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“In *Mating in Captivity: Reconciling the Erotic and the Domestic*,” Esther Perel explains that our cultural penchant for equality, fairness, and absolute candor is antithetical to erotic desire for both men and women. Sexual excitement doesn’t always play by the rules of good citizenship.

“Laura Kipnis and I examine the pitfalls of modern intimacy, the emphasis on transparency and talking, the feminization of intimacy and how it often confuses closeness with surveillance. Where she is engaged in the polemics of adultery, I work with couples to negotiate the paradoxes of love and desire.”  
--**Esther Perel.**

“Relations between men and women don’t seem to be going particularly well at the moment in the love and romance department: ambivalence and mutual dissatisfaction reign. The social adhesion marriage once provided has long since dissolved; the utopian promise of the sexual revolution has

devolved into the emptiness of hook-up culture; increasing economic independence for women has heightened demands on men, who have retreated into the consolations of porn. What’s a heterosexual to do these days?

-**Laura Kipnis**

**Esther Perel** is a couples and family therapist in private practice in New York. Perel’s book, *Mating in Captivity: Reconciling the Erotic and the Domestic*, is now being translated in 13 languages.

**Laura Kipnis** is a cultural critic and a bit of a contrarian. Her latest book, *The Female Thing: Dirt, Sex, Envy, Vulnerability*, is ruffling a few feathers. Her previous book, *Against Love: A Polemic*, was translated into eight languages.

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**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18  
AT 4:00 PM**

# LUST

**THE EROTIC & THE DOMESTIC:  
THE PITFALLS OF MODERN INTIMACY**

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