

AN INTELLECTUAL PIONEER

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I am pleased to participate in honoring Mihai Nadin on his 80th birthday. He has an all-too-rare breadth of knowledge and interests, and the ability to apply critical judgment across a wide spectrum of domains and issues. I had the pleasure of hosting him for a year as a visiting professor at Stanford in 1999, where I saw the brilliance in his development of a course that I had been teaching. He gave it new life, and brought the students up to a new level of discourse.

His work on anticipation gives a valuable perspective on the nature of causality and time, and he has written about it extensively. Also, as a designer, he does not just write books, but carefully designs them to take full advantage of design elements to bring out the content in non-linear and innovative ways. His thinking about design influenced our programs to take design composition more seriously and was an important influence on the way I think about design.

Prof. Nadin has been an intellectual pioneer and I know that he has had a great influence on others as well. It's delightful to see him hale and hearty entering his ninth decade.

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