# ANARCHY, THE HUMAN FAMILY & POST-MODERN THEOLOGY

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## I. DESCRIPTION

It is sometimes said that the institution of the familyis the original human community, such that it precedes every other human community and organizing principle of 'society'. If this is so, the family is *par excellence* a pre-governable fact, the infrastructure of which is bound up with the basic metaphysical constitution of being human. At the same time, this suggests that he who successfully submits the family to his will, governs 'human reality'. Reading in the works of FabriceHadjaj, SlavojŽižek, Judith Butler, Pope Francis, Michel Foucault and Hans Urs von Balthasar, this course will explore the family as the original anarchic human community, against modernitypossess a craven will to dominate, reconstruct and submit to the regulation of the State through the joint arms of technology and ideology.

## II. CONTENTS

- Post-Modern Anthropology
  - Hans Urs von Balthasar
- Beyond 'Sexual Identity'
  - Judith Butler
  - Michel Foucault
- Cyborgs, Surrogates and Eugenics
  - Donna Harraway
  - Helen Alvaré
- 'Human Ecology' and the Family
  - Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis
- What is a Family?
  - FabriceHadjadj
  - SlavojŽižek

## III. METHODOLOGY

Seminar discussion Commentary of texts

## IV. EVALUATION

Participation in the discussion