

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

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

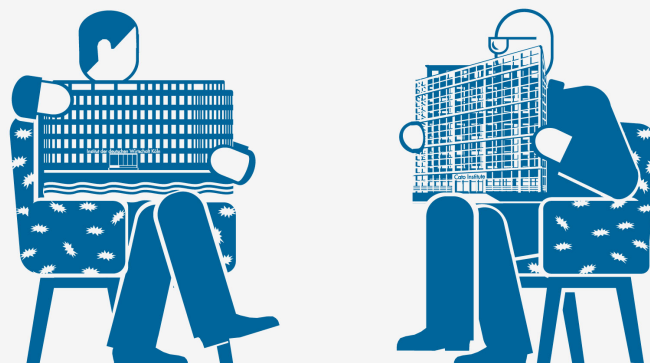
Andreas Siekmann

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.

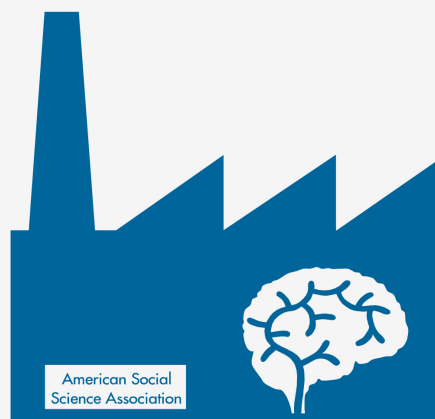
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Idea Mill, Think Tanks and the Privatization of Power

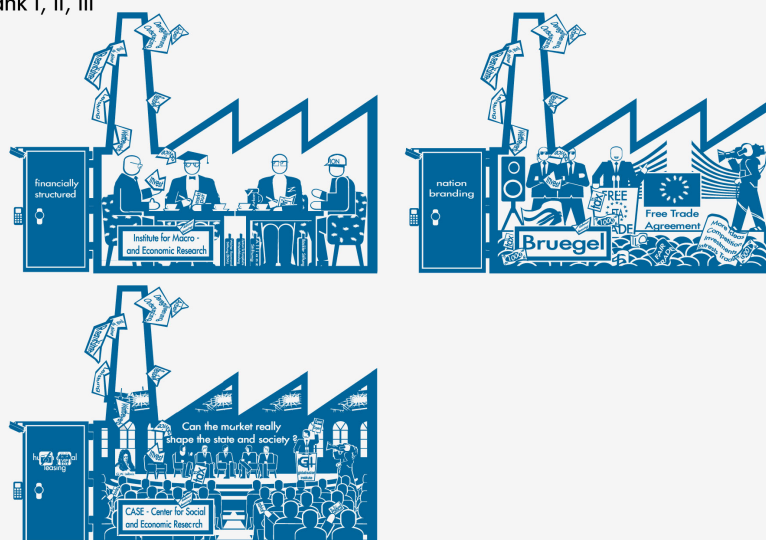
Berlin/Bregenz 2012

## Think Tank



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### Think Tank I, II, III



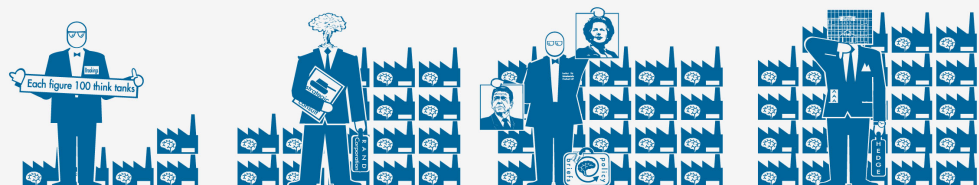
## Think Factory I, II, III

## Brain



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### Statistics (think tanks)



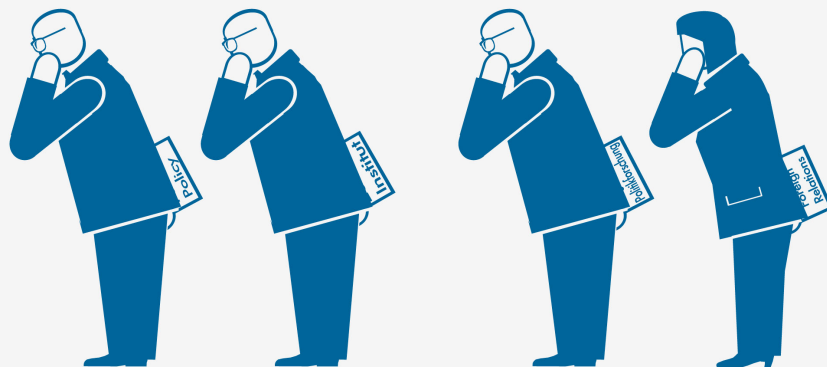
## Statistics

## Mont Pelerin Society



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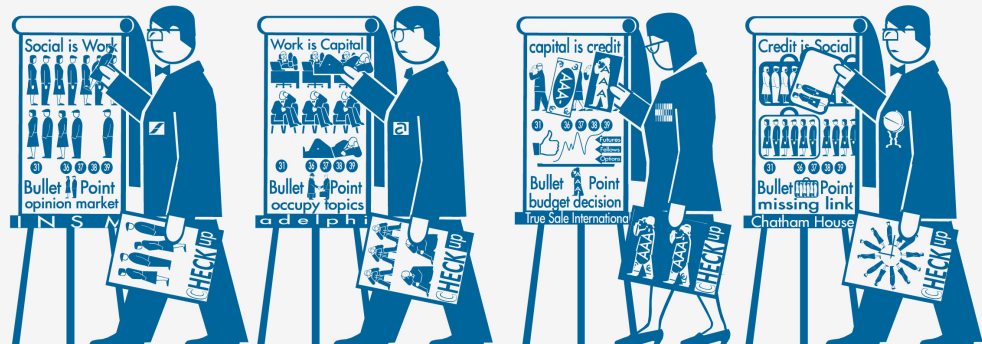
## Whisperers



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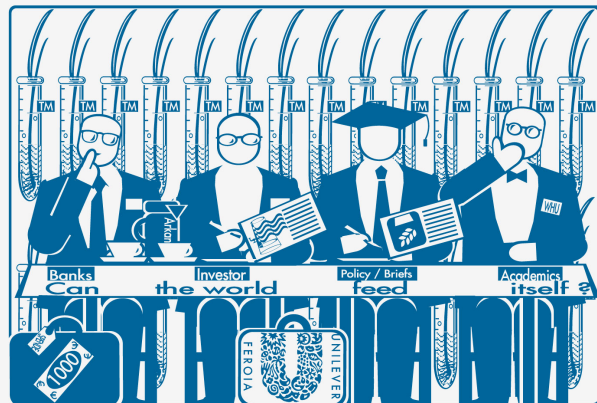


## Group of Experts



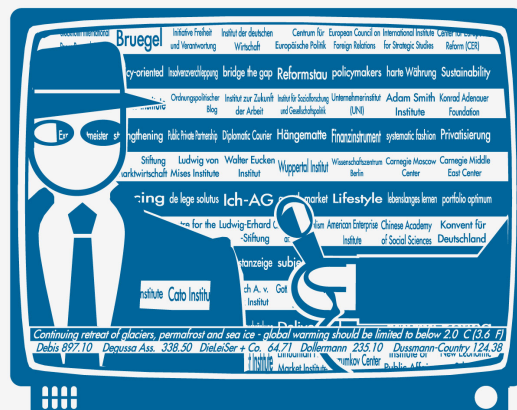
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## Conference



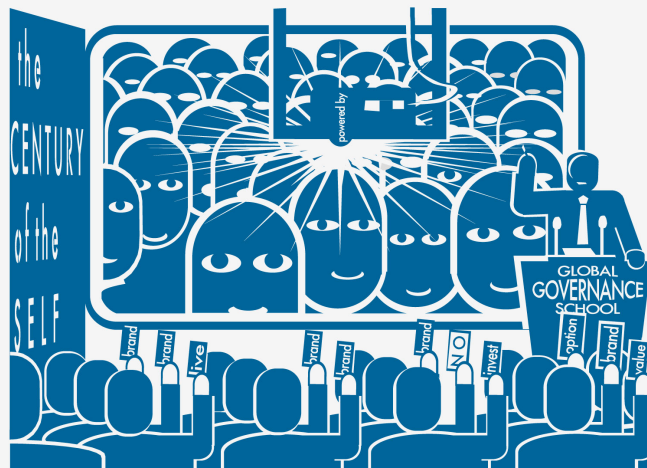
## Conference

## Television



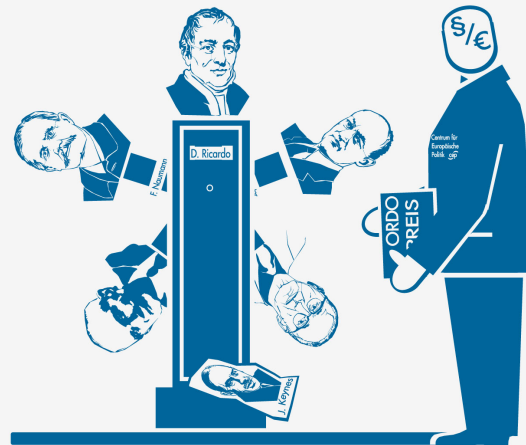
## Television

### Century-of-the-self



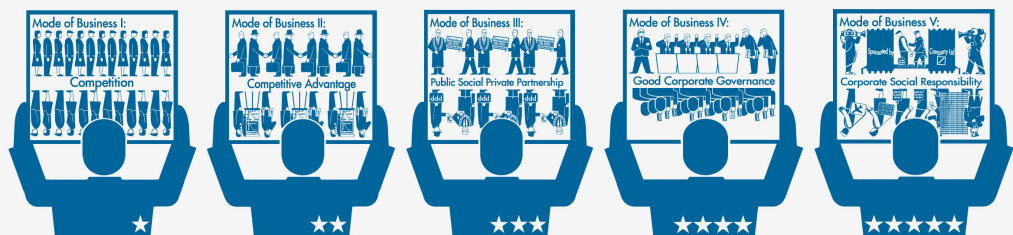
## The Century of the Self

## Business Talks



## Business Talk

### 5 Wise Men of the Economics



## Five Wise Men of the German Economy

## Ready-Steady-Go



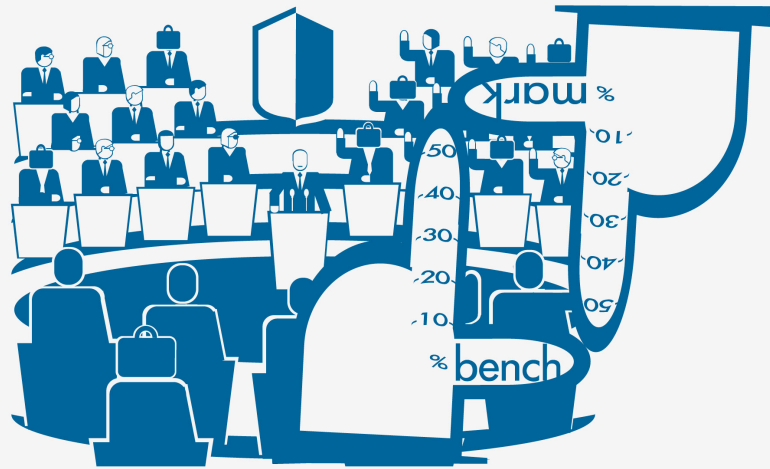
## Ready, Steady, Go

### Benchmark



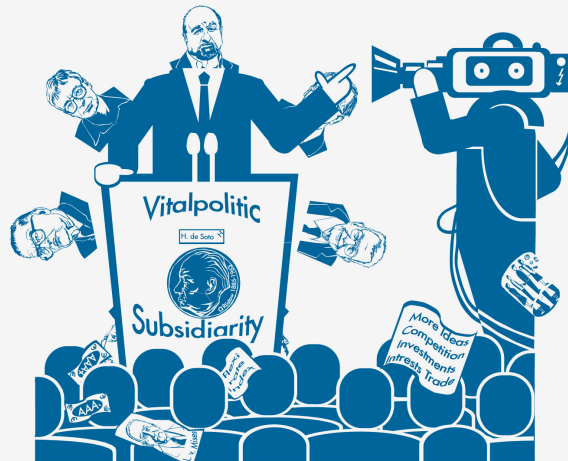
## Benchmark

## Parlapayment



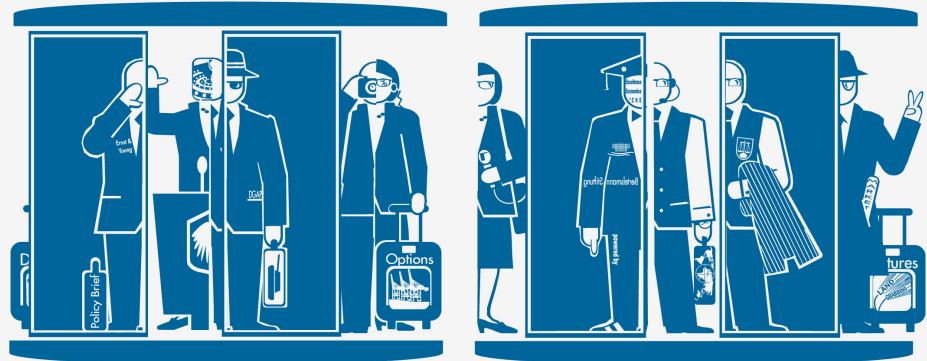
## Parlapayment

## 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



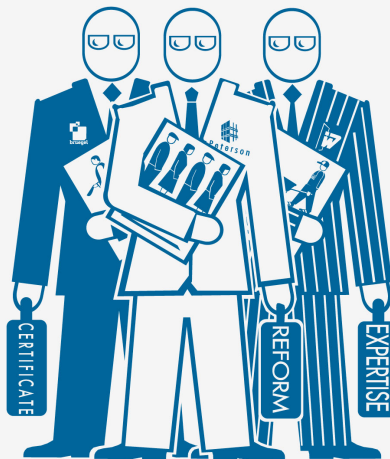
## Private-Public Funding

## Public Relations



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### Troika



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## Class Situation



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## Crosslinks

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## Tags

Aesthetics, Capitalism, Image, Public Domain

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