

***PRESSURE!* READING AND CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR ARAD DABIRI**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026 – 3:30–5:00 PM
OLD NORTH 205 – HUMANITIES CONFERENCE ROOM

Please join the German Department for a special event to celebrate the U.S. premiere of the play *Pressure! (Druck!)* by the young Austrian-Iranian author **Arad Dabiri**, who was named “Newcomer Author of the Year” by the German-language theater magazine *Theater Heute* in 2025. Set in present-day Vienna, the play is an electrifying, brash, and witty exploration of the pressures faced by young people with migrant backgrounds. The event will feature an author’s talk by Arad Dabiri, followed by a brief scene from the play with actors from the DC-based ExPats Theatre and a conversation with Arad Dabiri and the play’s director and translator, **Karin Rosnizeck**. The event will be in English. This event is co-sponsored by the Georgetown Department of German, the Austrian Cultural Forum Washington, the Persian Studies Program, and the Georgetown Humanities Institute.



Arad Dabiri, born in Vienna in 1997, lives as an author and playwright in Vienna. His debut novel *DRAMA* was nominated for the Franz Tumlner Prize and was awarded the Austrian Book Prize 2023 for best debut. His second novel, *GLORIA!*, was published in 2024. For his debut play *DRUCK!*, which was presented as part of the Drama Lab of the Vienna Word Workshops, he was awarded the 2024 Heidelberger Stückemarkt’s Author Prize, and in the critics’ poll of *Theater Heute* has been chosen as the up-and-coming author of the year 2025.

There will be a reception following this event, and space is limited! [Please register through Eventbrite](#) by March 15, 2026.



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