Foreword

The two texts published here reproduce, with slight variations and additions, two seminars on civil war given at Princeton University in October 2001. It is up to readers to determine to what extent the theses advanced here — which identify the fundamental threshold of politicisation in the West in civil war and the constitutive element of the modern State in 'ademia' (that is, in the absence of a people) — still apply, or whether, to the contrary, the passage into the dimension of global civil war has altered their meaning in an essential manner.

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