Yoko TAWADA/TAWADA Yoko is an internationally acclaimed literary author who was born in Tokyo in 1960 and educated in Japan until she moved to Germany in the early 1980s. She currently resides in Berlin when she is not presenting her novels, short stories, poems, and theater plays to diverse audiences around the world. Her creative approach to multilingual aesthetics and border-crossing in German and Japanese explores the imaginative intersection of philosophies of language, cultures of migration, technologies of writing, and experiences of globalization today. Winner of numerous literary prizes throughout the years, including the prestigious Akutagawa Prize and the Yomiuri Literary Prize in Japan, the Goethe Medal in Germany, and many others too, Tawada turns our habits of perception topsy-turvy in ways that make us laugh and think at the same time. Work that has appeared in English translation includes novels such as The Bridegroom Was a Dog (from the Japanese) and The Naked Eye (from the German), as well as a collection of novellas titled Facing the Bridge (from the Japanese), essays titled Where Europe Begins (from the German), and most recently Portrait of a Tongue (2013). Other translations, including some of the author’s reflections on life and futures in the aftermath of Fukushima, are available in French, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Russian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Polish, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, and Italian. Assisting Yoko Tawada in her multilingual literary reading from original work at Cornell on March 11th will be Bettina Brandt, Tawada’s Dutch translator and author of many articles on surrealism and experimental forms of multilingualism in contemporary literature. Funded by the University Lectures Committee and co-sponsored by the East Asia Program, the Institute for German Cultural Studies, and the Department of Comparative Literature, this literary reading is free and open to the public.

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