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# Introduction

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In January of this year, we were asked if we would be interested in publishing the contributions to a one-day workshop that was to be held at the end of that month at the University of California at Santa Cruz. The subject was left conservatism. We agreed, knowing the reputations of the scheduled contributors, even though we did not know in advance what any one of them planned to say. From both the range and passion of audience response—to the flyer announcing the workshop as well as the workshop itself, as well as to the articles that have appeared in both *The Nation* and *Lingua Franca* concerning the proceedings—it appears that the contributors discussed a sensitive subject of great interest.

We are presenting the symposium into two parts. In this issue, we offer the text of the flyer that was sent out announcing the symposium, Chris Connery's introduction to the workshop, and the presentations of Wendy Brown, Judith Butler, and Paul Buttegieg. In the next issue, we will offer the presentation of Paul Bové, a direct transcript of the question and answer period that followed the presentations, and an essay by Jonathan Arac, who had originally been scheduled to appear at Santa Cruz, but was detained.

As always, we welcome and encourage your considered responses to the substance of the arguments.

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