

The Art & Architecture Club
is pleased to announce a Port Talk
by a major figure in
contemporary continental philosophy

Graham Harman

8 pm, July 8, Churchill Room, London
House, Goodenough College, WC1N 2AB.

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Graham Harman is Associate Vice Provost for Research at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. He is the author of *Tool-Being: Heidegger and the Metaphysics of Objects* (2002), *Guerrilla Metaphysics: Phenomenology and the Carpentry of Things* (2005), *Heidegger Explained: From Phenomenon to Thing* (2007), and *Prince of Networks: Bruno Latour and Metaphysics* (2009). Forthcoming in 2010 are *L'objet quadruple* (PUF) and *Circus Philosophicus* (zerO Books).

In this talk Professor Harman will discuss the Speculative Realist movement (which he co-founded) and his own "object-oriented" variant of this philosophy. Speculative Realism was designed to challenge the excessively human-centered model of recent continental philosophy (that's the "realist" part) without falling into an unimaginative version of commonsense realism (that's the "speculative" part). In Harman's own object-oriented philosophy, the monopoly granted by Immanuel Kant to human-world interaction is replaced by a world in which the human-world relation is placed on the same footing as the interactions between cotton and fire or raindrops and wood. All things withdraw from direct interaction with each other, and causation can only be indirect or "vicarious."