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PAOLO GIORDANO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010

"When Science Meets Literature: a Lecture by Award-Winning Italian Writer Paolo Giordano"

With a PhD in theoretical physics, Paolo Giordano is the youngest winner of the Strega Literary Prize. His debut novel, *The Solitude of Prime Numbers*, uses a mathematical concept to explain the existential plight of its protagonists, who, like prime numbers, are destined for isolation. Translated into over thirty languages, *The Solitude of Prime Numbers* is now a movie, and was shown this year at the 67 Venice Film Festival. Giordano will talk about the physics of human relationships as translated into narrative form.

1:30-2:20 p.m., MacLaurin Building, Room D107