



*Rethinking the Contemporary:  
The World since the Cold War*

***Pankaj Mishra: Age of Anger***

*Nihilism in the 21st Century:  
A Conversation with Pankaj Mishra,  
Shruti Kapila and David Priestland*

Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 p.m.  
Nissan Lecture Theatre,  
St Antony's College

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**Pankaj Mishra's** *From the Ruins of Empire: The Revolt Against the West and the Remaking of Asia* became the first book by a non-Western writer to win Germany's prestigious Leipzig Book Award for European Understanding. Mishra regularly contributes literary and political essays to the *New York Times*, the *New York Review of Books*, *The Guardian*, the *New Yorker*, *London Review of Books* and *Bloomberg View*.

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**All are welcome**

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