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## **Fact sheet: Jean-Luc Marion (born 1946)**

Jean-Luc Marion is a French philosopher and theologian. He is also one of the “immortals” of the Académie Française and professor emeritus at the University of Sorbonne in Paris and the University of Chicago.

A former student of Jacques Derrida, Marion is considered to be one of Europe’s greatest contemporary thinkers. He has published numerous books, several of them well-known works of philosophy. Jean-Luc Marion has won several awards, including Italy's *Premio Joseph Ratzinger from Fondazione Vaticana Joseph Ratzinger – Benedetto XVI* (2021) and Germany's Karl Jaspers Award (2008).

Marion continues to work and recently published the book *Revelation Comes From Elsewhere* (2024), which is considered by many to be his masterpiece. The French daily newspaper *Le Monde* wrote this about the book earlier this year: “In the world of contemporary philosophy, Jean-Luc Marion stands out as one of the major heirs of the great religious thought of the West. A culmination of this role can be found in the properly theological approach that presides over his new book.”

*See the attached CV.*

### **Why we chose Jean-Luc Marion**

Jean-Luc Marion is one of the world’s greatest contemporary thinkers. He has written about visual art and has a deep love of literature, especially poetry. As a theologian and philosopher, he is able to view literature from an existential frame of reference, and this is in line with our goal of putting reflection at the forefront and challenge literature through different perspectives and voices.

We believe Jean-Luc can inspire intellectual curiosity, offer new ideas on literature, and promote reflection, both within literature in particular and art in general.

### **What will Marion speak about?**

Marion’s lecture, which has been written especially for this occasion and will be given for the first time on 24 April 2025, will address literature from his perspective.

### **Get to know Jean-Luc Marion a little better**

[An Introduction to Jean-Luc Marion and His Thought \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Jean-Luc Marion on the Question of God's Existence 🤔 #philosophy \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Jean-Luc Marion and Donald Wallenfang on the Logic of Love \(youtube.com\)](#)

[The Aporia of Revelation: The Epistemological Interpretation \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Jean-Luc Marion: "C'est l'inoubliable qui nous fait" - YouTube](#) (in French)

### **Reading list:**

*God Without Being* (1991, 2012)

*Being Given* (2002)

*The Erotic Phenomenon* (2006)

*Revelation Comes from Elsewhere* (2024)