### A SUPPOSEDLY FUN THING YOU MIGHT NEVER DO AGAIN

# **DAVID FOSTER WALLACE DAY**



Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 10am — 5pm Drama Studio, English Faculty University of Cambridge

# 10.00 Infinite Jest

read by Michael Levenson (University of Virginia), Leo Mellor and Graham Riach

#### **BREAK FOR COFFEE & TEA**

## 11.30 *Essays*

read by Jenny Bavidge, Malachi McIntosh and David Trotter

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### 2.30 Short Stories

read by Peter Boxall (University of Sussex), Sarah Dillon and Alex Houen

### **BREAK FOR COFFEE & TEA**

# 4.00 The Pale King and other works

read by Kasia Boddy and anyone else who, on the spur of the moment, decides they would like to read.

SESSION 1: INFINITE JEST (1996)

Leo Mellor reads pp.3-13 Graham Riach reads pp.144-51 Michael Levenson reads pp.948-52

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**SESSION 2: ESSAYS** 

Jenny Bavidge reads 'How Tracy Austin Broke My Heart' (1992) Malachi McIntosh reads from 'Joseph Frank's Dostoevsky' (1996) David Trotter reads from 'Some Remarks on Kafka's Funniness' (1998) (all from *Consider the Lobster and Other Essays* (2005))

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### **SESSION 3: STORIES**

Sarah Dillon reads 'Forever Overhead' from *Brief Interviews with Hideous Men* (1999)

Peter Boxall reads 'Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature' from *Oblivion*Alex Houen reads 'Incarnations of Burned Children' and part of 'Oblivion' from *Oblivion* (2004)

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SESSION 4: THE PALE KING &c.

Kasia Boddy reads from *The Pale King* (2011), pp.228-35 &

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