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## **Max O'Rell and the Cross-national Debate over Manners and Morals**

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The French author and lecturer Max O'Rell (1847-1903) was a central figure of the cross-national debate over manners and morals between France, Britain and the United States at the end of the nineteenth century. By presenting the results of my biographical research of Max O'Rell, by discussing his difficult relationship with Mark Twain and by investigating representations of women and gender relations this talk will demonstrate that this cross-national exchange was undertaken by well-informed and closely linked participants who not only shared fundamental social values and but had a common agenda.

Time:	<b>3:30 to 5:00pm</b>
Date:	<b>Friday 21 August 2009</b>
Location:	<b>Room 501, Arts Centre, University of Melbourne</b>