

ANTI-DOMINATION, LIMITLESS FREEDOM AND THE POLITICS AND ETHICS OF THE IMPOSSIBLE PROF. WAYNE CRISTAUDO PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

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This talk is taken from a chapter of the book I am presently writing, Ideas and World-Making: A Philosophical Historical Anthropology for Social Thought. The core argument of the book is that the recurrent temptation that philosophy keeps succumbing to is the Platonic decision to equate ideas with models rather than with the social process of naming. After outlining the structure of the book as whole, I will focus upon how the 'anti-domination' philosophies of the 1960s (which still dominate social theory today) were, in spite of such ostensibly anti-idealist inspirations as Marx, Nietzsche, and Heidegger, yet another philosophical variant of idealism.



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