



A workshop with a Pulitzer prize winner



At SISSA, a conference on science journalism with Jonathan Wiener

**22 May, 2015, 2.30 pm
SISSA, Room 128
Via Bonomea 265, Trieste**

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction in 1995, Jonathan Wiener is a science journalist and science writer. The book that won him the Pulitzer Prize is "The Beak of the Finch", a clear reference to Charles Darwin. Wiener will be at the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) of Trieste for a public conference organized by the "Franco Prattico" Master in Science Communication on May 22nd, at 2.30 pm in room 128. The event, entitled "The Beak of the Finch: A Story of Evolution in Our Time", will be held in English. Wiener's seminar is free and especially targeted to journalists (it provides continuing education credits), though it is open to anyone interested in the topic.



In the 1994 book that earned him the Pulitzer Prize, Jonathan Weiner gave a day-by-day account of the field work of Peter and Rosemary Grant, two ornithologists who have been watching the evolution of the finches of the Galapagos islands. These finches were used by Darwin to explain the theory of the evolution of the species, as their beaks varied from island to island depending on their dietary habits, and proved to be crucial for the powerful theory of the great British naturalist. A science journalist since the early 80s, Weiner has worked with all the major American newspapers. He has also written numerous books and won, in addition to the Pulitzer Prize, other important awards like the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Science.

At SISSA, Weiner will be holding a conference for journalists and focusing on the themes of evolution, as in his most famous book. The event is free, open to the public and will be in English. It also provides journalists the possibility of earning credits to fulfil their continuing education requirements. Attendance at the seminar offers 2 (two) credits.

The event has been inserted in the Sigef platform for journalists wishing to book their attendance at the address: <https://sigef-odg.lansystems.it/sigef/>.

More in detail...

Jonathan Wiener is a professor of medical and scientific journalism at Columbia University in the United States. He started to write about science when working at the magazine The Sciences, which he left in 1985 to write his first book "Planet Earth", the companion volume to the PBS television series. After spending 20 years as an independent writer, he joined the School of Journalism in 2005. His books include (in addition to those already mentioned) "Time, Love, Memory", which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for General Non-fiction, and "His Brother's Keeper". His most recent book, "Long for This World," was named by the New York Times one of the 100 Notable Books of 2010. Weiner has written for the New Yorker, the New York Times Magazine, the New Republic, and many other publications. In 2000 and 2001, he served as Rockefeller University's first Writer in Residence.

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