



CHILE AT FRANKFURT BOOK FAIR 2025

From October 15 to 19 / Visit us at Booth C 130, Hall 5.0

Opening of the Chile Booth

Wednesday, **15th October**

Time: **16:30** hrs

Hall 5.0, Booth C130

The Ambassador María Magdalena Atria, cordially invites you to a reception with wine and chilean specialities.

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Frankfurt Kids Conference *"Children Books in a fragile world"*

Wednesday, **15th October**

Time: **16:00** hrs / **18:30** hrs

Centre Stage Hall 4.1/B 68

The panel will feature Constanza Mekis (Chile), President of Fundación Palabra and creator of the Latin American Interactive Children's and Youth Library (BILIJ); Tereza Horváthová (Czech Republic), editor; and Soonyoung (Korea), editor. The discussion will be moderated by Lawrence Schimmel (USA). Constanza Mekis will participate on the panel titled "Light in the Darkness" and will talk about both the work of Fundación Palabra and the amazing work she was involved in at the Chilean Ministry of Education, which resulted in the creation of over 10,000 school libraries; this is an achievement that will hopefully serve as both an inspiration and a role model for other countries.

El panel contará con la participación de Constanza Mekis (Chile), quien es Presidenta de la Fundación Palabra y creadora de la Biblioteca Interactiva Latinoamericana Infantil y Juvenil (BILIJ); Tereza Horváthová (República Checa), editora; y Soonyoung (Corea), editor. La moderación estará a cargo de Lawrence Schimmel (EE.UU.).



The verse and novel of exile: Enrique Winter, Anna Seghers Prize 2025

Friday, **17th October**

Time: **15:00** hrs / **16:00** hrs

Frankfurt International

Stage (Halle 5/6 Ebene Via)

Language: Spanish-German

The author of *The Seventh Cross* is 125 years old, and the prize that has been commemorating her for three decades now continues to build bridges between German and Latin American literature, recognising careers marked by commitment and the exploration of themes such as exile and lives in transit. Of course, not all the links between the two cultures arose from voluntary encounters: wars, dictatorships and forced migrations have left common traces. Like Seghers, the Chilean writer Enrique Winter has delved into the joy and hope in them, through an innovative dialogue with tradition. At this meeting, the author will talk with the President of the Anna-Seghers-Gesellschaft and the jury member and lecturer at the Romanisches Seminar of the University of Cologne, as well as with the audience, for whom he will read excerpts from his novel *About Us We Will Be Silent*, as well as from his most recent poetry and essays. Participants: Enrique Winter, Anna Seghers Prize 2025; Hans-Willi Ohl, Chairman of the Anna-Seghers-Society Berlin und Main and Victoria Torres, University of Cologne.

La autora de *La Séptima Cruz* cumple 125 años y el premio que la conmemora desde hace ya tres décadas sigue construyendo puentes entre la literatura alemana y la latinoamericana, reconociendo trayectorias marcadas por el compromiso y la exploración de temas como el exilio y las vidas en tránsito. Claro está que no todos los lazos entre ambas culturas surgieron de encuentros voluntarios: guerras, dictaduras y migraciones forzadas han dejado huellas comunes. Como Seghers, el escritor chileno Enrique Winter ha profundizado en la alegría y la esperanza que hay en ellas, a través de un diálogo innovador con la tradición. En este encuentro, el autor conversará con el presidente de la Anna-Seghers-Gesellschaft y la jurado del premio y docente del Romanisches Seminar de la Universidad de Colonia, además del público, para quienes leerá fragmentos de su novela *Sobre nosotros callaremos*, así de como de su poesía y ensayos más recientes. Participan: Enrique Winter, Premio Anna Seghers 2025; Hans-Willi Ohl, Vicepresidente de la Fundación Anna Seghers y Victoria Torres, Universidad de Colonia.



Launch of Mike Wilson's novel *Holzfäller* (Translation by Mario Gomes, Zurich/Berlin: Diaphanes, 2025).

Saturday, **18 Oct 2025**

Time: **17:00** hrs / **18:00** hrs

Frankfurt International Stage (Halle 5/6 Ebene Via)

Language: English

Mike Wilson's novel *Leñador* (Woodsmen) is widely recognized as one of the most significant literary works published in Chile (Santiago: Orjikh, 2013) over the past decade, receiving considerable praise and critical acclaim. Mike Wilson is an Argentine-American writer and academic based in Chile. In addition to *Leñador*, notable works include the novels *Ciencias Ocultas* and *Némesis*. In 2023, he published his first children's novel, *Un niño llamado Gárgola*, which received the Marta Brunet Award in 2024. His latest published book is the novel *Dios duerme en la piedra* (2023).

A former soldier fleeing his past arrives in the Yukon forests. He is welcomed into a lumberjack camp where traditional tools are used for felling pines. With the axe given to him at the camp, he turns his search into a vocation, his surroundings into a lesson, and his experience into inspiration. *Leñador* has been described as a novel about stillness, certainty, and the texture of things.

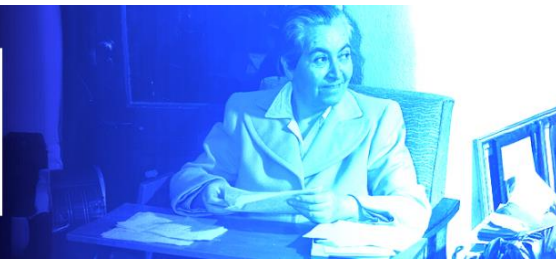
La novela "Leñador" de Mike Wilson es ampliamente reconocida como una de las obras literarias de mayor importancia publicadas en Chile en la pasada década (Santiago: Orjikh, 2013). Ha sido ampliamente elogiada y premiada por la crítica. Mike Wilson es escritor y académico de origen argentino-estadounidense, radicado en Chile. Además de "Leñador", en su obra, se destacan las novelas "Ciencias Ocultas" y "Némesis". En 2023 ha publicado su primera novela infantil, "Un niño llamado Gárgola", que recibió el Premio Marta Brunet 2024. Su último libro publicado es la novela "Dios duerme en la piedra" (2023).

Un excombatiente huye de su pasado y llega a los bosques del Yukón. Es recibido en un campamento de leñadores que usan herramientas tradicionales para talar pinos. Con el hacha que le entregan en el campamento hace de su búsqueda un oficio, del entorno un aprendizaje y de la experiencia una inspiración. "Leñador" ha sido definida como una novela sobre la quietud, la certeza y la textura de las cosas.



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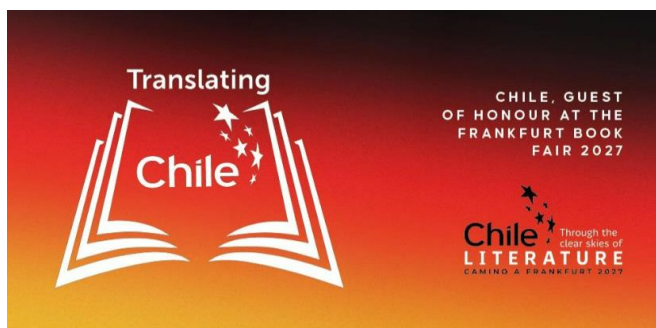
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