

Economy: Theological and Political

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DESCRIPTION

Economics has moved to the centre of debates in political theology. Any economy is an economising of human desire. Is there a link between Christian theological ideas of the divine 'economy' whereby God governs reality and modern conceptions of 'economics'? Is Christianity as a whole, or only in some of its modes responsible for the rise of capitalism? How should Christians today approach the economising of desire by the processes of the market and state political theology or 'government'? This short course will examine all these questions.

CONTENTS

Seminar 1	Economy,	Divine	and	Human	(text,	'Oikonomia	leaves	Home'	published	in
	Telos									

- Seminar 2 Christianity and Capitalism (texts, 'The Franciscan Conundrum' published in Communio; 'Economics after Luther' unpublished).
- Seminar 3 Catholicism and Economics, (text, 'The Real Third Way', in The Crisis of Glogal capitalism, ed Adrian Pabst).
- Seminar 4 A Christian Economics for Today (text, Part II of The Politics of Virtue. 'The Metacrisis of Capitalism').

METHODOLOGY

Seminar discussion; commentary of texts

EVALUATION

Participation in discussion