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## Public Lecture

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### The Garden of the World:

#### Victorian Visions of Italy

This presentation will offer an overview of the role that the Italian peninsula played in the imaginative geography of Victorian culture. At once a repository of cultural treasures as well as the redoubt of both backward (but alluring) religion and Mediterranean passion, Italy, for the Victorians, was simultaneously pagan, papist, and cosmopolitan. This talk will explore the dynamics of this Victorian form of “occidentalism,” with special attention to pivotal literary figures such as the Brownings and George Eliot.



Date: Thursday, January 17

Time: 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** University of Toronto, Carr Hall, Room 404, located at 100 St. Joseph Street, St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. (First street north of Wellesley; parking lot is opposite Carr Hall).

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