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# Helpless against the tides: The Spirit of the Times in Doris Lessing's Autobiographies

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015**

**12:15 - 1:20 P.M.**

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Presentation and discussion begin at 12:30  
Lunch provided!

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