

Is Liberalism Normative?

A Workshop with Deirdre McCloskey, Distinguished Professor of Economics, History, English, and Communication at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

INVITATION

Date: Monday, February 5, 2018, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Venue: Walter Eucken Institut, Goethestr. 10, 79100 Freiburg

Welcome: Lars P. Feld (Walter Eucken Institut, Freiburg University, NOUS)

Impulse: Deirdre McCloskey (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Nils Goldschmidt (Siegen University, Aktionsgemeinschaft Soziale Marktwirtschaft, NOUS)

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Chair: Karen Horn (NOUS)

It is a recurring, troubling question among liberty-loving people: Is liberalism (in the classical, European sense of the word) normative? Does the set of political ideas that we call liberalism imply a certain set of values, or is it neutral? Is there a substantial core of principles sitting at the heart of liberalism, or is it merely a procedural concept? When would liberalism lose its soul? Can there be boundaries to a liberal's tolerance? What could they be?

We will debate these questions in an informal workshop with Deirdre McCloskey, an ever-inspiring interdisciplinary scholar from the United States. She had a chair at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 2000 to 2015 in economics, history, English, and communication. A well-known economist and historian and rhetorician, she has written 17 books and around 400 scholarly pieces on topics ranging from technical economics and statistical theory to transgender advocacy and the ethics of the bourgeois virtues.

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