

**3:00 pm Thursday 5 October 2006**

## **Nationalism, Xenophobia, Racism and Antisemitism in Europe of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

### **Gerard Delanty**

The seminar discusses the emergence of new kinds of racism in European societies, often referred to as 'Euro-racism', 'symbolic racism', 'cultural racism' and is defined by hostility to immigrants and refugees/asylum-seekers who are often the new 'Others'. The seminar will offer an assessment of the extent and implications of this kind of racism and the significance of the extreme right which has refined their electoral programmes under the rubric of nationalist-populist slogans and have adopted more subtle and coded forms of racism. I discuss some of the implications of racism in Europe for the liberal heritage of tolerance for the present day. This seminar draws from a recently concluded research project funded by the European Commission.

**Gerard Delanty** is Professor of Sociology, University of Liverpool, UK, where he is the head of the School of Sociology and Social Policy. Born 1960, Cork, Ireland he is a graduate of University College Cork, Ireland where he studied sociology and philosophy. He was a Doctoral D.A.A.D scholar at Frankfurt University in 1985-86. After the award of his PhD in 1987, he taught at the University of Hannover, Germany and the Orientale University Institute, Naples, Italy. He has been at the University of Liverpool since 1996. Professor Delanty works mainly in the field of social and political theory, with a particular interest in European cultural and political heritage. He also has a major interest in the comparative cultural and historical sociology of modernity. Professor Delanty is currently working on cosmopolitanism, especially in relation to new interpretations of modernity, and in civilizational encounters between Europe and Asia. He has held research grants from the European Commission on xenophobia, and on democracy in European in central and eastern Europe.

Professor Delanty has authored or co-authored the following 11 books: *Inventing Europe: Idea, Identity, Reality* (Macmillan, 1995), *Social Science: Beyond Realism and Constructivism* (Open University Press/University of Minnesota Press, 1997. Enlarged 2nd edition 2005), (with P. O' Mahony) *Rethinking Irish History: Nationalism, Identity and Ideology* (Macmillan 1998), *Social Theory in a Changing World: Conceptions of Modernity* (Polity Press, 1999), *Modernity and Postmodernity: Knowledge, Power, the Self.* (Sage, 2000), *Citizenship in the Global Age: Culture, Society and Politics.* (Open University Press, 2000), *Challenging Knowledge: The University in the Knowledge Society* (Open University Press, 2001), (with P. O'Mahony) *Nationalism and Social Theory* (Sage, 2002), *Community* (Routledge, 2003), (with C. Rumford) *Rethinking Europe: Social Theory and the Implications of Europeanization* (Routledge, 2005). He has also published over 90 papers in journals or edited volumes, and edited or co-edited 7 other books.)

**There is no entry charge and everyone is welcome.  
Drinks and nibbles will be provided.**

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