

Call for Papers

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Lessons for Liberalism in the 21st Century
from the Colloque Walter Lippmann*

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Journal of Contextual Economics – Schmollers Jahrbuch is a forum for research analyzing economic life in relation to its social and physical environment, particularly for research interested in the interface between the economic order and other societal orders.

This Call for Papers is motivated by the recent anniversary of the Colloque Walter Lippmann, an international interdisciplinary conference held 1938 in Paris that has often been portrayed as the birthplace of neoliberalism. While “neoliberalism” has meanwhile seen numerous other connotations, in 1938 the usage of the term addressed the open question of what parts of the liberal doctrine could be seen as permanent, and what other parts needed a reformulation to make liberalism viable in and for the 20th century. The records of the Colloque bring home the topicality and urgency for us today not only of this general question, but also of the specific topics of political economy and social philosophy discussed in 1938. The history, context and records have recently been reconstructed in J. Reinhoudt & S. Audier (2018): *The Walter Lippmann Colloquium. The Birth of Neo-Liberalism*, London: Palgrave Macmillan. The topics discussed in 1938 were based on these questions: (I) The decline of liberalism: Is it due to internal causes? (II) Is liberalism capable of fulfilling its social tasks? (III) If the decline of liberalism is not inevitable, what are its true causes? (IV) If the decline of liberalism is not inevitable, what are the remedies to draw from the analysis of its causes? (V) What future action is needed?

We invite submissions along the same topical lines with original diagnoses and therapies for today’s embattled liberal order. Submissions do not need to be linked to the Colloque itself; merely historical treatments are not what we seek. Instead, submissions should be inspired by the Colloque’s general question(s), addressing today’s political and economic fragility in the national and international context, searching for an understanding of liberalism(s) viable in and for the 21st century. Submissions in the spirit of the philosophy, politics, and economics approach, and in line with the notion of the interdependence of the economic order and other societal orders, are particularly encouraged.

Please submit an abstract (approximately 200 words) by **April 15, 2019**. Authors of the accepted papers will be informed by **May 1, 2019**. The deadline for submitting the papers is **July 1, 2019**.

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