



**The Centre for European Studies and the Institute of European and Russian Studies invite you to a public seminar:**

**Is there a European Society?  
Social Conditions for Democracy in the  
European Union**

**a public lecture with  
Dr. Achim Hurrelmann**

The European Union is faced with a double challenge of accommodating the biggest enlargement in its history while at the same time democratizing its institutional structure through the first EU Constitution. Yet given the social heterogeneity of the enlarged EU, many commentators question whether the Union can be democratized at all. Against this background, this lecture discusses which social preconditions have to be obtained for democratic institutions to function, and to what extent these conditions are met in the EU. It also sketches some implications for the design of EU institutions.

**Where:** Loeb Building A 602, Carleton University  
**When:** Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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