

The First Symposium

Citizenship After Orientalism

European Research Council (ERC) funded OECUMENE Project,
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invites you to participate in the **International PhD School**

Tracing Colonialism and Orientalism in Social and Political Thought

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As part of the activities of the first symposium 'Citizenship after Orientalism', we invite applications for a one-day course on traces of colonialism and orientalism in European social and political thought.

The course will be based on two seminars taught by Professors Almond and Dainotto. The first seminar will be based on *The New Orientalists: Postmodern Representations of Islam from Foucault to Baudrillard* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2007) and will focus on traces of orientalism in social and political thinkers such as Nietzsche, Kristeva, Foucault, Derrida, and Žižek. The second seminar will be based on *Europe (in Theory)* (Duke University Press, 2007) and will focus on the persistence of Eurocentrism within European thought and how it divides itself. Professor Isin will join Professors Almond and Dainotto with a concluding panel on the task of opening the boundaries of European thought.

Ian Almond is Professor of Transnational literature at Georgia State University, and teaches mostly in the area of South Asian and postcolonial literature and theory. He is the author of: *Sufism and Deconstruction* (Routledge, 2004), *The New Orientalists: Postmodern Representations of Islam* (I.B. Tauris, 2007), *Two Faiths, One Banner* (I.B. Tauris, 2009) and *History of Islam in German Thought From Leibniz to Nietzsche* (Routledge, 2009).

Roberto Dainotto is Professor of Italian and of Literature at Duke University, and teaches courses on modern and contemporary Italian culture. His publications include *Racconti Americani del '900* (Einaudi, 1999), *Place in Literature: Regions, Cultures, Communities* (Cornell UP, 2000), and *Europe (in Theory)* (Duke UP, 2007), winner of the Laura Shannon Prize in Contemporary European Studies in 2010.



Please note that all participants are requested to fully prepare the reading material beforehand and to deliver an assignment before the seminar starts. We will distribute the material well in advance to give you plenty of time to prepare.

For applying to the PhD school, you need to submit a statement of interest between 500–750 words, addressing what the seminar will add to your work, and a brief CV (max. 2 pages) through the online application form at www.oecumene.eu no later than 12th September 2011.

Applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection by 9th October 2011.

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