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Guest lecture

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Fear and Violence in the Works of Morris Berman and René Girard
Monday, 24th of October, 7 p.m., SR VI (Karl-Rahner-Platz 3 – 1st floor)

Moderation: Wolfgang Palaver

René Girard and Morris Berman never refer to each other's work. However, the topics covered by these two thinkers intersect at key points. But there are also key differences in how these two themes are developed, and it is clear that Girard's theory can be enriched by Berman's system of categorization. Berman constructs a historic typology characterized by a variety of mediators that are imitated. In primitive, nomadic societies, models known as "diffuse upbringing," "paradoxical or peripheral consciousness," "egalitarian society," and "immediate return economy" lead to certain mediators or means of conflict resolution that never occurred to Girard and that make his "scapegoat mechanism" less important as a peacekeeping method characterized by benevolent violence.

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