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Abstract

The subject of the text is first and foremost the study of different approaches to the concept of freedom in modern and contemporary political thought, and in particular in the works of C. Marx, I. Kant, A. Berlin, J. St. Mill, C. Castoriadis, M. Foucault, etc., and, subsequently, the connection of an interpretation of freedom with the contemporary debate on the "commons" and democracy. The first chapters will examine two crucial interpretations of freedom in the work of Marx and Kant and show how the attribution of fixed attributes to free persons limits the scope of free choice. Then, two traditional alternatives, negative freedom and J.S. St. Thomas' experimental freedom, are explored. Mill and demonstrate their shortcomings. The study of a fruitful consideration of freedom in contemporary thought is attempted, with the relevant work of K. Castoriadis and M. Foucault as a secondary focus. The contemporary

notion of 'agonistic freedom' can be found in a wide range of political thought of recent decades, from theories of agonistic democracy to liberal pluralism and contemporary movements for global justice. It combines imagination, radical reflection, pluralism and the ongoing struggle against closed identities to further develop Marxist and liberal ideas. The book examines a range of political and philosophical issues that raise an agonistic vision of freedom that denies the existence of objective foundations in science, history and ethics. The last two chapters deal with the problematics of hegemony-antihegemony (E. Laklaur, R. Dei, etc.) and the 'commons' in contemporary theory (E. Ostrom, etc.), i.e. collective resources that are subject to democratic collective management by local societies, in order to look for suitable political structures that could socially promote the idea of agonistic freedom.

