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Evicted from Eternity-The Restructuring of Modern Rome

by Michael Herzfeld, Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University

About this Lecture

Professor Herzfeld will discuss his new book, *Evicted from Eternity-The Restructuring of Modern Rome*, which focuses on Rome's historic Monti district and the wrenching dislocation caused by rapid economical, political, and social change. *Evicted from Eternity* tells the story of the gentrification of Monti—once the architecturally stunning home of a community of artisans and shopkeepers now displaced by an invasion of rapacious real estate speculators, corrupt officials, dithering politicians, deceptive clerics, and shady thugs.

He will also screen his short film, *Monti Moments: Men's Memories in the Heart of Rome*.

About Professor Herzfeld

Michael Herzfeld was educated at the Universities of Cambridge (B.A. in Archaeology and Anthropology), Athens (non-degree program in Greek Folklore), Birmingham (M.A., Modern Greek Studies and D.Litt.); and Oxford (Social Anthropology, D.Phil.).

He has taught at Vassar College and Indiana University where he served as Associate Chair of the Research Center for Language and Semiotic Studies and as Chair of the Department of Anthropology. He was Lord Simon Visiting Professor at the University of Manchester and has also taught at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, at the Università di Padova, the Università di Roma "La Sapienza" and University of Melbourne and has held visiting research appointments at the Australian National University, the University of Sydney, the University of Adelaide, and at the Université de Paris-X.

A past president of both the Modern Greek Studies Association and the Society for the Anthropology of Europe, he was previous editor of *American Ethnologist* and has also served as an Associate Editor of *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*; he serves on numerous editorial boards. He currently serves as editor at large for *Anthropological Quarterly*, with responsibility for the new feature "Polyglot Perspectives".

He is the author of *Ours Once More: Folklore, Ideology, and the Making of Modern Greece* (1982), *The Poetics of Manhood: Contest and Identity in a Cretan Mountain Village*, *Anthropology through the Looking-Glass: Critical Ethnography in the Margins of Europe* (1987), *A Place in History: Social and Monumental Time in a Cretan Town* (1991), *The Social Production of Indifference: The Symbolic Roots of Western Bureaucracy* (1992), *Cultural Intimacy: Social Poetics in the Nation-State* (1997), *Portrait of a Greek Imagination: An Ethnographic Biography of Andreas Nenedakis* (1997); *Anthropology: Theoretical Practice in Culture and Society* (2001) and *The Body Impolitic: Artisans and Artifice in the Global Hierarchy of Value* (2004).



His latest book is *Evicted from Eternity – the Restructuring of Modern Rome* (2009).

In 1997 Herzfeld was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 2005.

Lecture Details

Date: Thursday, 20 August 2009

Time: 6.00pm-8.00pm

Venue: Social Sciences Lecture Theatre, UWA

(The nearest carpark is P3 off Hackett Drive Entrance 1)

This lecture is free and open to the public, no RSVP required

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