



Road 273

Dialogues over the Great Books of our Civilization

Presented to Prospective
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Road 273 Community

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What Road 273 Is

A Space for Intellectual Dialogue

Road 273 fosters a unique environment where individuals engage with significant texts, encouraging profound conversations that enrich understanding and foster connections among participants who appreciate the great works of Western civilization.

This dialogue group combines the study of literature with meaningful exchanges, creating a space where intellectual curiosity thrives, allowing members to explore challenging ideas and nurture friendships based on shared interests and mutual respect.



The Origin of the Name

A Serendipitous Symbol for Inquiry



The name **Road 273** emerged serendipitously from a drive in Sweden. While engaging in a dialogue, Federico Salinas, the group's founder, mentioned being on Road 273, and it resonated deeply, symbolizing the shared journey of inquiry the group embodies.

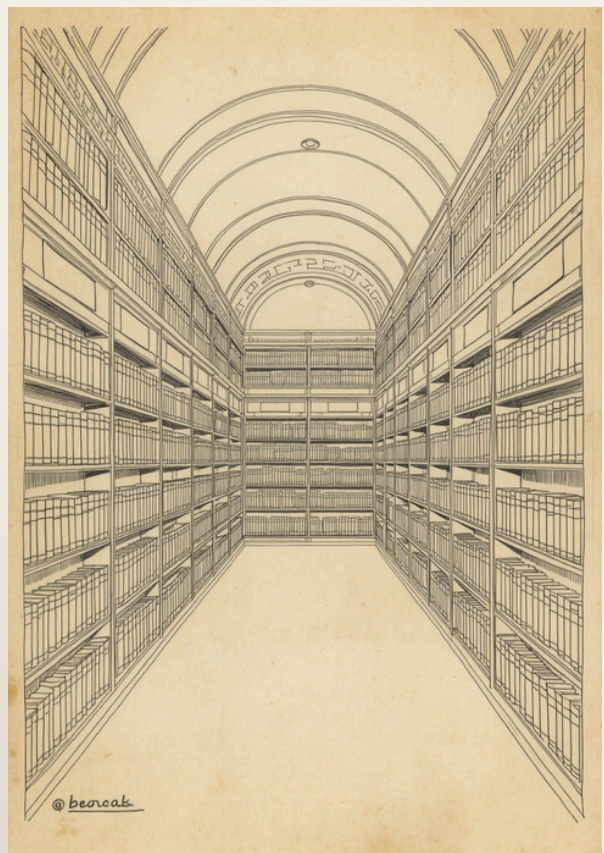
This **symbolism** reflects not just a physical road but the intellectual paths explored within the group's discussions. It represents a commitment to following the winding paths of thought and conversation, inviting all members to traverse these roads together in pursuit of knowledge.

Why Road 273 Exists

Filling the gap for serious dialogue

Road 273 was founded to create a vibrant community for those seeking deeper intellectual engagement and meaningful conversations about the essential texts that shape our understanding of Western civilization.

In a world where serious dialogue is increasingly rare, Road 273 provides a welcoming space for thoughtful professionals to explore ideas, challenge perspectives, and develop their intellectual friendships.



Who It Is For

A Community of Curiosity and Inquiry

Road 273 welcomes individuals who seek a **deeper understanding** of Western civilization and a supportive environment to explore significant texts and ideas with like-minded peers.

Open to all who share a genuine curiosity, this group fosters inclusive dialogue, encouraging participants to engage regardless of their backgrounds, while valuing diverse perspectives in discussions.



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How the Group Works

Weekly Meetings and Engagement Commitment



Road 273 meets once a week for ninety minutes, fostering a rich environment for discussion. The current meeting time is Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Central European Time, equivalent to 10:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time. Participants are encouraged to come prepared for meaningful engagement.

Meetings are conducted via Google Meet, with a goal of establishing a **possible physical home** in Caltagirone, Sicily. Members are invited to attend in person where possible, while online participation remains available. There is no membership fee at this time.

How the Dialogue Is Conducted

Engaging in Serious Inquiry

Road 273 fosters an atmosphere of **collaborative inquiry**, where every participant can express thoughts while engaging with the text. This encourages meaningful exchanges that elevate understanding and deepen connections.

The dialogue is structured yet flexible, allowing for **organic discussion**. By focusing on the text and encouraging honest questioning, members cultivate an environment where ideas can flourish and diverse perspectives are valued.



Sensitive Topics

Religion and Politics

Road 273 engages with **sensitive subjects** like religion and politics, fostering a respectful environment for deep conversations about their roles in shaping Western civilization and our moral frameworks.

The group encourages open dialogue about these topics, emphasizing the importance of **serious discussion** that respects differing viewpoints while exploring the philosophical underpinnings of these crucial areas of inquiry.



What We Read

Exploring classic texts that shape thought



Road 273 currently reads Herodotus' *Histories*, diving into the depths of ancient narratives. Previous texts include **Plato's Republic** and **Aristotle's Poetics**, offering a rich tapestry of ideas and themes that stimulate deep conversations about our intellectual and cultural heritage.

The group seeks to explore foundational works that shape our understanding of Western thought. Upcoming readings may include Thucydides and key Roman texts, ensuring a comprehensive journey through the philosophical and historical landscape of our civilization's roots.

How to Join

100% Open Participation

Participants are welcomed openly

ATTEND SESSIONS

New participants may join a session to determine if the group aligns with their interests.

CONTACT INFO

Connect with moderators Federico Salinas and Greg Radke via email for queries and participation:

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