



# Cosmopolitanism vs. Globalization

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**508 O'Brian Hall**

**OCTOBER 23rd 10:00-6:00**

**OCTOBER 24th 10:00-1:00**

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

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Conflict between the cultural-critical aspirations of a *cosmopolitanism* originating in the fertile creativity of local contexts in communication with the multiple heritages of a worldwide Republic of Letters, *and* the corrosive vacuity of *globalization* as totalizing administration of universal exchangeability, the one-dimensional ontology of cost-benefit analysis reducing all things to merchandise and all persons to buyers and sellers. What has gone wrong? What is at stake? Who are the antagonists? Can anything be done? How break with the sedative matrix of LED streamed commercial stereotypes and simplicities, ubiquitous dissemination of Spectacle and Celebrity, numbing non-stop barrage of seductive excitations of a world turned planetary shopping mall without exits?