

VIENNA

A NERVOUS

SPLENDOR

In 1889 the Habsburg Empire was at its zenith, and Vienna at the champagne-splashed height of Austro-Hungarian glory. Kaiser Franz Joseph presided over the building of architectural extravaganzas and a court protocol governing everything from political censorship to fashion minutiae.

While the aristocracy basked in Franz Joseph's benevolent, Gothic dictatorship, progressive-minded liberals like his son, Crown Prince Rudolph, were impatient to help the Empire move into the twentieth century.

In this Vienna lived other young men with striking intellectual and artistic talents, all as eager for change as the Crown Prince. Among them were Sigmund Freud, Gustav Mahler, Gustav Klimt, and Oskar Kokoschka. This illustrated lecture series explores a splendid city in a nervous time, and describes the cultural ferment in which genius thrived.

For those who wish, there will be an opportunity to finish off the series with "decadent" Viennese desserts and coffee in the Gallery Café.

- March 24 *The Heart of the Habsburg Empire*
Prof. Hanna Spencer, Dept. of Modern Languages, UWO
- March 31 *Overcivilized Decadence: Fashion in Vienna*
Prof. Susan Horvath, Brescia College
- April 7 *Sigmund Freud: A Science of the Mind?*
Jan Zwicky, Ph.D. Philosophy
- April 14 *From the Decorators to the Disillusioned: Art Nouveau and Expressionism in Vienna*
Prof. Robert Belton, Dept. of Visual Arts, UWO
- April 21 *Imperialists and Secessionists: Old and New Schools of Architecture*
Prof. Philip Jacks, Dept. of Visual Arts, UWO
- April 28 *Wittgenstein, Webern, Loos: Ornament is Crime*
Jan Zwicky, Ph.D. Philosophy
- May 5 *Image and Inheritance: Mahler and the Second Viennese School*
Prof. Damjana Bratuz, Faculty of Music, UWO

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London Regional Art Gallery, Lecture Theatre

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