



**THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY
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cordially invite you to a lecture by

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**"Those who burn books will in the end burn
people" - the context of Heine's warning**

The lecture will try to contextualize Heine's famous statement, now engraved on the memorial in Bebel Plaza at Unter-den-Linden in Berlin, on the site of the Nazi book burning in 1933. Heine's 1821 play "Al Mansor" will be discussed, as well as the book burning at the 1817 student Wartburg Festival, one of the most significant of German nationalism in the post-1815 period. The implication for future German history of students and their professors burning books will also be touched upon.

Tuesday 11 of March 6.00 P.M.

Popper Room (103), Monument Building

SHLOMO AVINERI, Professor of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities. is a graduate of the Hebrew University and the London School of Economics, and served as Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the first government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. He held visiting appointments at Yale, Cornell, University of California, Cardozo School of Law, Australian National University, Oxford and Northwestern University; and has been a Fellow at the Brookings Institution and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both in Washington, D.C., the Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) in Moscow, and Collegium Budapest. He is Recurring Visiting Professor at the Central European University in Budapest. In 1996 he received the Israel Prize, the country's highest civilian decoration. Among his books: *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*, *Hegel's Theory of the Modern State*, *Israel and the Palestinians*, *Karl Marx on Colonialism and Modernization*, *The Making of Modern Zionism*, *Moses Hess: Prophet of Communism and Zionism*, and *Communitarianism and Individualism*. His most recent book is "Herzl: Theodor Herzl and the Foundation of the Jewish State" recently published by Orion Press in London



A reception will follow.