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## SPRING LECTURES 2012

### FICTION & REALITY: Literature as a Means of Exploring Identities

## LECTURE

Tuesday April 3  
19.00

**LAURENT MIGNON**  
Oxford University

*Unveiled Wor(l)ds:  
Judeo-Turkish Literature  
From the 19<sup>th</sup> Century To the Present Day*

Dr. Laurent Mignon is University Lecturer in Turkish at the University of Oxford and a fellow of St Antony's college. His research interests include modern Turkish literature and intellectual history, minority literature, socialist literature, biblical themes in Turkish literature and modern Jewish intellectual history. He is currently working on the emergence of Judeo-Turkish literature, covering the period between the publication of the first Turkish newspapers in Hebrew script in the 1870s and the 1950s. He also works on an alternative history of modern Turkish literature from the emergence of the Armeno-Turkish novel and Hovsep Vartanyan's romantic rebellion against tradition and the religious establishment to the poet Asaf Halet Çelebi's subversion of the nationalist canon in his surrealist mystical verses. His latest book is *Ana Metne Taşınan Dipnotlar* (Footnotes Moving to the Main Text, 2009).

*Refreshments are served after the lecture*