

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

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

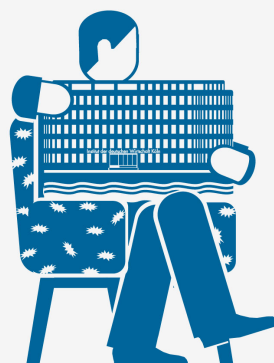
Andreas Siekmann

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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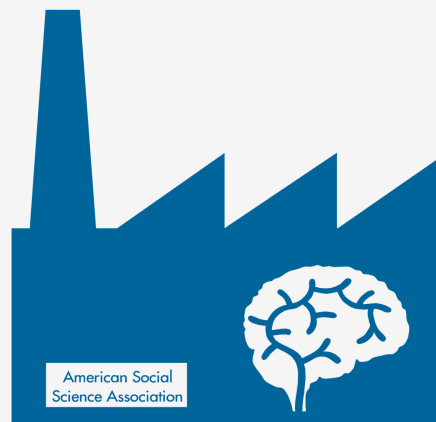


Idea Mill, Think Tanks and the Privatization of Power



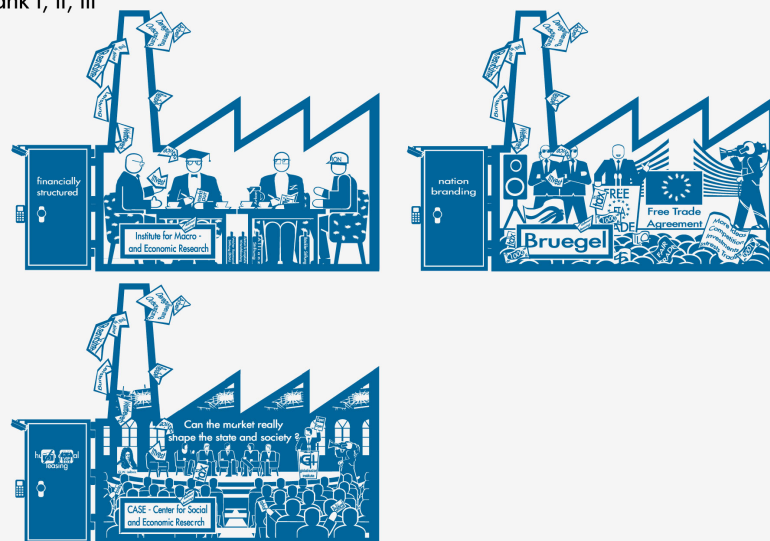
Berlin/Bregenz 2012

## Think Tank



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### Think Tank I, II, III



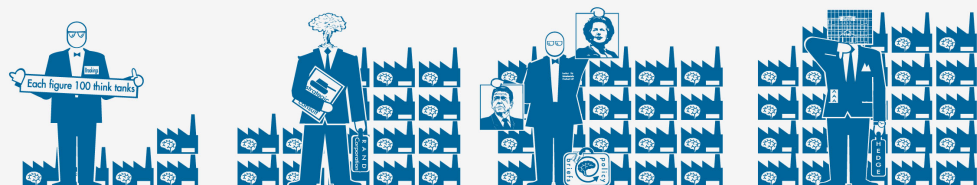
## Think Factory I, II, III

## Brain



## Brain

### Statistics (think tanks)



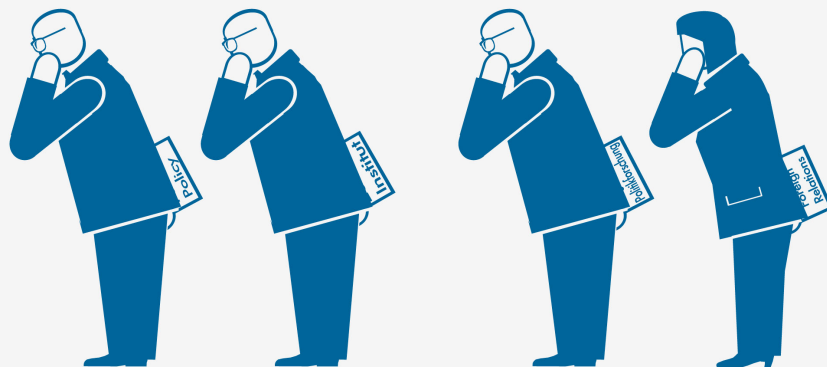
## Statistics

## Mont Pelerin Society



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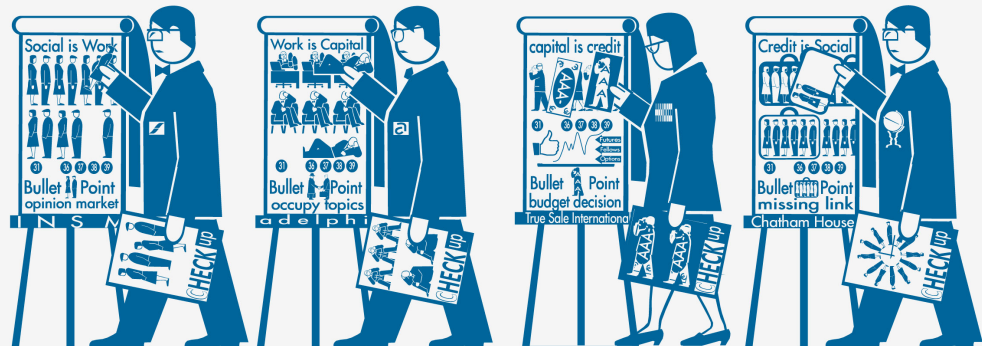
## Whisperers



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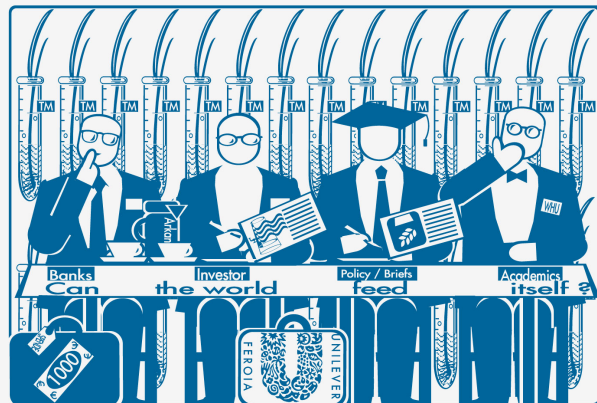


## Group of Experts



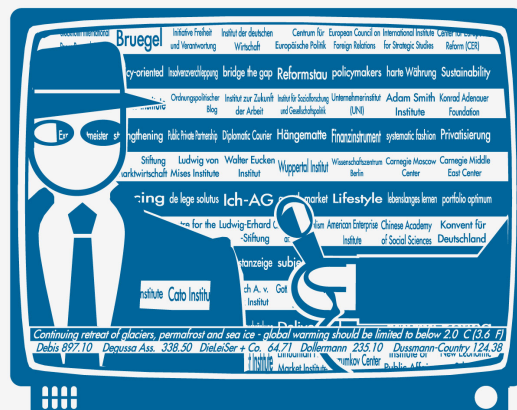
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## Conference



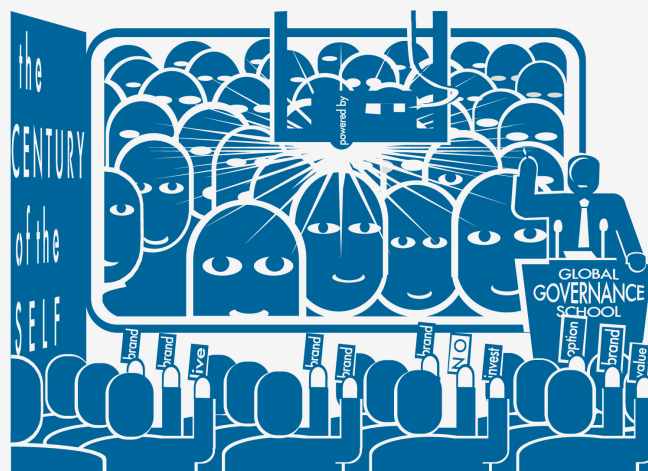
## Conference

## Television



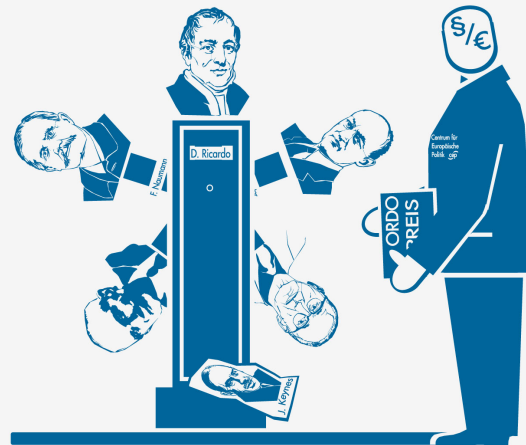
## Television

## Century-of-the-self



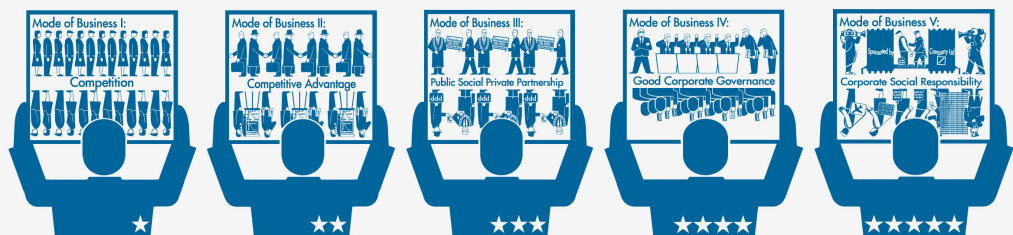
## The Century of the Self

## Business Talks



## Business Talk

### 5 Wise Men of the Economics



## Five Wise Men of the German Economy

## Ready-Steady-Go



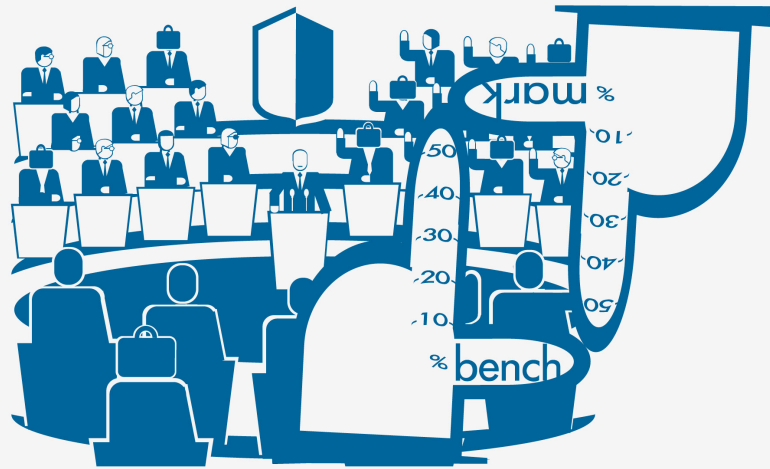
## Ready, Steady, Go

### Benchmark



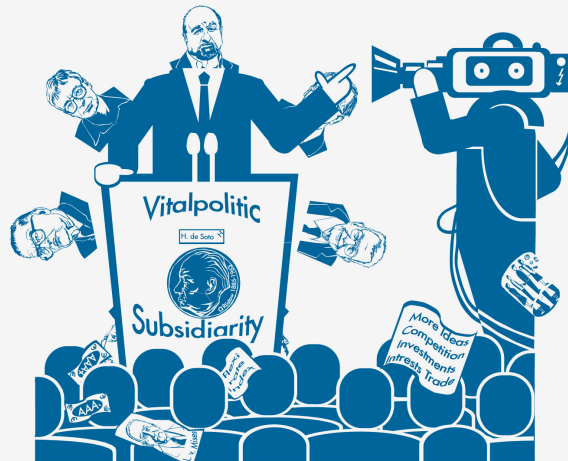
## Benchmark

## Parlapayment



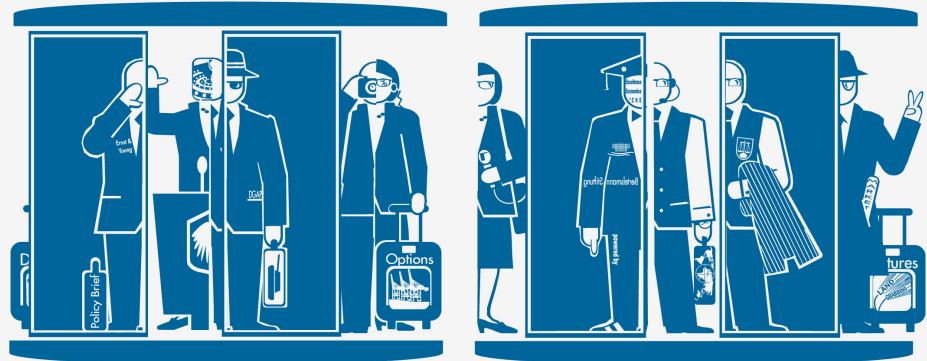
## Parlapayment

## 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



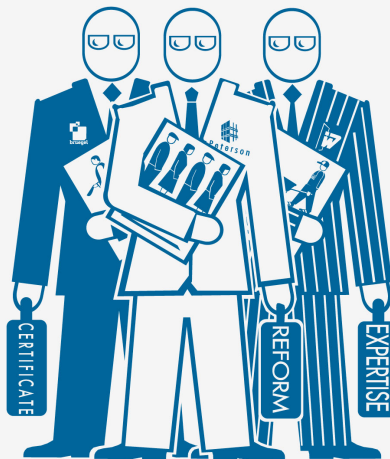
## Private-Public Funding

## Public Relations



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### Troika



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## Class Situation



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## Crosslinks

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

## Tags

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