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CSLS SPEAKER SERIES

Monday, February 6, 2017

TOM LAQUEUR

Helen Fawcett Professor of History, UC Berkeley

“The Law of Dead Bodies and the Making of a Liberal Civil Order”

This is a talk about the changing legal status of dead in the making of liberal society. It will focus on two issues in the English case: the freedom to bury in the churchyards of the Anglican, that is the State church, and on the legal status of dead pauper bodies whom nobody owns. The first story begins with the problem of what to do with the Catholic dead after the Reformation and end with the 1881 Burial Act that allowed for anyone to be buried in a churchyard. The second story will look backwards and forwards at the Anatomy Act of 1834.

An excerpt from Professor Laqueur’s book, *The Work of the Dead: A Cultural History of Mortal Remains* (Princeton University Press, October 2016), is available online at our website and in hard copy at the Center.

PLACE Selznick Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Ave.
TIME **12:45 – 2:00pm**. Coffee and water provided. Bag lunches welcome.
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