

Conference

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'One splits into two, two doesn't merge into one'. The slogan made quite a stir in its day, combining the air of a purely mathematical axiom with a political mandate. Under the cloak of a universal truth there lies a political dagger. The formula combines under the same heading a mathematical adage, an ontological statement, and a political stance. So why does one split into two, necessarily, in mathematics, in ontology, and in politics? And why, once we arrive at Two, at a foundational split, can we never return to the supposed unity of One? The different lectures will explore this problem from Hegel to Lacan, from sexuality to politics.

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ONE DIVIDES INTO TWO

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Slavoj Žižek: "Hegel as a Critic of Marx: King, Sex, Rabble, and War"
"Hegel: Universality, Sexual Difference, and Differentia Specifica"

Alenka Zupančič: "Realism in Psychoanalysis"
"Ontology and Sexual Difference"

Mladen Dolar: "One Divides into Two"
"Hegel and Freud: Negativity and its Vicissitudes"

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