

HABERMAS @ STONY BROOK

SEPTEMBER

September 19TH: **Critical Theory Roundtable**
Stony Brook Manhattan- 401 Park Avenue South (at 28th Street),
Keynote Presentation: Jürgen Habermas: "From Worldviews to the
Lifeworld: On the Genealogy of a Concept"
6 -7:15 pm.
Co-sponsored by the Humanities Institute

September 30th: **Metaphilosophy Lecture**
Jürgen Habermas: "The concept of Human Dignity and The Realist Utopia
of Human Rights"
Student Activities Center-Ballroom A
6:00-7:30 pm, with reception to follow in Harriman Hall 214 to follow
Co-sponsored by the *Metaphilosophy* Journal and the Humanities Institute.

OCTOBER

October 7th: **Between Faith and Reason: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue Habermas
and Mendieta**

Humanities 1006, 4-6pm.
Wends. October 7th

This is an informal conversation between Prof. Habermas and Prof. Mendieta that will cover Habermas' most recent work on religion. Prof. Habermas will be asked about theoretical motivations for what some have called his "religious turn." He will be asked about in what ways his approach is a contribution to very concrete European challenges, and whether his reflections have import for the US. He will also be asked about his seminar at Stony Brook on political theology. In particular, he will be asked about his understanding of political theology and what differences he sees between the political theology of Schmitt and Metz. After Mendieta's questions, the floor will be open for questions from the audience. *RSVP required. Limited Seating Capacity.*

October 22nd: **Rethinking Secularism: The Power of Religion in the Public Sphere**
A discussion of religion in the public sphere:

Judith Butler:

Why Judaism is not Zionism: Religious Sources for the Critique of Violence

Jürgen Habermas:

"The Political" - The Rational Sense of a Questionable Inheritance of Political Theology"

Charles Taylor:

Why We Need a Radical Redefinition of Secularism

Cornel West:

Prophetic Religion and The Future of Capitalist Civilization

Cooper Union's Great Hall, 7 East 7th Street at Bowery

Thursday, October 22, 2009, 3:00-7:30 pm (**NOTE NEW TIME!**)

*All these events are open to the public.

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