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GLOBALIZATION & SOCIAL CHANGE

SPRING 2015: HUMANITY

## FEBRUARY

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### Public Discussion

#### MILITARIZATION, MEDICALIZATION, RESPONSIBILITY

February 5, 2015 | 4:30–6:30 pm | Room C202

**Nadia Abu El-Haj** (Barnard, Columbia): “On Combat and Moral Transgression: emerging psychiatric theories of injury, ethics, and responsibility” and **Jennifer Terry** (UC Irvine): “Attachments to War: militarization and the production of biomedical knowledge in modern America.”

Reception to follow in Room 5109.

### Book Launch

#### Gary Wilder: FREEDOM TIME

Negritude, Decolonization,  
and the Future of the World

February 24, 2015 | 6–8pm | Room 9204

Featuring **Gary Wilder** (The Graduate Center) in conversation with **Souleymane Bachir Diagne** (Columbia), **Judith Surkis** (Rutgers) **Fouad Makki** (Cornell), **Nick Nesbitt** (Princeton), moderated by **Anthony Alessandrini** (Kingsborough, CUNY).

Reception to follow in Room 5109.

### Public Lecture

#### Sadia Abbas: HOW INJURY TRAVELS

February 27, 2015 | 4:15–6:15pm | Room C415A

A presentation by **Sadia Abbas** (Rutgers).

Co-sponsored with the Department of Anthropology Colloquium series.

## MARCH

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### Public Lecture

#### HOW TO BUILD THE HOUSE OF TASWIR (I)?

About the Transformation of  
Dreams, Letters and Things

March 17, 2015 | 6–8pm | Skylight Room

Public presentation by **A.S. Bruckstein Çoruh**, thinker, writer, curator, architect of the *House of Taswir* and the *Taswir Atlas*.

### Public Lecture

#### JAMES BALDWIN'S AFRO-OPTIMISM

March 19, 2015 | 4:30–6:30pm | Room 5109

Public presentation by **John Drabinski** (Amherst).

### Film Screening and Public Lecture

#### THE PASSAGES OF WALTER BENJAMIN

A Documentary Film

March 30, 2015 | 6–8pm | Skylight Room

Followed by lecture and discussion with director **Judith Wechsler** and **Susan Buck-Morss** (The Graduate Center).

Reception to follow in Room 5109.

Co-sponsored with the Department of Political Science.

## APRIL

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### Symposium

#### THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND ITS OTHER TRAJECTORIES

April 22, 2015 | 10am–5:30pm | Room 5109

A full day of discussions featuring **Banu Bargu** (The New School), **Akeel Bilgrami** (Columbia), **Massimiliano Tomba** (The Graduate Center), **Uday Mehta** (The Graduate Center), **Anne Norton** (University of Pennsylvania), and **Sanjay Reddy** (The New School).

Reception to follow in Room 5109.

### Symposium

#### THINKING THROUGH TRADITION, POLITICS, AND VIOLENCE

April 24, 2015 | 1–7pm | Skylight Room

Part I: 1–3:30pm—**Judith Butler** (UC Berkeley and Columbia): “Interpreting Non-Violence”

Part II: 4:15–6:30pm—**Talal Asad** (The Graduate Center): “Thinking about Tradition, Religion and Politics in Egypt Today” in conversation with **Veena Das** (Johns Hopkins), **Wael Hallaq** (Columbia), and **Mahmood Mamdani** (Columbia) (tbc).

Reception to follow in Room 5109.

Co-sponsored with the Department of Anthropology.