

Max Weber and the Spirit of Modern Capitalism - 100 years later

Centenary Conference, London, 11-12 June, 2004, organised by Max Weber Studies and supported by the British Sociological Association. Venue: Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial St, E1. Registration 9.30am. Full cost £90, reduced rate £30 - contact organisers.

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10.00

Welcome to conference

Professor Roderick Floud, FBA, President of London Metropolitan University

Toynbee Hall, Tawney, and the Troeltsch-Weber Thesis Dr Sam Whimster, Editor Max Weber Studies

Nationalism and the Modern Economy: Communing with the Spirit of Max Weber Professor Liah Greenfeld, University of Boston

Discussion

11.15 Coffee

11.30

Interpreting the text

Dr Peter Ghosh, St Anne's College, Oxford

Not an Elective but a Selective Affinity: the 'Protestant Ethic' as a Neo-Darwinian Co-evolutionary Hypothesis Lord Runciman, President of British Academy

Discussion

1-2 Lunch

2-3 Visit (optional) to Wesley's Chapel

3.15

Max Weber and Judaism: An Insight into the 'Protestant Ethic' Methodology
Professor Jack Barbalet, University of Leicester

Weber and merrie olde England
Professor David Chalcraft, University of Derby

Max Weber's use of scholarly praise and criticism in PESC
Professor Hartmut Lehmann, Emory College, Atlanta

Discussion

4.45 Tea

5.0

Weber on trust, social norms and modern capitalism
Professor Sandro Segre, University of Genoa

Islamic reform as secular democracy
Dr Mohammad Nafissi

Post-protestant ethics
Professor Vic Seidler, Goldsmiths College, London

7.0 Dinner at Prithi's, 124-6 Brick Lane (optional)

Saturday 12 June

9.30

Weber's Protestant Ethic as hypothetical narrative
Professor Peter Breiner, New York State University at Albany

Weber in the US
Professor Larry Scaff, Wayne State University

Weber versus the economic
Nikola Regent, Central European University, Budapest

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Capitalism, theoretical economics and the pre-history of the thesis about capitalism and the Protestant Ethic

Professor Wolfgang J. Mommsen, University of Düsseldorf

Capitalism and the Spirit of Critique
Pier-Paolo Pasqualone & Professor Alan Scott, University of Innsbruck

12.45 Lunch

1.45

Work and the conduct of life. Weber's Legacy
Professor Hans-Peter Müller, Humboldt University, Berlin

Weber and Sombart on Politicians
Professor Kari Palonen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

2.45 Tea

3.00

Weber's City and the 'Islamic' City

Professor Sami Zubaida, Birkbeck College

Multiple Modernities

Professor Björn Wittrock, Director, Swedish Collegium for the Advanced Study of the Social Sciences, Uppsala.

Concrete versus abstract universalisms: some differences between Weber's and Troeltsch's conceptions of modernity

Dr Austin Harrington, University of Leeds and Humboldt University

4.30 Conference concludes