

# PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

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**"Emotional Choice & Rational Choice"**

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Paper: 3:30 P.M.; Learning Center, Room 180

Refreshments: 5:30 P.M.; Ashe Building, Room 735

Before coming to Columbia University, Dr. Jon Elster taught in Paris, Oslo and Chicago. His publications include *Leibniz et la formation de l'esprit capitaliste* (Paris, 1975), *Logic and Society* (New York, 1978), *Ulysses and the Sirens* (Cambridge, 1979), *Sour Grapes: Studies in the Subversion of Rationality* (Cambridge, 1983), *Making Sense of Marx* (Cambridge, 1985), *The Cement of Society: A Study of Social Order* (Cambridge, 1989), *Solomonic Judgements: Studies in the Limitation of Rationality* (Cambridge, 1989), *Nuts and Bolts for the Social Sciences* (Cambridge, UK, 1989), *Local Justice: How Institutions Allocate Scarce Goods and Necessary Burdens* (Russell Sage, 1992), *Strong Feelings: Emotion, Addiction, and Human Behavior* (MIT Press, 1999), *Alchemies of the Mind: Rationality and the Emotions* (Cambridge, 1999), *Ulysses Unbound: Studies in Rationality, Precommitment, and Constraints* (Cambridge, 2002), *Closing the Books: Transitional Justice in Historical Perspective* (Cambridge, 2004), and *Explaining Social Behavior: More Nuts and Bolts for the Social Sciences* (Cambridge, 2007). His research interests include the theory of rational choice, the theory of distributive justice and the history of social thought (Marx and Tocqueville). He is currently working on a comparative study of constitution-making processes from the Federal Convention to the present and on a study of retroactive justice in countries that have recently emerged from authoritarian or totalitarian rule.



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