



The Franciscan Tradition in Economic Thought

Free online course offered by the EoF Academy

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The EoF Academy offers a free online course on Franciscan economy and economic thought.

The Franciscan order has an important place in the birth of the market economy. Many historians and economists point to poverello d'Assisi (St. Francis) as a forerunner of the market economy, even of capitalism. Franciscan was in fact the first school of medieval economic thought, and in the second half of the fifteenth century the Franciscan friars founded the Monti di Pietà, non-profit financial institutions, at the origin of the tradition of Italian and European popular and social finance.

A spiritual movement born from the choice of Madonna Povertà who gave birth to banks and treatises on coins has always generated surprise,

together with many misunderstandings. In fact, as in the case of monasticism, the relationship between Franciscans and the economy is also much more complex than it is told - and much more interesting.

The four lessons of this course will present and analyse this complexity, showing how Franciscan order and its protagonists elaborated innovative economic reflections and practices. Each lecture will include a laboratory moment, where classic texts from Franciscan economic thought will be discussed by the participants.

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COURSE STRUCTURE:

- **LECTURE 1:** *Friday - May 26 h 4.00 - 6.00 pm CEST*
The Highest Poverty and its ambivalences in practice: Monti di Pietà
Luigino Bruni
- **LECTURE 2:** *Wednesday - May 31 h 4.00 - 6.00 pm CEST*
Theological Voluntarism and Economic Thought
Paolo Santori
- **LECTURE 3:** *Thursday - June 8 h 4.00 - 6.00 pm CEST*
Franciscan Oikonomia
Paolo Santori, (Giulia Gioeli)
- **LECTURE 4:** *Friday - June 16 h 4.00 - 6.00 pm CEST*
From Francis of Assisi to Pope Francis
Luigino Bruni

INSTRUCTIONS:

Mode of participation: via Zoom

Language: English (if necessary, translation from Italian will be provided)

Handouts: released a few days before the lecture

Participation: is allowed upon registration. Please register at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/RasWBeceh3AFEh3p9>

Registration deadline: May 12, 2023

A certificate will be released for the participants to the four lectures.

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