list goes on. Now, she turns her razor-sharp pen to examining how reproductive science has outstripped the legal system addressing gay rights, and the Christian Right en route.

The event will be followed by a book signing.

Tickets: £15 (includes a copy of *Sing You Home*)



Speakers subject to change

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