

## LECTURE

**Tuesday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup>  
2015**

12:15 - 13:45

Campus Biotech  
Conference Room  
9, chemin des Mines  
Geneva

## Loyalty and Contempt

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The paper discusses recent attempts to justify contempt as a moral attitude and alternatively as a moral emotion. By examining several literary presentations of this attitude or feeling, the paper argues that literature, being varied, nuanced, and open-ended, helps us better understand contempt and its rapport with interpersonal loyalty. It concludes by agreeing with philosophers who, following Martha Nussbaum's example, consider that literature, by presenting a wide gamut of possible attitudes and feelings, is uniquely helpful for identifying emotions and their behavioral manifestation ■

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