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Seminar on primitivism, anarchism and anthropology – John Zerzan and the postmodern world

23rd May 2009, Tampere, Finland

The seminar will be devoted to the thought of John Zerzan, anarchist and philosopher, whose critique of civilization and call for a non-domesticated form of life has been described as ‘primitivist.’ Zerzan has not only analysed agricultural and industrial society in detail, but also drawn on anthropological research on prehistoric and other ‘primitive’ societies in describing egalitarian and non-alienated ways of communal life. Zerzan has contributed to anarchist theory for decades, especially on topics of ecology, anti-technology, post-leftism and postmodernity.

We invite presentations and papers on any aspect of Zerzan’s thought and themes related to it. The presentation is limited to 30 minutes plus 15 minutes for discussion. John Zerzan will give a talk on “From Band Society to Technoculture: A Few Comments” to the seminar, and will be present to discuss and comment on the presentations. The seminar will close with a general discussion. Proposals for papers and presentations can be made in the form of an abstract (ca. 500 words) or a full

paper. The deadline for proposals is 6th of April. Presenters will be notified by 23rd of April. Full papers will be copied to all participants of the seminar.

Please, send your proposal to twentythirdseminar@gmail.com

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