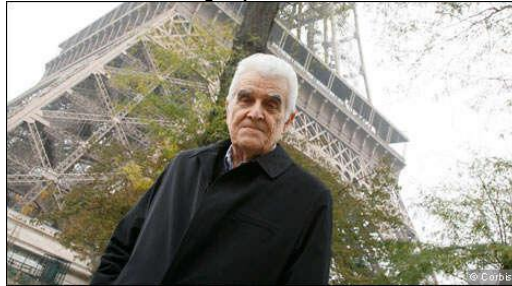


CRISIS AND ITS MANAGEMENT: LEADERSHIP AND RELATIONSHIP IN ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

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Crisis is a recurring feature of our communal lives, as unmet desires and contrasting personalities clash in communities and organisations. In our personal and professional relationships we must confront these crises, and it is the particular task of leaders (whether in families, communities or organisations) to analyse, manage and resolve them.

Crisis is also a marked feature of our time as we witness the growth of terrorism and war, as well as the fragmentation and breakdown of many traditional institutions in the West (for good or ill), such as the family, local communities, male-dominated workplaces, unions, political parties, the media, and economic and financial structures.

René Girard's insights into mimetic desire, violence, culture and religion provide unique resources to engage with and analyse the dynamics of crisis and how human communities and organisations can respond to these crises, particularly after the breakdown of the traditional cultural means of resolving crisis through the scapegoat mechanism. Girard's most recent work on apocalypse provides pointed warnings about the nature and extent of crisis.

Keynote Speakers for the Conference:

"Risky Business: Mimetic Theory, Executive Envy and Corporate Competitiveness"

Associate Professor Jennifer George, Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne.

"Resident Aliens? The Role of Christian and of the Church in managing and transforming mimetic crisis".

Rev. Professor Józef Niewiadomski, Catholic Faculty of Theology, University of Innsbruck.

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