

## IN SITU GUESTS

according to the meeting's order

### Josep Maria Esquirol

Josep Maria Esquirol is a full professor of Philosophy at the University of Barcelona, where he teaches classes on contemporary philosophy and leads the *Aporia* research group (which examines the relationship between philosophy and psychiatry). He has published a dozen books, including *La resistència íntima* (2015), which won the City of Barcelona Award and the National Essay Award; *La penúltima bondat* (2018); *Humà, més humà* (2021); and *L'escola de l'ànima* (2024). His works have been translated into Italian, Portuguese, English and German.

### Rita Rakosnik

She is an art historian, critic and independent curator. She produces essays on art, literature, thinking, fashion and pop culture in a variety of media like Ràdio 4, Radio Primavera Sound, Catalunya Ràdio, *El Diario.es* and *Núvol*. With passion as her currency and elegance as her hallmark, she likes to say that everything she does is an excuse to evaluate the *affects* and *effects* of writing.

### Bonaventura Clotet

He earned a PhD in Medicine from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in 1981. That same year, during his residency as an internal medicine specialist at the Hospital Universitari de la Vall d'Hebron in Barcelona, he encountered the first case of AIDS described in Spain, which drove him to get involved in studying this disease. In 1983, Dr Clotet joined the Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol (Badalona) as an adjunct internal medicine physician, where he created the first outpatient hospital in Spain specifically designed to help people with HIV. Shortly thereafter, Clotet became the head of the Internal Medicine Department and the HIV Unit (1987-2015). At that time, the AIDS pandemic was wreaking havoc, and with the goal of raising money to attend to and find therapeutic solutions for everyone suffering from the disease, in 1992 Clotet created the Lluita contra la Sida [Fight AIDS] Foundation, which is currently called the Lluita contra les Infeccions [Fight Infections] Foundation. Given the challenges posed by the disease, Clotet decided to supplement his basic research to find new ways to eradicate it. Thus, in 1995, he created the IrsiCaixa\_research institute with the support of the Fundació 'la Caixa' and the Government of Catalonia's Ministry of Health. From 2015 to 2021, Clotet served as the head of the Infectious Disease Service at the Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol. He currently directs IrsiCaixa, the president of the Fundació Lluita contra les Infeccions and the regional clinical director of infectious diseases in the North Metropolitan Area.



## **Antonio Centeno**

Antonio Centeno has been a tetraplegic since he was 13 years old. He holds a degree in mathematics and is an activist for functional diversity. He currently teaches in the Gender and Communication master's programme at the UAB, is a member of the State Deinstitutionalisation Strategy's Advisory Council, is in charge of the [asistenciasexual.org](http://asistenciasexual.org) project and is a member of the inclusive art collective Diversorium.

He has been a part of different audiovisual initiatives associated with functional diversity, including the TV series *Trèvols de quatre fulles* (co-scriptwriter and actor), the film *Vivir y otras ficciones* (actor) and the documentary *Yes, we fuck* (co-director).

## **Marina Garcés**

A philosopher and essayist, she is currently a professor at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, where she directs the master Philosophy on contemporary challenges. She has written numerous books that have been translated into multiple languages, including *Un món comú* (2012), *Nova il·lustració radical* (winner of the City of Barcelona Essay Award in 2017), *Escola d'aprenents* (2020) and *El temps de la promesa* (2023). She has spearheaded collective projects in some cultural institutions and in the sphere of activism, such as the Aula Oberta (CCCB), the Escola de pensament (Teatre Lliure) and the Espai en Blanc collective.