Description: Drawing on her new book *Beheading the Saint: Nationalism, Religion and Secularism in Quebec* (Chicago 2016), Geneviève Zubrzycki will discuss the contribution of the new materialism for the study of nationalism.

Geneviève Zubrzycki is Professor of Sociology and director of the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia at the University of Michigan. Her work examines politics and religion, nationalism, as well as national mythology and the politics of commemorations. She is the author of *The Crosses of Auschwitz: Nationalism and Religion in Post-Communist Poland* (University of Chicago Press 2006), which received several awards including the ASA’s Distinguished Book Award in the Sociology of Religion. In fall 2016, she published *Beheading the Saint: Nationalism, Religion and Secularism in Quebec* (University of Chicago Press, 2016), which received the ASA’s Distinguished Book Award in Political Sociology (2017). She also edited the volume *National Matters: Materiality, Culture, and Nationalism* (Stanford, 2017) and is now completing a third monograph on narratives of otherness and symbolic boundary-making in contemporary Poland through a study of a Jewish revival and philosemitism in that country.