Employing the method of "ingenuous thought" (as opposed to "lucid thought"), this talk will explore the idea of democracy as the union of the experiences of finitude and equality. A non-civilized use of freedom in our age has taken the form of vulgarity, which fails to provide a viable basis for civilizational progress. This lecture – taken from Professor Gomá’s new book, *Public Exemplarity* – explores an egalitarian concept of subjectivity and argues the need for reforming vulgarity through exemplarity.

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