

# EUROPEAN VOICES: a reading & conversation with french writer lola lafon

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Join us for a reading and conversation with French author Lola Lafon. Lafon will be reading from her latest novel in English translation, *The Little Communist Who Never Smiled* (Seven Stories Press, 2016, translated by Nick Caistor). This fictionalized account of the life of Nadia Comaneci, a child of communist Romania and an Olympic gymnast who inspired young girls around the globe, shows how a single athletic event mesmerizes the world and reverberates across nations.

Lola Lafon was raised in Bucharest, Sofia and Paris. Her novels tackle several ideological themes such as capitalism, antifascism, utopia or feminism. She is politically engaged in several collectives, addressing feminist questions and concerns and runs writing workshops aimed towards underserved or disadvantaged youth populations.

Refreshments will be available, and a booksigning will follow the talk.

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