

Basic Detail Report

The author Umberto Eco (right)

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The author Umberto Eco sitting behind a desk with other men from the world of academia. Umberto Eco, (b.1932) is an Italian semiotician, essayist, philosopher, literary critic, and novelist. He is best known for his groundbreaking 1980 historical mystery novel *Il nome della rosa* (The Name of the Rose), an intellectual mystery combining semiotics in fiction, biblical analysis, medieval studies and literary theory. He has since written further novels, including *Il pendolo di Foucault* (Foucault's Pendulum) and *L'isola del giorno prima* (The Island of the Day Before). He has also written academic texts, children's books and many essays. He is founder of the Dipartimento di Comunicazione (Department of Media Studies) at the University of the Republic of San Marino, President of the Scuola Superiore di Studi Umanistici (Graduate School for the Study of the Humanities), University of Bologna, member of the Accademia dei Lincei (since November 2010), and an Honorary Fellow of Kellogg College, University of Oxford.

Dimensions

Overall: 18 x 24.3 cm (7 1/8 x 9 5/8 in.)