

YALE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
Study Group Spring 2012
Wednesdays 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
New Haven Lawn Club, 193 Whitney Avenue

The Booker Through its Books: Prize Culture and the Making of Contemporary Literature.

Speaker: **Amy Hungerford**, Professor of English and American Studies at Yale.

- March 21:** Salman Rushdie, *Midnight's Children*
March 28: Kazuo Ishiguro, *The Remains of the Day*
April 4: Alan Hollinghurst, *The Line of Beauty*
April 11: Emma Donoghue, *Room*

In the speaker's words: "We live in an age where prizes in the arts have the power to make or break careers. What do literary prizes, and the books to which they are awarded, tell us about the role of literature, and of celebrity authors, in our culture today? In this series of lectures, we will consider the relationship between prizes and new writing by reading four novels that have won the Man Booker Prize. Each novel—and the story of its reception as a Man Booker winner—represents a different take on what we value in new writing. And each reflects a different understanding of the world encompassed by contemporary British, Irish, and Commonwealth writing. The novels range through colonial history, British politics, the English romance of the "great house," the aesthetic legacies of Henry James and Jane Austen, the underground gay life in London, and the most intimate questions of love, freedom, and fear. "

Amy Hungerford is Professor of English and American Studies at Yale, where she has taught since 1999. She is the author of two books on American literature from the mid-twentieth century through the present. She is currently serving as Acting Master of Calhoun College.

Questions? Please call Kirsti Langbein at 203-389-6564

REGISTRATION FORM

This course is open to YUWO members who will be given first consideration. If space is available, each member may register one paid guest. The fee is **\$50** per person for the series.

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