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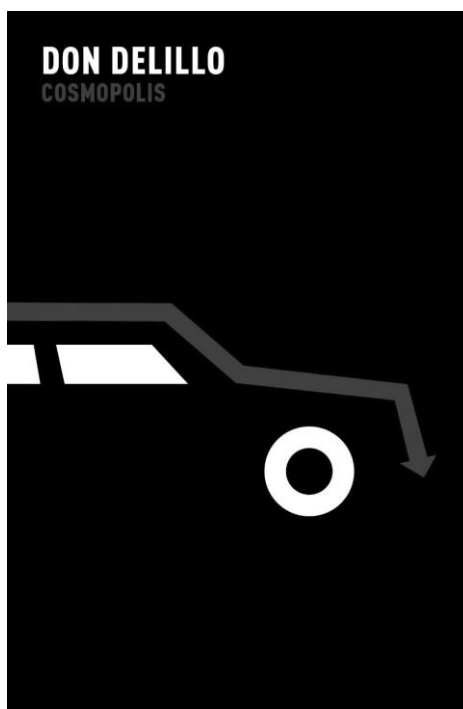
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"From Postcoloniality to Global Media Culture: Reflections on Metropolitan Topography"

Tuesday • 14 May 2013 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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The lecture traces an important paradigm shift from postcoloniality – exemplified by Homi Bhabha's notion of the subversive inscription of non-Western voices into the dominant discourse of the metropolitan center – to the digital media society of late consumer capitalism today, represented by Byung-Chul Han's philosophy of global hyperculture and Paul Virilio's theory of interactive media in the age of acceleration. Through a new reading of Don DeLillo's New York novel *Cosmopolis* (2003), the partiality and limitations of postcolonial theory will emerge as opportunities to re-define its changed significance for our urban topographies today.

Rolf J. Goebel is Professor of German and Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. His publications include *Benjamin heute: Großstadtdiskurs, Postkolonialität und Flanerie zwischen den Kulturen* (2001), *A Franz Kafka Encyclopedia* (co-author, 2005) and *A Companion to the Works of Walter Benjamin* (editor, 2009). His current research focuses on the intermediality of writing, visuality, and sound, especially music.