

# Benchmarks

This issue marks the tenth anniversary of ***Anthropoetics*** and the beginning of its second decade. Particularly appropriate to the occasion is a collective dialogue about **GA** by the Vancouver group **Sparagmos!** which includes three ***Anthropoetics*** contributors, **Andrew Bartlett** (X, 1), **Chris Morrissey** (IX, 1), and **Richard van Oort**, who has been with us since issue I, 1. The fourth member is **Pablo Bandera**, son of **Cesareo Bandera**, author of *The Sacred Game* (Penn SUP, 1994) and *Mimesis conflictiva* (Madrid, 1975).

The Australian team of **Fleming & O'Carroll**, after taking up the ethics of **GA** in ***Anthropoetics*** VIII, 2 and anti-Americanism in IX, 2, further demonstrate their breadth of knowledge and interests with a stimulating exploratory article on the anthropology of Romanticism.

This issue also contains two Girardian studies based on the Bible. **Eugene Webb**, who has been interested in Girard's work for many years, suggests a nuanced view of the sacrificial passages of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and **Gabriel Andrade**, a COV&R stalwart, takes up the central anthropological category of kinship, with specific reference to Jesus' de-emphasis on kinship relations in the Gospels.

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