

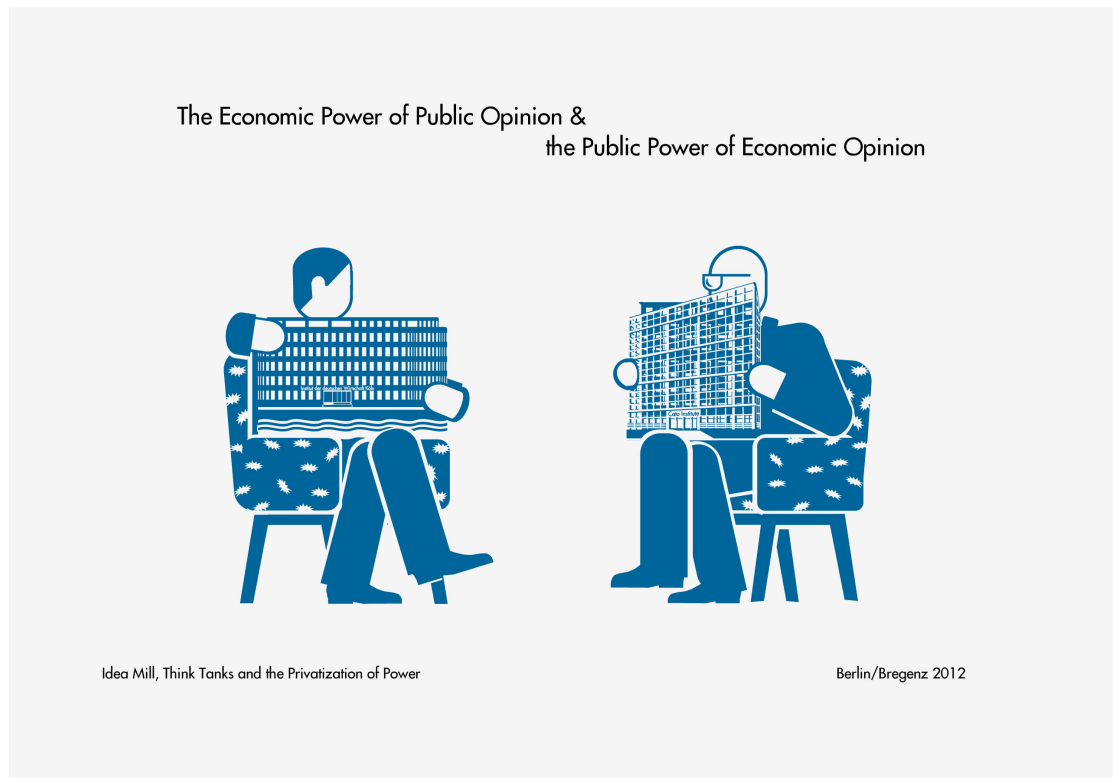
# The Economic Power of Public Opinion & the Public Power of Economic Opinion

## Think Factories, Think Tanks and the Privatization of Power (Slideshow)

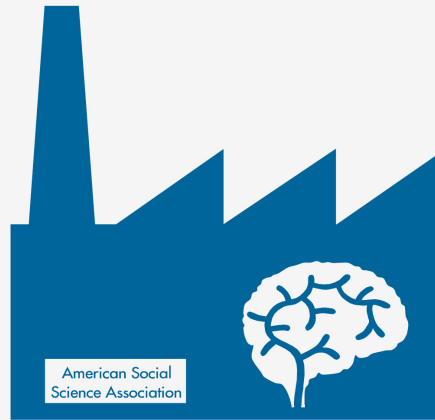
*Andreas Siekmann*

Artist contribution – April 16, 2015

Within *Open!*'s research theme *Commonist Aesthetics* [[onlineopen.org/commonist-aesthetics](http://onlineopen.org/commonist-aesthetics)], artist Andreas Siekmann created a series of pictograms and a matching glossary to continue his investigation into the increasing privatisation of the public realm. The work is part of his larger ongoing project initiated in Berlin in 2012, *The Economic Power of Public Opinion & the Public Power of Economic Opinion: Think Factories, Think Tanks and the Privatisation of Power*. One can view and read Siekmann's contribution by either clicking the underlined entries beneath the pictures in the slideshow, or by directly entering the [glossary](#) pages in which pictograms and texts combined are combined. Sven Lütticken wrote a short [introduction](#) to the piece.

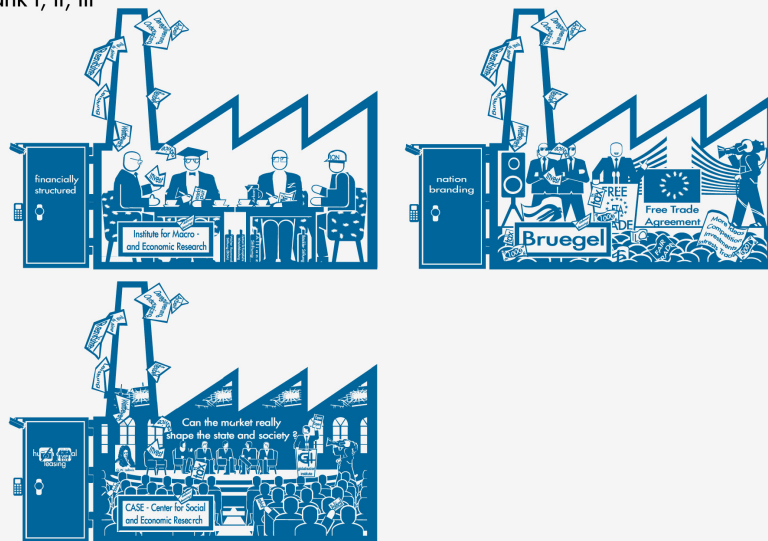


Think Tank



Think Tank

Think Tank I, II, III



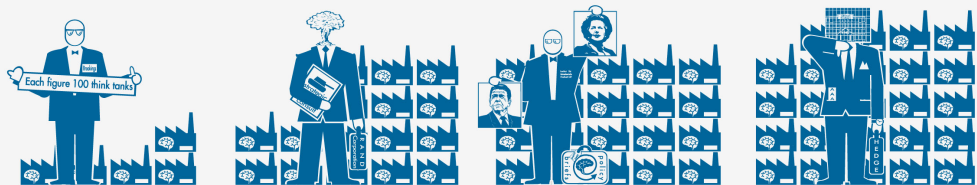
Think Factory I, II, III

Brain



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Statistics (think tanks)



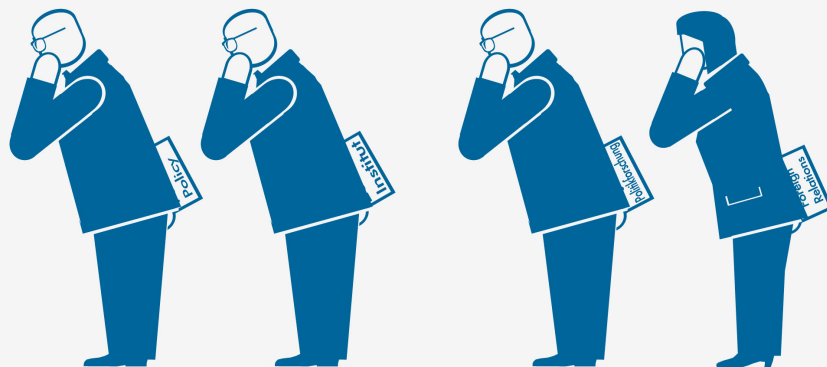
Statistics

Mont Pelerin Society



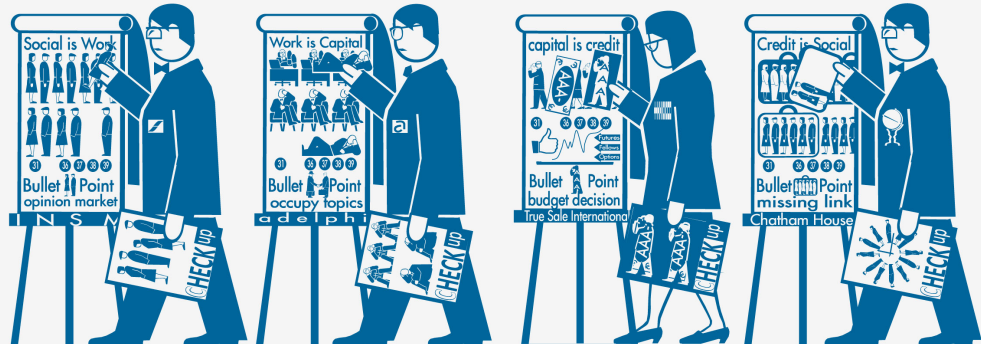
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Whisperers



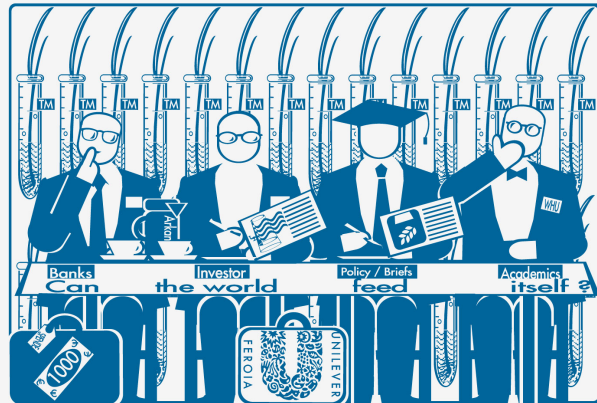
Whisperers

## Group of Experts



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## Conference



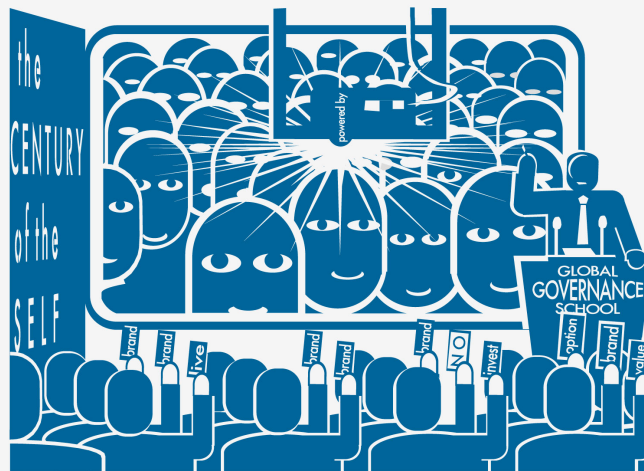
## Conference

## Television



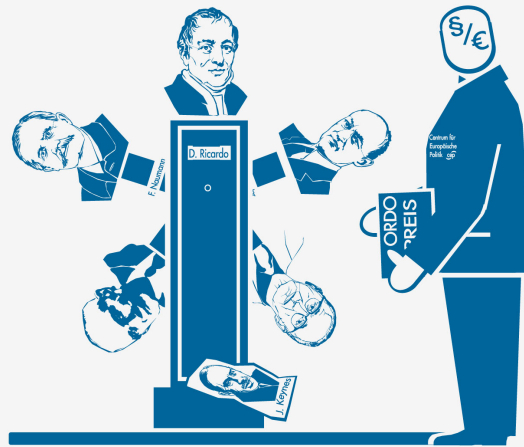
## Television

### Century-of-the-self



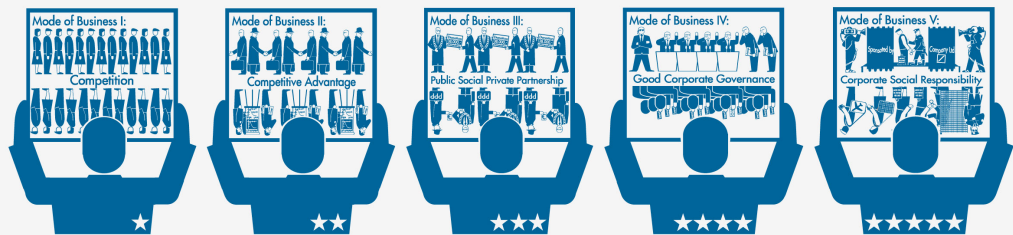
## The Century of the Self

## Business Talks



## Business Talk

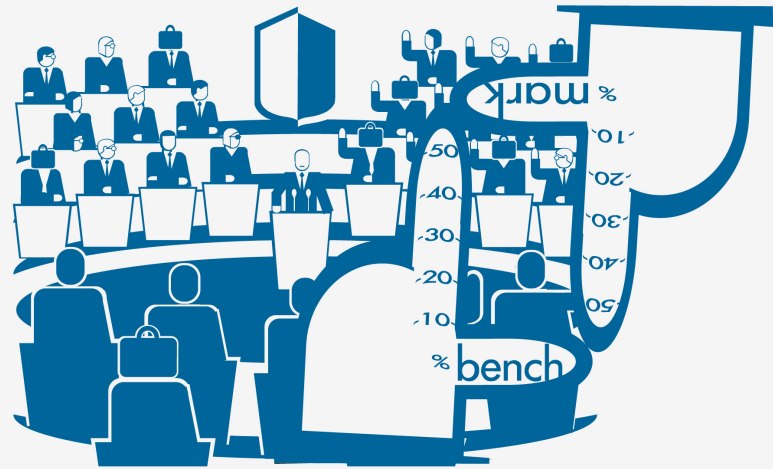
### 5 Wise Men of the Economics



## Five Wise Men of the German Economy

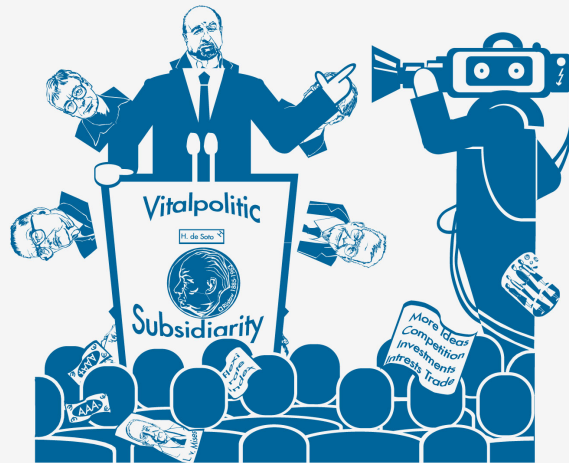


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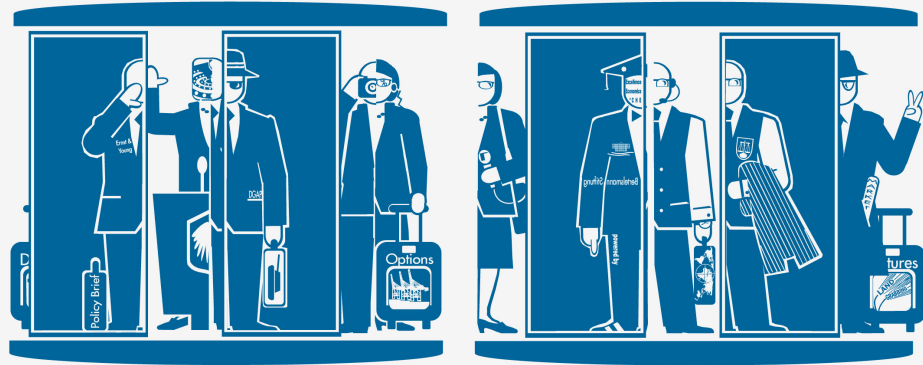
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Politicians Talk



Politicians' Talk

## Revolving-Door Capitalism



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## Think Tank Staff



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Sealed-lips



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Private-Public Funding



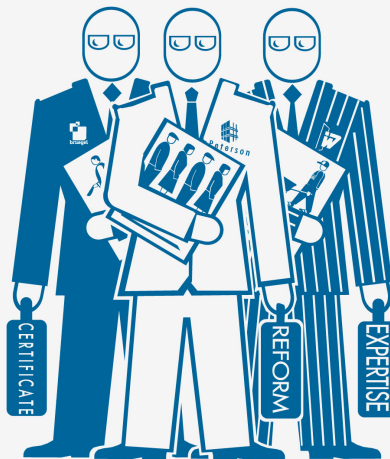
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Public Relations



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Troika



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## Class Situation



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## **Crosslinks**

Commonist Aesthetics: [onlineopen.org/commonist-aesthetics](https://onlineopen.org/commonist-aesthetics)

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