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The speaker, Tatjana Petzer, is Professor of Slavic Literary and Cultural Studies at the Department of Slavic Studies at the University of Graz. In her talk, she will ask two main questions: Can death be overcome, should man become immortal? The findings of the natural and life sciences since modern times have created a new awareness of mortality and the prolongation of life. With cybernetics, digital and human enhancement technologies, physical immortality can no longer be scientifically dismissed. Tatjana Petzer will present literary thought experiments by three authors from the former Yugoslavia, Vladan Desnica, Borislav Pekić, and Stevan Pešić, who, against the background of contemporary developments in the experimental disciplines, vividly discussed the ambivalent way in which humans deal with their knowledge of the possible dissolution of the limits of life.

The lecture will take place on site and online.

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