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[ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival at Boulder](#), Colorado Announces Initial Author Lineup

The third-annual ZEE JLF at Boulder takes place September 15-17, 2017

BOULDER, Colo. (May 24, 2017)-The third installation of the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) at Boulder will bring more than 70 authors from around the world to discuss today's hot topics while engaging the community in essential dialogue and debate. The first list of speakers includes authors and thinkers from across the globe:

- [Akhil Sharma](#) is an Indian-American author and professor of creative writing. His first published novel *An Obedient Father* won the 2001 Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award. His second, *Family Life*, won the 2015 Folio Prize and 2016 International Dublin Literary Award.
- [Alberto Ruy-Sánchez](#) is a fiction and non-fiction writer, poet and essayist from Mexico City. His fiction novels offer an explanation of the many facets of desire, and are set in Mogador, the ancient name for the Arabic city of Essaouira, on the Atlantic coast of Morocco.
- [Anosh Irani](#) is an Indian-Canadian novelist and playwright. He has published three critically acclaimed novels including his most recent, *The Parcel*, the story of transgender sex-workers in the Red Light district of Bombay.
- [Dan-el Padilla Peralta](#), a Princeton University professor and Columbia University Fellow, came to the United States from the Dominican Republic with his family in 1989. In his memoir, *Undocumented*, and in his lectures, Peralta chronicles his journey from the rough streets of New York City to the top of his class at Princeton, offering an honest and inspiring glimpse of the American immigrant experience.
- [Erling Kagge](#) is one of the world's most accomplished living explorers. His book, *Philosophy for Polar Explorers* draws on his vast experience in expeditions, the art world, publishing industry and family life. The book is a best seller in his home country of Norway.
- [Johanna Hanink](#) is Assistant Professor of Classics and Robert Gale Noyes Assistant Professor of Humanities at Brown University. Her book, *The Classical Debt*, investigates the abiding desire to view Greece through the lens of the ancient past.
- [Kayhan Irani](#) is an Emmy Award-winning writer, a producer and a Theater of the Oppressed trainer. She creates art, media and live events to build community and engage audience in social justice issues. She was one of ten U.S. artists in 2016 to be named one of the White House Champions of Change for her art and storytelling work.
- [Paulo Lemos Horta](#) is the Assistant Professor of Literature, Arts and Humanities at NYU Abu Dhabi. His latest book, *Marvellous Thieves: Secret Authors of the Arabian Nights*, was published by Harvard University Press in January 2017.
- [Navtej Singh Sarna](#) is an Indian author-columnist, diplomat and current Indian Ambassador to the US. His latest novel, *The Exile*, published in 2008, is based on the life of Duleep Singh, the last Maharaja of the Sikh Empire and son of Maharaja Ranjit Singh.



These and many more authors will present panel discussions, conversations, presentations and performances surrounding various topics of world interest. Specific themes at ZEE JLF at Boulder 2017 will include migration, U.S. gun culture, nature and the environment, Native American rights, yoga/meditation, outdoors-adventure, feminism, constitutions, LGBT, Latino, African American and Native American voices.

More details and confirmed speakers will be announced at jaipurliteraturefestival.org/boulder.

About the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival at Boulder, Colorado

In its 10th year, the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival in India is the world's largest free literature festival, drawing some 350,000 footfalls at Diggi Palace in the Rajasthan's capital Jaipur, this past January. The festival serves as a beacon of free speech around the world, and has inspired more than 200 other literature festivals, both in India and other countries. ZEE JLF was recently awarded 'Best Festival' at the Outlook Traveller Awards in India.

Dubbed "the greatest literary show on Earth," ZEE JLF successfully expanded to London in 2014, and selected Boulder as its only U.S. location in 2015. Voted the U.S.'s brainiest (more Ph.D.'s per capita than any other US city) happiest and foodiest city, the Festival was wildly successful in its first two years in Boulder. Festival organizers expect more than 10,000 people to attend this year from throughout the country and around the world.

The 2016 ZEE JLF at Boulder saw close to 7,000 people attending the three-day Festival. Attendees from throughout the U.S. and across the globe experienced an uplifting celebration of the mind and heart, as writers from across the Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe engaged in provocative conversations. Topics of discovery spanned life and society, economics and the arts, equity, freedom and the care of our planet.

ZEE JLF at Boulder takes place at the Main Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave. A week of pre-events will be held at the Main Boulder Public Library and other locations. There is no admission fee, but attendees must register. For more information, confirmed speakers, and registration, visit jaipurliteraturefestival.org/boulder.

About ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival

Writers and Festival Directors Namita Gokhale and William Dalrymple invite speakers to take part in the five-day program set against the backdrop of Rajasthan's stunning cultural heritage and the Diggi Palace in the state capital Jaipur. Website: www.jaipurliteraturefestival.org

The [ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival](http://www.jaipurliteraturefestival.org) is a flagship event of [Teamwork Arts](http://www.teamworkarts.com), which produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts and literary festivals across more than 40 cities globally, and is produced by Sanjoy K. Roy. Website: www.teamworkarts.com