

**2026 Vladimir Nabokov Conference at Princeton –  
Call for Papers**

**DESTABILIZING NABOKOV**  
International Conference  
Princeton University, USA  
April 23–26, 2026

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**Key Dates:**

- Abstract submission deadline: **August 1, 2025**
- Author notification: **August 15, 2025**

We invite papers that present or engage with iconoclastic, revisionist, and innovative approaches to Nabokov studies. Contributions that challenge traditional interpretations or offer new critical frameworks are especially encouraged.

**Keynote Speakers**

**Opening Keynote: John Banville**

An acclaimed Irish novelist and author of over 30 books, including the Booker Prize winning novel *The Sea* (2005). Banville's many honors include the Franz Kafka Prize (2011), the Irish PEN Award for Outstanding Achievement in Literature (2013), and Spain's Prince of Asturias Award for Literature (2014).

**Closing Keynote: Leona Toker**

Professor Emerita of English Literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She is the author of several influential works, including *Nabokov: The Mystery of Literary Structures* (1989), *Eloquent Reticence: Withholding Information in Fictional Narrative* (1993), *Return from the Archipelago: Narratives of Gulag Survivors* (2000), *Towards the Ethics of Form in Fiction* (2010), and *Gulag Literature and the Literature of Nazi Camps* (2019). She also serves as Editor of *Partial Answers: Journal of Literature and the History of Ideas*.

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

Proposals should include:

- Paper title
- An abstract of approximately 500 words
- A short biographical note

Please include “**Proposal: Destabilizing Nabokov**” in the subject line of your email.

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to Prof. Yuri Leving: [yleving@princeton.edu](mailto:yleving@princeton.edu)

### Publication

Selected papers from the conference will be published in a collected volume following the event.

### Financial Aid

Accommodation and meals for participants will be covered during the conference. Limited need-based travel assistance will be available for low-income scholars and students through the International Vladimir Nabokov Society. Additional information on travel grants will be provided after proposals are reviewed and accepted by the conference committee.

### Conference Sponsors:

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