



A READING BY RUTH KLUGER

**Friday, January 30
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Biological Sciences III Lecture Hall**

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Ruth Kluger, Professor Emerita of German at UCI, active member of the UCI community, and Humanities Core Course author, was born in 1931 in Vienna. After the Nazi Anschluss Jewish children, like Kluger, were increasingly prohibited from participating in everyday activities. At the age of 11, Kluger was deported along with her mother to the Theresienstadt concentration camp, and then to Auschwitz-Birkenau, and Christianstadt. She survived, emigrated to New York and then California, became a German Professor, and lectured in UCI's Humanities Core Course. Though she had little control over her life as a child in Nazi-occupied Vienna or in the camps, Kluger DID something very important in the late 1980s: she wrote an autobiography that chronicles her public and private experiences and evaluates these events with extraordinary candor and wisdom. The book first appeared in German in 1992 as *Weiter Leben: Eine Jugend* and it was quickly translated into numerous other languages. The English version, *Still Alive: A Holocaust Girlhood Remembered*, was translated and adapted by Kluger for an American audience. It appeared in 2001 and we read it in the Spring Quarter (DOING) of Humanities Core Course. Professor Kluger will read from her book and answer questions at this special forum.