

# Speaker Ideas

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**Geert Mak** is one of the Netherlands' most popular writers and most successful non-fiction authors. He is a historian who has worked as a journalist for the weekly *De Groene Amsterdammer* and the Dutch quality daily *NRC Handelsblad*.

A passionate and eloquent speaker on all aspects of Dutch and European history and has a fine eye for recent developments in both places that have led to great cultural and social shifts.

All his books become huge best-sellers: *De engel van Amsterdam* (The Angel of Amsterdam, 1992), *Een kleine geschiedenis van Amsterdam* (Amsterdam: A Brief Life of the City, 1994), *Hoe God verdween uit Jorwerd* (Jorwerd: The Death of the Village in Late Twentieth-Century Europe, 1996), *De eeuw van mijn vader* (My Father's Century, 1999) and *In Europa* (2004). His latest book is *De brug* (The Bridge, 2007), about the Galata Bridge in Istanbul.

His book *In Europe* (*In Europa*), which is a journey through the twentieth century in Europe has sold almost half a million copies and has so far been translated into 11 languages.

Over the last decade, Europe has undergone some of the most radical changes in its recent history. Geert Mak is an excellent speaker on the impact of multiculturalism, migration, and economic and other social shifts, and can discuss their implications for the stability of individual countries and the creation of a broader European identity.

## Topics include:

- A picture of The Netherlands today
- Europe – the road to an identity
- Historical insights into the great cities of Europe

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