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& STEPHEN D. SEELY**

# THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION

**BEYOND THE  
DEAD ENDS OF MAN**

## Invitation Uitnodiging Taletšo

Seminar series by

**Drucilla Cornell** and **Stephan Seely** based on

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The Department of Jurisprudence in the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria cordially invites you to a seminar series by

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<b>Date</b>	25, 27 and 28 July 2016
<b>Time</b>	17:30 to 20:30
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In recent years, feminist and queer theory have effectively disavowed both the human and revolutionary politics. In the face of massive geopolitical crisis, posthumanists have called for us to fundamentally reconsider the superiority and centrality of mankind and the human, and question how Man can presume to change the world by revolutionary action, particularly when Marx's dreams seem to have been swept into the dustbin of history.

This provocative book reaffirms what is most basic in feminism – the attack on the universality and sovereignty of Man – but contends that the only way this can mean anything other than pessimistic rhetoric is to embrace human agency and the struggle against colonialism and capitalism. In a series of creolized readings – Foucault with Ali Shari'ati, Lacan with Fanon, and Spinoza with Sylvia Wynter – the authors demonstrate what is at stake in the ongoing debate between humanism and posthumanism, putting this debate in the context of contemporary global crises and the possibilities of revolution.

In its defense of political spirituality, this book pushes for a new trajectory in response to the gross inequalities of today, one that offers us a very different view of revolution and its present-day potential.\*

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