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How “Ordinary” are Ordinary Perpetrators?

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Emory University
Oxford Road Building, Presentation Auditorium
1390 Oxford Road, 3rd Floor
(near upper level entrance to Barnes and Noble Bookstore)

Dr. Abram de Swaan, a Dutch essayist, noted Sociologist, and Professor Emeritus from the University of Amsterdam will present his new book, The Killing Compartments: The Mentality of Mass Murder.

For the fall semester 2015, de Swaan has been appointed Queen Wilhelmina Visiting Professor at Columbia University in New York. He is teaching a course for graduate and advanced undergraduate students on The Other Idea of Europe: Mass Annihilation in the 20th Century.

During his distinguished academic career, De Swaan has studied, taught and served in high-ranking positions at prestigious universities in Europe and the United States, and traveled through Asia and Africa. His expansive research in the fields of sociology, political science and psychoanalysis have resulted in an impressive list of books published in Dutch and English. His current research interests have gravitated towards the sociological study of transnational society, especially the prospects of transnational social policy and the emergent world language system.

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