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## ANN COULTER AND THE WOMEN OF THE NEW RIGHT

*Who is Ann Coulter and what function does she serve for the New Right?*

### **Lecture**

*Thursday November 2nd*

**1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**

**HMNSS 1500**

### **Roundtable**

*Friday November 3rd*

**Noon—1:30 PM**

**HMNSS 2212**

**(English Department Conference Room)**

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This talk will explore these questions, arguing that the desire to dismiss Coulter as trivial and irrelevant misses the importance of her "author function" - the way in which her attacks on a caricatured form of "liberalism" are packaged together with her claims to "public intellectual" status and her celebrity good looks to fuel the culture wars, mobilize factions of the conservative base, and move political debate rightward.

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