European identity issues: Thoughts on transcultural citizenship

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What does it mean to be European? Is there such a thing as a distinct European identity?

These questions have perplexed academics and politicians alike, particularly in the context of political legitimacy for European Union institutions. Answers have proven difficult to find. So why not leave it open?

The speaker will argue for the possibility of a transcultural citizenship that supports hybridity and at the same time fosters a feeling of Europeanness.

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All welcome - no charge

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Time: 6:00-6:30pm Light refreshments
       6:30-7:30pm Seminar
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