The School of Social Science Seminar Series Presents:

The Travails of Postcolonialism, Postmodernism and Ethics

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Kingswood Campus Building P.G.26
Bankstown Campus Building 1.1.30

ABSTRACT
This presentation is a survey of postcolonialism as movement that commences as a radical critique, then develops to condition of acceptance and possible co-optation, and finally reaches its present situation, which I will argue is a mode of constructive ethics. Such an ethics, which involves a definite practice as well as theory, is a constructive response to the somewhat moribund state of postmodern ethics. My primary focus will be the work of postcolonial women thinkers, especially those of Chandra Talpade Mohanty and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak.

SPEAKER
Dr. Morny Joy is Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary, Canada. She works and has published in the areas of philosophy and religion, postcolonialism and intercultural studies in South and South-East Asia, as well as in many diverse aspects of women and religion. During the last two years she has co-edited, together with Jeremy Carrette, two posthumous volumes of the work of Grace Jantzen (Routledge). In addition, she has recently published a volume on Continental Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion (Springer). Another edited volume is forthcoming in early 2011, entitled After Appropriation: Explorations in Intercultural Philosophy and Religion.

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