

Alain Deneault: *Money as the Cultural Preconscious: Intersecting Readings of Sigmund Freud and Georg Simmel*

Two epoch-making works were published in 1900: *The Interpretation of Dreams* by Sigmund Freud and *The Philosophy of Money* by Georg Simmel. Both of them elaborate a metapsychology that stands at the intersection of psychical and social realities. The entire discourse of an epoch functioned as the foundation of these intuitions, but also the forgotten biological philosophy of the neo-Kantian Richard Avenarius, which holds together the instinctive, intellectual and social aspects of the psychical economy. In this sense, I would like to accentuate, in the name of this psychical economy, the complementary contributions of Freud and Simmel. Within this context, the pecuniary symbol offers an excellent field of observation and interpretation: it sheds light on the workings of the intersection of psychical economy, of which Freud so often speaks in his exploration of issues relating to money, and the money issues that Simmel embraces in his investigation of the functioning of the psychical apparatus.

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