Reception to celebrate the release of:

This book suggests that we start a new phase in the discourse on responses to “hate speech.” The authors - among them Anthony Appiah, Ronald Dworkin, Miklos Haraszti, Stephen Holmes, Robert Post, Monroe Price, Andrei Richter, Nadine Strossen and Jeremy Waldron - consider whether it is possible to establish carefully tailored policies for “hate speech” that are cognizant of the varying traditions, histories, and values of different countries without making cultural relativism an easy excuse for content-based restrictions that would gravely endanger freedom of expression. Contributors also address questions such as whether the decision to restrict “hate speech” necessarily entail choosing between liberty and equality, and whether incitement that leads to imminent danger is a more reliable concept for defining restrictions than “hate speech”?

Much analysis and hope in both academia and political rhetoric currently rests on ideas of deliberation and post-national democratic practices – the roots of a 'global civil society'. This has taken force as not just an analysis of social and political change, but as a normative project. Dencik argues that counter to much discussion, the very notion of a global civil society needs to be subjected to rigorous critique, given so much of the debate is based on an implicit (and problematic) account of changing conditions, not least within the media. Bridging the gap between different literatures across disciplines and presenting new empirical data on key sites of news production, the book provides a fresh and critical approach to the topical debate on media, globalization and social and political change.

11th May, Friday, 4pm
Japanese Garden* (Nador 11, Faculty Tower 2nd fl)

Light Refreshments will be served. *In case of rain, please come to Gellner Room
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