

ECONOMY of DESIRE

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The Phenomenology of Desire. John Paul II and late Capitalism

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DESCRIPTION

Although John Paul II stood behind the revolution of the Spirit that toppled Communism, for him, Communism was but an example of a system based on the anthropological error. While Marxism cooled desires, late capitalism is constantly heating them, but they both endorse a reductive vision of being human. In a series of five seminars, we will show the hidden sources of Wojtyła's integral vision. We will extend his phenomenology of sexuality to an analysis of economy. As his method is phenomenological, we will show that the primal experience he drew on was his own. Finally, we will show the links between Wojtyła's philosophy, Catholic Social Teaching and the vision of Pope Francis. The prophetic goal set by Wojtyła was the continuation of the revolution of the Spirit and the final realization of a true theology of liberation. We want to think not about Wojtyła's past accomplishments and with Wojtyła about our future.

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- Seminar 1 Shame, Sex and Love (Scheler, *Über Scham und Schamgefühl*; Wojtyła, *The Metaphysics of Shame*, in: *Love and Responsibility*)
- Seminar 2 Love and Economy (The Acting Person, *Evangelium vitae*)
- Seminar 3 Country Priest and Young Pope (Juliusz Słowacki, *King-Spirit*; Oskar Miłosz, Miguel Mañara, Wojtyła, Stanislas)
- Seminar 4 Marxism, Capitalism and Solidarity (unpublished Wojtyła's lectures: *Catholic Social Ethics*, Walter Benjamin, Giorgio Agamben, *Laborem exercens*)
- Seminar 5 The true Theology of Liberation: Wojtyła, Bergoglio and the West (*Solicitudo rei socialis*, *Centesimus annus*).

METHODOLOGY

Seminar discussion; commentary of texts

EVALUATION

Participation in discussion