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presents

DERRIDA/AMERICA
The Present State of America's Europe

Sunday–Monday, February 20–21, 2005

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The Jacob Burns Institute for Advanced Legal Study, The Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy, New York University Program in Poetics and Theory, and the European University Viadrina Frankfurt Program in Representation
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and New York University will cohost a conference that examines the legacy of French philosopher Jacques Derrida, whose work met with enormous attention and considerable opposition. As the author of deconstruction, Derrida prized open the question of justice in relation to contemporary legal theory. He challenged not only the abstraction, but also the increasingly insular character of the US legal academy. Deconstruction gained a new and radicalized significance through its American itinerary and it became French theory by going to America. Now, after the death of its author, Derrida’s work necessitates a new look. In mourning and in celebration, the conference will review and explore the significance of his work as it relates to several disciplines.

Cardozo is especially pleased to honor and explore Derrida’s legacy as his annual visits greatly enriched the scholarly exchange at this Law School.

All conference proceedings will be held in
The Jacob Burns Moot Court Room at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
55 Fifth Avenue (at 12th Street)
New York, NY 10003

To view the program on the Web, visit www.cardozo.yu.edu
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:30 am COFFEE

10:00 am WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Peter Goodrich (Cardozo) and Anselm Haverkamp (Berlin/NYU),

10:30 am GEO-/BIOPOLITICS
Gayatri Spivak (Columbia)
Respondent: Tom Keenan (Bard)
Peter Rush (Melbourne)
Arthur Jacobson (Cardozo)
Christophe Menke (Potsdam)
Chair: Mark Sanders (Brandeis)
12:30 pm  **LUNCH**
Brown bag, all welcome

1:30 pm  **OLD EUROPE/NEW AMERICA**
Rodolphe Gasché (Buffalo)
*Respondent:* Michel Rosenfeld (Cardozo)
Simon Critchley (New School)
Anton Schutz (London/Paris)
Jack Balkin (Yale)

**Chair:** Renata Salecl (Ljubljana)

3:30 pm  **TEA**

4:00 pm  **POLITICS/AESTHETICS**
Tom Mitchell (Chicago)
*Respondent:* Juliana Rebentisch (Frankfurt)
Avital Ronell (NYU)
Pierre Schlag (Colorado)
Adam Gearey (London)

**Chair:** Richard Sherwin (New York Law School)

6:00 pm  **RECEPTION AND BOOK PARTY**
Welcome by Dean David Rudenstine (Cardozo)
Celebrate the publication of *The Triumph of Venus: The Erotics of the Market* by Jeanne Schroeder (Cardozo) and the latest issue of *Cardozo Law Review: Benjamin After the 20th Century: The Future of a Past.* Background music: Jantje Röller’s *On Justice* (CD)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

9:00 am  **COFFEE AND BAGELS**

9:15 am  **PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS/NEOPRAGMATISM**
Samuel Wheeler (Connecticut)
Sebastian Rödl (Pittsburg)
Martin Stone (Cardozo)
David Carlson (Cardozo)

**Chair:** Anselm Haverkamp (NYU)

11:30 am  **LITERARY CULTURE**
Jonathan Culler (Cornell)
Joseph Brooker (London)
Barbara Vinken (Munich)
Michéle Lowrie (NYU)
Karen Feldman (Berkeley)
Shireen Patell (NYU)

**Chair:** Alison Young (Amherst)

1:30 pm  **LUNCH AND EPILOGUE**