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[Award-winning Writer YOKO TAWADA Reading at WMU](#)



Come hear one of the world's most brilliant writers at WMU!

**5:00 to 6:15 p.m., Mon., April 21, 2014
3025 Brown Hall**

Called "magnificently strange" by *The New Yorker* and frequently compared to Kafka, Pynchon, and Murakami, Yoko Tawada (b. 1960) is one of the most creative, theoretically provocative, and unflinchingly original writers in the world. She is one of the rare writers who has achieved critical success writing in two languages, both in her native Japanese and in German, the language of the country where she has lived since 1982. Five volumes of her work in English translation have been published from New Directions and Kodansha, and her work has been translated into many other languages and won too many prizes to list here. Tawada will be reading from and talking about her recent prose and poetry, including work inspired by the 2011 disasters in Japan. English translation provided.

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