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What will the fall-out be from the crisis in the eurozone? Tighter economic coordination or an increasingly detached Germany? We're bringing together a former French president, controversial Conservative MEP Dan Hannan and Timothy Garton Ash to debate the motion "[Germany no longer needs Europe – the dream is over](#)" on May 17th.

Then two very different literary events: [Rob Lowe](#), Hollywood actor and star of *The West Wing*, talks about his new autobiography with Kate Muir on May 25th, and Nobel Prize-winning author [V. S. Naipaul](#) will be discussing Africa, magic and travel with Geordie Greig on May 31st.

- Buy tickets online using any credit card at [www.intelligencesquared.com/events](http://www.intelligencesquared.com/events)
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Scroll down for more information and for what's new on our [website](#) this week, including video and audio of a recent event with [Artangel](#) Longplayer and new videos from [5x15 Stories](#).

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## EVENTS COMING UP

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### Germany no longer needs Europe - the dream is over

*Tuesday 17th May 2011, 6:45pm*

Royal Geographical society

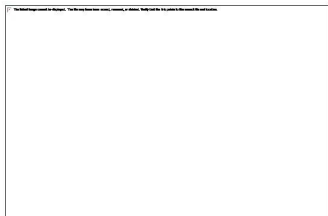
The Germans have got what they wanted from [Europe](#) – reunification – and feel increasingly disenchanted with the bargain they had to make to get it – accepting the euro. After the grudging bailout of Greece, the fumbled bailout of Ireland and all the sharp divisions exposed by the financial crisis, isn't the idea of Europe as a world power beginning to look like a pipe dream? Or will the euro crisis drive Europe's leaders to strengthen economic policy coordination to make sure there's no repeat performance, giving a fresh impetus for the dream of Europe? Come and hear what a former French president and five other big hitters have to say on the issue.

### Rob Lowe: Tales from Hollywood

*Wednesday 25th May 2011, 7pm*

Royal Geographical Society

Teen idol at fifteen, founder of the Brat Pack at twenty, at 47 [Rob Lowe](#) is still one of Hollywood's top international stars. On May 25th he comes to the Intelligence<sup>2</sup> stage to recount the successes and disappointments of his Hollywood career. He'll be in conversation with Kate Muir, chief film critic on The Times, and signing copies of his new autobiography, *Stories I Only Tell my Friends*.



### V. S. Naipaul in conversation with Georgie Greig

Tuesday 31st May 2011, 7pm

Royal Geographical Society

The Nobel Prize-winning Trinidadian author [V. S. Naipaul](#) has spent half a century examining the legacy of colonialism on the Third World, unravelling the guilt of the rulers and the self-serving myths of the ruled. His latest book, *The Masque of Africa: Glimpses of African Belief*, is a travelogue in which the author sets out to discover how far the old Africa's belief in magic has been subverted by the outside world. Tickets are still available to see a giant of Western letters.

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## PARTNER CONTENT

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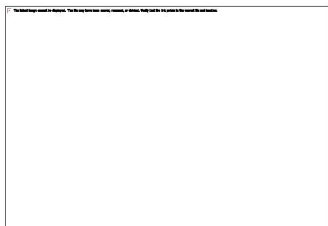
### Recommended reading from The Periscope Post

Is [royal wedding fever](#) out of control – or is it just right? Did President Obama cave in to the [birther bullies](#) – or was releasing his birth certificate the best way to stamp out a vicious rumour? And did the [Guantanamo WikiLeaks](#) files really tell us that Britain is a hotbed of Islamist extremism? Find out who said what and why at [The Periscope Post](#), the best and quickest way on the Web to put the day's headlines in perspective.

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## IQ<sup>2</sup> ONLINE THIS WEEK

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### The Artangel Longplayer Conversation 2011: James Lovelock and John Gray

Watch and listen to full video and audio of the recent [Artangel Longplayer](#) conversation between political philosopher John Gray and climate scientist and 'futurologist' James Lovelock. Taking the philosophical implications of long time as a starting point, they discuss immortality, suicide, the pursuit of happiness and Darwinism.



### New videos from 5x15 Stories

Including [Fergal Keane](#) on when the Japanese attempted to invade India during World War II and the outrageous blunders committed by General Mutaguchi, 'one of the great vainglorious fools of history'.

Plus, Libyan novelist [Hisham Matar](#), on his father's disappearance into Gaddafi's prisons and why as an artist he steers clear of political engagement.



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