

ANIS MAKDISI MEMORIAL LECTURE 2016

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“The Challenge of Shakespeare”



West Hall (aud. A) / Monday October 3, 2016 (5:30 pm)

In celebration of Shakespeare's quartercentenary, this lecture focuses on *King Lear* in view of exploring the ethical and political implications of Shakespeare's dramatic forms, and the kinds of attention they demand. What kinds of possibilities –what kinds of life– are generated by Shakespearean multiplicity?

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