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Royal Institute of Philosophy Public Lecture

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Dogwhistles & Figleaves: Techniques of Racist Political Manipulation

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Abstract

Until recently, it was widely believed that explicit expressions of racism would doom a political candidacy in the United States. Yet nonetheless racism was a frequently used tool that won many elections. This talk examines one of the methods, the dogwhistle, that allowed such racist electoral victories. It then turns to the present day, in which explicit racism is proving remarkably successful. Here I explore a different linguistic technique, the fig leaf, which I take to have enabled this success.



About the Speaker

Jennifer Saul is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Sheffield. She works in philosophy of language, feminism, and philosophy of race. Her most recent books are two edited collections (with Michael Brownstein), *Implicit Bias and Philosophy Volumes 1 and 2*. She is currently working at the intersection of philosophy of language and philosophy of race.

Registration

All lectures are free and open to the public without registration. Lectures start at 5.15pm and last for 50 minutes, with 40 minutes for questions, followed by a wine reception.

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