Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak:
Scattered Speculations on Using the Enlightenment

Friday, 22nd June, 2012, 7 p.m.
EHESS, 105 bd. Raspail, 75006 Paris, halls 7 + 8 on the 2nd floor

In her talk, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak will speak on interdisciplinarity and relate it to “Scattered Speculation.” More specifically, she will look at Chartism as an attempt at the public use of reason and offer a reading of Mrs. Gaskell's novel *North and South* (1854-55). She will pursue the questions thus raised through a consideration of the writings of Rosa Luxemburg, Antonio Gramsci, and W. E. B Du Bois and conclude with a reading of Tillie Olsen’s novel *Tell Me a Riddle* (1961).

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak is a professor of Columbia University. She is best known for the essay “Can the Subalterm Speak?”, considered a founding text of post-colonialism, and for her translation of Jacques Derrida’s *Of Grammatology*.

The lecture takes place in the context of Prof. Dr. Olivier Remaud's seminar “Qui sont les Cosmopolites ?” / “Who are the Cosmopolitans?” at the EHESS Paris and the ENGLOBE Summer School “Development as a Parameter of Global History” held at the Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines from 17th to 22nd June, 2012.