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Tocqueville's New Liberalism

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America's First Cause

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Forms of Greatness in Democracy

Wednesday, March 26

The Mild Despotism of Rational Control

All lectures 4:30 p.m.

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Harvey C. Mansfield is William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Government at Harvard University. His research, teaching, and writings focus on political philosophy. He has authored numerous books and articles. He has written on Edmund Burke and the nature of political parties, on Machiavelli and the invention of indirect government, in defense of a defensible liberalism, and in favor of a constitutional American political science. He has also written on the discovery and development of the theory of executive power, and is a translator of Machiavelli and Tocqueville. His most recent book, published by Yale University Press in 2006, is on manliness. Mansfield served as Chairman of Harvard's Government Department from 1973 to 1977, has held Guggenheim and National Humanities Center Fellowships, and served on the National Council on the Humanities. In 2004 he received the National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush, and, in 2007, he delivered the Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities, the highest honor the federal government bestows for distinguished intellectual and public achievement in the humanities. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard University and has hardly left Harvard since his first arrival in 1949. He has been on the faculty of Harvard since 1962. Some people, with some reason, call him a conservative.