

# Adam Smith, economist and philosopher

In the context of the 21st century, Adam Smith's intellectual legacy continues to be of utmost importance in the economic, philosophical and moral spheres. This *dossier* highlights the validity of Smith's ideas and their multidimensional influence on key contemporary areas of study. Through the critical review of four articles, some aspects of Smith's ideas that deserve attention are explored and reactivate debates around his work.

Firstly, investigating the influence of Smith's economic thought on his moral theory, Ruth Pustilnik addresses the relationship between the most relevant works of our thinker and reveals how economic traits shape the conception of the virtue of prudence. Below, the article by Fabián Ludueña Romandini approaches a reinterpretation of Smith's thought from its temporal limits, the European Middle Ages and Modernity. In this development, he discusses Michel Foucault's hypotheses, taking up contributions from medieval Franciscanism and his visions of the market and the law. In dialogue with that, the third article explores the conceptual background of value in Smith's work. Carlos Martín and Julián Giglio resort to both medieval writings and Marx's reading of Aristotle to highlight the ambiguity of Smith's proposal. In the fourth article, Fernando Beresñak proposes a reading that relates *Psyche and reality*. Centered on Smith's text *The Principles that Preside and Direct Philosophical Investigations, illustrated by the history of astronomy*, highlights the radical change during the Copernican and Scientific Revolutions, whose metaphysical and epistemological implications it traces to the present day.

These articles are followed by two essays: one by Álvaro Perpere Viñuales, who proposes reviewing the Scot's proposal to promote the division of labor as a form of productive organization, and the impact it has on people's lives; and the other by Francisco Oneto on the problem of profit and remuneration of capital in Smith.

Finally, the issue is completed with the Documents section, in which you will find the presentation and translation made by Álvaro Perpere Viñuales of letter 233 from Adam Smith to William Eden, essential for understanding his position regarding trade.

The reading and reevaluation of Adam Smith's work in the 21st century continues to invite us to think about the history and current events of social relations and to study the roots of political economy. Its relevance is permanent in various areas of knowledge. Its influence on economics, morality, philosophy and epistemology remains an invaluable source for understanding and addressing contemporary challenges. Through these works we seek to make visible new perspectives that expand our understanding of the intellectual wealth of Adam Smith and his impact on today's society.

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