

Writer, Translator and Publisher Ilija Trojanow was born in Bulgaria and has lived in Germany, Kenya, Nairobi and later in Bombay, after his family had fled Bulgaria. After his studies in Munich he founded a publishing house and has been writing several critical books, essays and newspaper articles since. In 2006, his bestseller novel *Der Weltensammler* (Carl Hanser) was published and awarded with the "Preis der Leipziger Buchmesse". In his work he critically addresses political and cultural issues. In the 1990s Trojanow wrote several non-fiction and travel books about Africa, published an anthology of contemporary African literature and translated African authors into German. His first novel, *Die Welt ist groß und Rettung lauert überall*, appeared in 1996. In it he recounts his family's experiences as political refugees and asylum seekers. After that appeared the science fiction novel *Autopol*, created on the Internet as a "novel in progress," *Hundezeiten*, a travel account of a visit to his Bulgarian homeland, and books dealing with his experiences in India.

Trojanow's books have been translated in 25 languages and awarded with several prizes. Over the past years he has also taught at various universities and in 2013 raised his critical voice towards the US and the NSA.

*Bertelsmann Literary Prize 1995*  
*Marburg Literary Prize 1996*  
*Thomas Valentin Literary Prize 1997*  
*Adelbert von Chamisso Prize 2000*  
*Award of the Leipzig Book Fair 2006*  
*Villa Aurora Scholarship 2006*  
*Finalist at the German Book Prize 2006*  
*Berlin Prize for Literature 2007*  
*Mainzer Stadtschreiber Literary Award 2007*  
*ITB Book Award 2007*  
*Tübingen Poetry Lectureship 2007*  
*Prize of the Houses of Literature 2009*  
*Comburg Literary Scholarship Schwäbisch Hall 2009*  
*Longlist International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award 2009*  
*Würth Prize for European Literature 2010*  
*ITB Book Award 2010*  
*Carl Amery Literary Prize 2011*  
*Longlist Europese Literatuurprijs 2012*  
*Brothers Grimm Professorship 2014*  
*Shortlist Tractatur Prize 2014*



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