

# The Wolfe Institute

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*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
in cooperation with the MFA Program in Poetry and the Department of English,  
presents*

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## A Reading

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# Joseph O'Neill



**Joseph O'Neill** was born in Cork, Ireland, in 1964 and grew up in Mozambique, South Africa, Iran, Turkey, and Holland. His most recent novel, *Netherland* (Pantheon, 2008), which was awarded the 2009 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, “gives us both a flawlessly drawn picture of a little-known New York and a story of much larger, and brilliantly achieved ambition: the grand strangeness and fading promise of 21st century America from an outsider’s vantage point, and the complicated relationship between the American dream and the particular dreamers.” O’Neill’s previous works include the novels *This is the Life* and *The Breezes* and the non-fiction book *Blood-Dark Track*, a family history centered on the mysterious imprisonment of both his grandfathers during World War II, which was named a NYT Notable Book. He writes regularly for *The Atlantic*. He currently lives with his family in New York City.

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**Wednesday, April 29, 2009  
from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Penthouse Solarium, Brooklyn College Student Center  
Campus Road and East 27th Street**

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