



Thesis



Full Festival Line-up*

Feb 25th in New York. Online everywhere.

Thesis is a conference where some of the most interesting writers on the internet present micro-talks, hosting intimate salons that explain their big ideas in simple terms.

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2:00 – 3:30 pm

1. **Henry Oliver:** “Biography and the Art of Living: Reading Better to Live Better”
2. **Jason Crawford:** “Great Progress Essays are Solution-Driven Narratives”
3. **Rohit Krishnan and Packy McCormick:** “Writing About Business — While Being Interesting”
4. **Isabela Granic:** *Workshop:* “Creating your ‘Thesis’ Through Collective Play”

~LIVE STREAM TALKS 1&2: 4:15 – 5:15 pm~

5:30 – 6:30 pm

1. **Bryce Roberts:** “We’re Selling Entrepreneurship Short”
2. **Fadeke Adegbuyi:** “Online Platforms are Shaping Our Behaviour (and Lives)”
3. **Irene Karthik and Christin Balan:** “Crafting the Personal Essay in an Age of Distractions”
4. **Byrne Hobart:** “Why *The Social Network* was the Most Important Movie of All Time”

~ 🗽 **Offline** 🗽 ~

4:15 – 5:00 pm

Theory (10 mins talks):

1. **Dan Shipper:** “Start a Project Not a Startup”
2. **Christin Balan:** “What We Can Learn from Screenwriters”
3. **Nathan Baschez:** “Narratives Have Network Effects”
4. **Evan Armstrong:** “AI Makes Content Go to Zero”

Practice (15 mins talks):

1. **Matt Bateman:** “Education Should Give the Power Tools for Agency”
2. **Celeste Marcus:** “The Stewardship of Transcendent Experiences for Writers”
3. **Linus Lee:** “Creativity in the Age of AI: Redefining and Rethinking Tool Design”

5:30 – 6:15 pm

- *Breakout circle room 1:* **Crystal Duan and Elaine Wang:** “How To Cultivate The Writer’s Self-Compassion”
- *Breakout circle room 2:* **Skye Cleary:** “*I Hate Writing, I Love Having Written:* The Existential Anxiety of Getting Words onto Paper”

~LIVE STREAM TALKS 3&4: 6:45-7:45pm~

8:00 – 9:00 pm

1. **Khe Hy and Jason Shen:** “What Productivity Can Teach Us About Inner Desires”
2. **Rob Hardy and Sonya Mann:** “How We Can Make the Internet Feel More Human and Intellectually Inspiring”

9:00 – 10:00 pm

1. **Li Jin, with Jon Hillis:** “On Tech Foundations and the Philosophies of Social Movements”

6:45 – 7:30 pm

Theory (15 mins talks):

1. **Visakan Veerasamy:** “The Clustering of Citizens Who Can Change The World”
2. **Tamara Winter:** “Abundance Mindset for Online Writers”
3. **Anne-Laure Le Cunff:** “Goals, Reimagined: A New Approach to Ambition for Our Liminal Times”

Practice (15 mins talks):

1. **Simone Stolzoff:** “The Good Enough Job: How Working Less Makes us More Human”
2. **Eric Newcomer:** “The Fog: A non-conspiratorial view that much of what's happening in the world is invisible to the public.”
3. **Nat Eliason:** “You and Your Monkey: Why Aren't We Rich, Fit, Happy Geniuses?”

7:45 – 8:15 pm (15 mins talks)

1. **Sahil Lavingia:** “How Being Religiously Optimistic Shaped Me as a Writer”
2. **Eugene Wei:** “Writing as Technology”

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