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John R. Searle, the Mills Professor of the Philosophy of Mind and Language at UC Berkeley, will give a public lecture on "The Construction of Social Reality" presented by the UCSD Center for the Humanities Thursday, Oct. 15 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 108 of Peterson Lecture Hall on the La Jolla campus.

Searle is a leading philosopher "world famous for his work on speech act theory" (Oxford University Gazette) whose most recent books are *The Mystery of Consciousness* (1997) *The Construction of Social Reality* (1995) and *The Rediscovery of the Mind* (1992). His contributions to the field of philosophy include his 1980 "Chinese Room Analogy," a much-discussed refutation of the idea that the human brain is a computer and the mind is a kind of software.

Searle also has won renown as a provocative lecturer. The Times Higher Education Supplement states, "Wittgenstein once remarked that a philosopher who doesn't engage in public debate is like a boxer who never enters the ring. By this standard, John Searle is a true prizefighter."

Searle's lecture will be followed by a panel discussion of his views by three UCSD professors: Roy D'Andrade of Anthropology, Richard Arneson of Philosophy and Ronald Langacker of Linguistics.

The UCSD Center for the Humanities lecture is free and open to the public.

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