

Ethics, Hospitality, and Radical Atheism

A Dialogue
Between
Derek Attridge (University of York)
and
Martin Hägglund (Harvard Society of Fellows)

5.15 pm, Thursday March 4, 2010
New Seminar Room, Wadham College
University of Oxford

Hägglund's recent book, *Radical Atheism*, offers a novel and provocative account of Derrida's thinking on life and death, good and evil, self and other. The book has already been the subject of a special issue of *CR: The New Centennial Review* and has prompted enthusiastic critical responses from thinkers like Ernesto Laclau and Derek Attridge. Attridge, eminent literary critic and theorist, is responding to Hägglund in his forthcoming book *Reading and Responsibility*, where he further develops his influential notion of the relation between deconstruction, ethics, and literature. In his response, Attridge raises the question of what difference deconstruction makes for the way we live our lives and opens the stakes of the debate through the question of hospitality. This dialogue will stage a wide-ranging discussion between these distinguished interlocutors before opening the debate to the floor.

Places are limited.

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