

The Chair of Philosophy at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Prof. Dr. Walter Schweidler) in collaboration with the Institute of Systematic Theology at the University of Innsbruck (Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Palaver) will sponsor the

2014 meeting of COV&R in the context of the conference

**"Battling to the End" 1914-2014
The Escalation of Violence and Victimization
Rene Girard and Jean-Luc Marion**

The memory of the outbreak of the First World War a hundred years ago raises far-reaching questions concerning the source and course of violent confrontation towards total conflict since the beginning of the nineteenth century. René Girard's 2007 discussion of the escalation of violence in *Achever Clausewitz: entretiens avec Benoît Chantre* (Flammarion 2007)/*Battling to the End. Conversations with Benoît Chantre* (Michigan State University Press) brings the resources of mimetic theory to the analysis of this increasing departure from limited warfare ("The apocalypse began at Verdun"). The conference will seek to compare the contribution of mimetic theory towards understanding the contemporary history of violence with the insights of the theory of donation developed by Jean-Luc Marion, who has agreed to address the conference. The official call for papers will be issued by the sponsors before the end of 2013.

**The conference will take place from 21 - 24 July 2014
at the Bildungszentrum Kardinal Doepfner Haus,
Domberg 27, 85354 Freising, Germany.**

The chief conference language will be English.

The historic city of Freising is located near the International Munich Airport ("Flughafen Franz-Josef Strauss") just north of Munich and is easily accessible by taxi and rail service.

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