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## MIREILLE ROSELLO

**Hybrid Train to Contingency:  
Pascal Mercier's Transnational Stories**

Lecture **21 October 2013, 18.30–20.00**

Workshop **22 October 2013, 9.30–12.00**

Mireille Rosello is Professor in the Department of Literary Studies at the University of Amsterdam. Her main research interests are gender studies (queer theories and performativity) and diasporic, (post)colonial and globalization studies (especially Europe, the Maghreb and the Caribbean). Her publications include *Infiltrating Culture: Power and Identity in Contemporary Women's Writing* (1996), *Declining the Stereotype: Ethnicity and Representation in French Cultures* (1998), *Postcolonial Hospitality: The Immigrant as Guest* (2001) and *The Reparative in Narratives: Works of Mourning in Progress* (2010). Prof. Rosello is currently working on a collection of essays on European Multilingualism and on "What's Queer About Europe" (with S. Dasgupta).

The workshops with Prof. Butler and Prof. Rosello are open to Swiss and international graduate, post-graduate and post-doctoral students. If you would like to participate in a workshop, please write to [viola.marchi@ccs.unibe.ch](mailto:viola.marchi@ccs.unibe.ch). For more information about the conference with Prof. Esposito please visit [www.extra-subjectivity.org](http://www.extra-subjectivity.org).



## JUDITH BUTLER

**Freedom of Assembly, or We, the People**

Lecture **11 November 2013, 18.30–20.00**

Workshop **12 November 2013, 9.30–12.00**

Judith Butler is Maxine Elliot Professor in the Departments of Rhetoric and Comparative Literature and the co-director of the Program of Critical Theory at the University of California, Berkeley. Prof. Butler is a leading American philosopher who has made significant contributions to the fields of feminist philosophy, queer theory, political philosophy and ethics. She is best known for her seminal work *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity* (1990). Her most recent book is *Parting Ways: Jewishness and the Critique of Zionism* (2012). She was awarded the Theodor W. Adorno Award in 2012 for her work on political theory, moral philosophy and gender studies.

## ROBERTO ESPOSITO

**Community, Immunity and Biopolitics**

Lecture **2 December 2013, 18.30–20.00**

Conference **1 and 2 December 2013**

Roberto Esposito is Professor of Theoretical Philosophy and coordinator of the doctoral program in philosophy at the Italian Institute of Human Sciences. His work pursues a dialogue with significant twentieth century and contemporary philosophers, and his insights weave together the work of various thinkers, leading the reader toward a philosophy he has labeled "the impersonal". He is the author of the trilogy *Communitas* (1998), *Immunitas* (2002) and *Bios* (2004), and of *The Third Person* (2007) and *Living Thought: The Origins and Actuality of Italian Philosophy* (2010). His latest book is *Due* (2013), in which he continues his project of rethinking the lexicon and categories of political philosophy.

All lectures will take place at:  
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Hochschulstrasse 4, 3012 Bern  
Room 220

All workshops will take place at:  
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Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3001 Bern  
Room A-119