

The Columbia-Paris Alliance Program and
The Columbia School of International and Public Affairs
in collaboration with International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism present :

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: THE CONTROVERSY

a discussion moderated by **David Remnick**,
Editor of *The New Yorker*

and featuring:

Peter Awn, Professor of Islamic Religion and Comparative Religion,
Director of the Middle East Institute, Columbia University;
Kent Greenawalt, Professor of Law, Columbia University;
Bernard-Henri Lévy, author and philosopher; and
Philippe Schmidt, Chairman of INACH and Vice President of LICRA

Followed by a Q & A session with the audience

Concluding remarks by Bernard-Henri Lévy

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Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, the International Media, Advocacy and
Communications Specialization at SIPA, and the Maison Française.

MODERATOR

David Remnick has been the editor of *The New Yorker* magazine since 1998. He began his reporting career in 1982 at the *Washington Post*, where he served as the paper's Moscow correspondent. His books include *King of the World*, *Resurrection*, and *Lenin's Tomb*, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction and the George Polk award for excellence in journalism. *The New Yorker* has won twenty-four National Magazine Awards since Mr. Remnick has been editor.

PANELISTS

Peter Awn is a Professor of Islamic Religion and Comparative Religion and the Director of the Middle East Institute at Columbia University. Author of the award-winning book *Satan's Tragedy and Redemption: Iblis in Sufi Psychology*, Peter Awn has lectured widely on the role of religion in the current political and social development of the Muslim world. Peter Awn is the Dean of the Columbia School of General Studies and the Acting Dean of the Columbia School of Continuing Education.

Kent Greenawalt is a Professor at the Columbia Law School and the Editor-in-chief of the Columbia Law Review. His publications include *Conflicts of Law and Morality*, *Speech, Crime and the Uses of Language*, among others. A specialist on freedom of speech, Professor Greenawalt's main research interests are constitutional law and jurisprudence, with emphasis in church and state issues, civil disobedience, and criminal responsibility.

Bernard-Henri Lévy, a French philosopher and writer, is the author of New York Times bestseller *American Vertigo: Traveling America in the Footsteps of Tocqueville*. His last book, *Left in Dark Times: A Stand Against The New Barbarism*, was a Los Angeles Times bestseller.

Public Enemies, a book of correspondence co-written with Michel Houellebecq, will be published by Random House in 2010. Last month *Foreign Policy* magazine ranked Bernard-Henri Lévy 31st among the 100 Top Global Thinkers.

Philippe Schmidt is a managing partner of SBKG law firm in Paris. He is the Chairman of the International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH), an organization dedicated to combating hate on the Internet. He is also the Vice President of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA) and one of the members of its legal committee. As one of LICRA's lawyers, Mr. Schmidt has been engaged in many cases related to racism and anti-Semitism and specializes on the issue of hate on the Internet. He is an alumnus of the Columbia School of Law (1991).

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