

DEMOCRACY AND THE HUMANITIES:

A CONVERSATION WITH CORNEL WEST

Join an evening of conversation with renowned public intellectual Dr. Cornel West on the future of democracy and American universities. Dr. West will explore questions including: Why do the humanities matter for democracy? What are the most pressing challenges facing our society, and how do literature, history, philosophy, religion, and the arts empower us to address those challenges? How can universities shape the civic life of a nation and elevate the voices of its members, and how can we both defend and reimagine higher education in a time of political polarization and anti-intellectualism?

Moderated by Dr. Elias Sacks, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and Religious Studies and Faculty Director for Public Scholarship in the Office of Faculty Affairs.

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CASE Auditorium

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Boulder faculty, staff and students
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