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The *Big Ideas Lecture Series* offers opinions and expertise from some of the smartest people on the important issues of our time. This unique educational discussion block offers stimulating literary talks and dynamic lectures.

"*Big Ideas* is a showcase of the ideas that shape our public debates today and our understanding of the world as it is and as it is likely to be," says producer Dan Dunsky. "Each age has a set of questions by which it defines itself. If fifty years from now someone came across a list of *Big Ideas* shows, they would have a pretty good idea of what people thought about and debated in the early part of the 2000s."

Aimed at those interested in expanding their minds, these programs examine a number of thought-provoking issues. Look for the impressive brainpower of people like Bernard Lewis on the Middle East and Daniel Libeskind on architecture and society, and much more.

NOTE: These programs are the lectures only, without introduction or contextualization.

Lectures

BPN 834025

Lecture by Minxin Pei regarding china's economic and political reform. (54:10)

BPN 834026

The show features past lectures by Bob Rae and Michael Ignatieff. (58:05)

BPN 834027

Lecture by David Held. (58:45)

BPN 834028

Lecture by Alain de Botton. (57:30)

BPN 834029

Jordan Peterson, a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, discusses the way in which music is perceived by humans. (50:15)

BPN 834030

Jeffrey Rosenthal discusses "The Curious World of Probabilities". Also included, is a question and answer session with Margaret Somerville defending her stance on the issue of gay marriage. (57:10)

BPN 834031

Author Margaret Somerville. (58:10)

BPN 834032

Roger Scruton speaks on the topic "Harming Oneself and Harming Others." This is followed by a heated question and answer session. (52:55)

BPN 834033

The show begins with a mock parliamentary debate on a proposal to decriminalize hate speech. The participants are members of the Hart House Debating Club at the University of Toronto. This is followed by a talk by Christopher Hitchens entitled "The Freedom of Speech Includes the Freedom to Hate." (51:15)

BPN 834034

Harvey Brown, professor of philosophy of physics at Oxford University. Harvey Brown lectures on the topic of time and motion. (53:20)

BPN 834035

A lecture by Martin Gilbert. (55:32)

BPN 834036

Tommie Shelby, an associate professor of the social sciences in the department of African and African American studies at Harvard University was in Toronto to deliver the annual Unesco world philosophy day lecture to students at the University of Toronto. (54:14)

BPN 834037

A lecture by Thomas Homer Dixon. (58:15)

BPN 834038

Salim Mansur, an associate professor of political science at the University of Western Ontario, spoke about Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem in a quest for peace with Israel and his subsequent assassination. (56:52)

BPN 834039

Talks by Siobhan Roberts and Barry Wellman. (54:50)

BPN 834040

Tariq Ramadan's talk is based on his recently published book "*In The Footsteps of the Prophet: Lessons From The Life of Muhammed.*" (50:25)

BPN 834041

A lecture by David Archer. (54:43)

BPN 834042

Theoretical physicist and Harvard professor Nima Arkani-Hamed lectures on the future of fundamental physics. (57:07)

BPN 834043

Nobel prize winner, economist Thomas Schelling of the University of Maryland school of public policy, discusses the limitations of rational choice theory. (54:04)

BPN 834044

Simon Winchester, the author of "*The meaning of everything,*" discusses the history of the creation of the oxford English dictionary. (56:02)

BPN 834045

Leonard Susskind lays out the dispute between two competing theories of how black holes work. Stephen Hawking's theories are on one side of the debate and Susskind and his collaborators are on the opposing side. (53:12)

BPN 834046

Sherry Liang, the legal counsel of the information and privacy commissioner of Ontario, and Avner Levin of the department of business management at Ryerson University, discuss privacy in the workplace. (43:55)

BPN 834047

Philip Ball, the author of *"Bright Earth,"* discusses the history of painting from the perspective of chemistry and its impact on the creation of new pigments. (54:53)

BPN 834048

Lectures by: Steven Levitt, author of the bestseller *"Freakonomics,"* and Richard Harris, professor of geography who speaks about the role of cities. (55:07)

BPN 834049

Dr. Jill Tarter, director at the Centre for Seti Research, discusses the ongoing search for extra-terrestrial intelligence. (58:51)

BPN 834050

Economics professor Jon Elster (Columbia University) discusses rational choice theory - hubris or common sense. Also featured is a question and answer session with author John Ralston Saul in which he discusses some problems with globalism and its impact on economics in Europe and Canada. (51:02)

BPN 834051

John Ralston Saul, one of Canada's foremost thinkers and essayists delivers the 2006/07 snider lecture based on the book *"The Collapse of Globalism and Reinvention of the World."* (58:35)

BPN 834052

A repeat of the lecture by Charles Taylor. (52:15)

BPN 834053

Stephen Lewis, recently appointed to the position of social sciences scholar-in-residence at McMaster University delivers a talk entitled "Climate Change; The New Big Thing". (53:02)

BPN 834054

William Rees, the man who coined the phrase "Ecological Footprint" delivers a lecture on the ecological unsustainability of modern cities. (56:24)

BPN 834055

David Bornstein is the author of *"How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and The Power of New ideas."* (56:20)

BPN 834056

In his 2007 Hart House lecture, "One Nation Under GOOGLE." Darin Barney considers the particular challenge that living in a technological society poses for the practice of citizenship. (53:45)

BPN 834057

Lectures by P.J. O'Rourke and Jan Burum. (59:45)

BPN 834058

Lecture by Jan Gross. (58:10)

BPN 834059

Daniel Gottesman of the perimeter institute for theoretical physics delivers a lecture on quantum cryptography. (57:18)

BPN 834060

A lecture by Andrew Joseph Potter-Heath. (55:13)

BPN 834061

A lecture by Louis Perez. (56:15)

BPN 834062

Garry Kasparov speaks about the challenges and dangers of mounting a political campaign opposed the the current Russian government. Also a lecture from Paul Masson entitled, "The IMF: Institutional Failure or Victim of its Own Success?" (56:15)

BPN 834063

A lecture by Marc Abrahams and Susannah Varmuza. (59:25)

BPN 855385

Alvin Toffler, author of *"Revolutionary Wealth,"* and Mark Kingwell author of *"Nearest to Heaven."* (57:49)

BPN 855386

Elizabeth Lloyd, author of *"The Case Of The Female Orgasm"*. (56:14)

BPN 855387

A lecture by Alex Pattakos. (56:47)

BPN 855388

A lecture by Timothy Garton Ash. (58:35)

BPN 855389

A lecture by Jaoa Magueijo on the changed laws of physics. (56:38)

BPN 855390

A lecture by Stuart Isacoff on the history of harmonies. (59:17)

BPN 855391

A lecture by Terry Eagleton. (58:00)

BPN 855392

A lecture by Peter Busby. (57:05)

BPN 855393

A lecture by Lord Conrad Black of Crossharbour. (58:30)

BPN 855394

A symposium on federalism. (55:35)

BPN 855395

A lecture by Roy Mottahedeh and Barry Rubin. (59:05)

BPN 855396

Ann Cavoukian, Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario speaks about her privacy issues including privacy and internet social networks. (50:20)

BPN 855397

Paul Steinhardt, Princeton University physics professor, discusses "impossible crystals." (56:30)

BPN 855398

This show features Janna Levin, professor of physics and astronomy at Barnard College, Columbia University discussing the lives of Alan Turing and Kurt Godel. (54:00)

BPN 855399

Margaret McMillan in a lecture about her new book on china and Mao and Nixon. (58:22)

BPN 855813

Panelists Bridget Campion, St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto; Abdallah Dear, University of Toronto; Mary Jardine, Parkinson Foundation of Canada; Trudo Lemmens, University of Toronto; Janet Rossant, University of Toronto discuss stem cell research. Moderated by Peter Singer of University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics. (1:43:25)

BPN 855826

Dr. Leon Kass, chair of the President's Council on Bioethics, examines the distinct ethical dilemmas that surround stem cell research. (49:58)

BPN 855356

Crime and Knowledge Symposium. Speakers: Martin Daly, McMaster University; Joan McCord, Temple University; Roy Baumeister, Florida State University; and research psychologist Grant Harris. Moderated by Jordan Peterson, University of Toronto. (1:46:42)

BPN 883511

Bernard Lewis, Princeton University, the impact of 9/11 on the Middle East. (53:50)

BPN 883512

Niall Ferguson, Oxford University, Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order. (48:18)

BPN 883529

Angela Davis, University of California, Punishment and Democracy. (51:46)

BPN 883530

John Frank, University of Toronto, What determines health? (55:33)

BPN 883532

Elizabeth Abbott, University of Toronto, A History of Mistresses. (36:12)

BPN 883533

Lesley Downer, author of *"Madame Sadayako — The Geisha Who Bewitched the West."* (30:32)

BPN 883534

Heather Boon, a mini med school lecture on alternative medicine. (40:22)

BPN 883540

Michael Adams, president of Environics and author of *"Fire and Ice, on the differences between Canadians and Americans."* (39:44)

BPN 883541

Journalist Robert MacNeil, author of *"Looking for My Country, Finding Myself."* (54:21)

BPN 883543

Daniel Lebeskind on the World Trade Centre, the Royal Ontario Museum, and the art of architecture. Journalist and novelist Ian Buruma's lecture, *Death of Metropolis.* (33:20)

BPN 883545

Authors and journalists Andrew Cohen and Peter Scowen discuss their books *"While Canada Slept,"* and *"Rogue Nation."* (20:48)

BPN 883590

Journalist Robert Kagan speaks on America and Europe — the growing division. (37:25)

BPN 883591

Yossi Klein Halevi, author and associate fellow of the Shalem Center in Jerusalem: Israel and the Middle East: On the road to where? (1:04:00)

BPN 883593

Zach Hall, University of Southern California: Neuroethics: A Challenge for a New Age. (1:00:00)

BPN 883594

Lee Smolin, Perimeter Institute: Why does science work? (50:03)

BPN 883597

Author Simon Winchester talks about his book *"The Meaning of Everything: The Story of the Oxford English Dictionary."* (1:02:06)

BPN 883607

David Frum, speechwriter and journalist talks about his book *The Right Man: The Surprise Presidency of George W. Bush,* and his time at the White House as the presidential speech writer. (25:10)