

# Hannah Arendt on Judgment

Saturday, March 25, 2006

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

IMU Oak Room

## Program:

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8:30 a.m.: Coffee

8:45: Introductions

9:00 – 10:15: **John McGowan**: “Sufficient Unto the Day: Arendt, Ishiguro, and the Banality of Evil”

10:15 – 10:30: Coffee break

10:30 – 11:45: **Dagmar Barnouw**: “The Quality of Judgment – the Quality of Guilt: Arendt and Eichmann in Jerusalem”

12:00 – 2:00: Lunch

2:15 – 3:30: **David Bates**: “Enemies into Friends: Arendt on the Perils of Republican Empire”

3:30 – 4:00: Coffee break

4:00 – 6:00: Roundtable discussion with Barnouw, Bates, McGowan, Jeff Isaac, and Bill Scheuerman

## Reception:

6:00 – 7:30: IMU Faculty Club (upstairs)

## Presenters:

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**Dagmar Barnouw** (University of Southern California, German and Comparative Literature) has written with great care, patience, and sensitivity on Arendt’s continuous reflections on the failed German-Jewish symbiosis in her *Visible Spaces: Hannah Arendt and the German-Jewish Experience*. Her other works on German intellectual and cultural history include: *Weimar Intellectuals and the Threat of Modernity*; *Germany 1945: Views of War and Violence*; and, most recently, *The War in the Empty Air: Victims, Perpetrators, and Postwar Germans*.

**David Bates** (University of California—Berkeley, Rhetoric) is the author of *Enlightenment Aberrations: Error and Revolution in France* and numerous articles on 20<sup>th</sup>-century political theology and political theory in the interwar years. He is especially interested in Arendt’s sometimes open, sometimes unacknowledged engagement with the political and legal debates conducted in the interwar years and has recently published “On Revolutions in the Nuclear Age: The Eighteenth Century and the Postwar Global Imagination” (*Qui Parle* 15.2 (2005): 171-195).

**John McGowan** (University of North Carolina, English) has written a superb introductory text, *Hannah Arendt: An Introduction*, and has co-edited a collection of essays, *Hannah Arendt and the Meaning of Politics*, based on a major, international Arendt conference he co-organized with Craig Calhoun. He is also the author of *Postmodernism and Its Critics* and *Democracy’s Children: Intellectuals and the Rise of Cultural Politics*.

## Discussants:

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**Jeffrey C. Isaac** (Indiana University, Political Science) is the Rudy Professor and Chair of Political Science. He has written extensively on Arendt in *Arendt, Camus, and Modern Rebellion*

and *Democracy in Dark Times*. He is also the author of *The Poverty of Progressivism: The Future of Liberal Democracy in a Time of Liberal Decline* and is co-editor of the Cambridge University Press *Contemporary Political Theory* series.

**William E. Scheuerman** (Indiana University, Political Science) has written extensively on German political theory. He is the author of *Between the Norm and the Exception: The Frankfurt School and the Rule of Law*; *Carl Schmitt: The End of Law*; *Liberal Democracy and the Social Acceleration of Time*; and is the editor of *The Rule of Law Under Siege: Selected Essays of Franz L. Neumann and Otto Kirchheimer*.