



# "En las cercanías, en las lejanías": Hannah Arendt, Walter Benjamin y el principio an-árquico del comienzo [

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