

Claudius Niessen

Born in Aachen, Claus Niessen worked, among others, for WDR TV and the Handelsblatt. Subsequent studies at the German Creative Writing Program (Deutsches Literaturinstitut). In 1998, he won the German-Dutch Youth Literature Prize. His art book "Vinta" was awarded the Prize of the Institute of Book Arts. He held lectureships, inter alia, at the Universities of Heidelberg and Dusseldorf. He has been Managing Director of the Free Academy of Arts in Leipzig since 2005. Under the "ClaraPark" label, he develops literary events and advises public institutions, foundations and corporations in matters of art and culture promotion. Since 2008, Claudius Niessen has been the CEO of the German Creative Writing Program Leipzig.

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