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From the Welfare State to the Eco-State? Production and Protection in the Twenty-First Century

Virtual lecture by Pierre Charbonnier in the series “Carte Blanche IV”

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The welfare state is an heir to the pact between political emancipation and economic growth that was forged in the age of Enlightenment. In the specific historical conjuncture of the post-war period, the new frontier of science and productivity has been integral to a form of capitalism that was both partly democratised and increasingly dependent on fossil infrastructures. This configuration raises the question of the relationship between social justice, growth regimes and the Anthropocene. Indeed, we are now forced to question the sustainability of forms of social protection that depend on productivity policies. For political philosophy, this is an important turning point insofar as the question of “the environment” spills over into the organisation of work, risk management, planetary limits, and the discipline of capital.

Pierre Charbonnier is a philosopher and research fellow at the Centre national de recherche scientifique (CNRS) in Paris as well as at Sciences Po’s Centre d’études européennes et de politique comparée. He specialises in the history, epistemology and forms of power associated with the government of nature in modern societies. The German edition of his habilitation *Überfluss und Freiheit. Eine ökologische Geschichte der politischen Ideen* will be published by Fischer in May 2022.

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ORGANISATION

The lecture is organised by the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities Essen (KWI).

FURTHER INFORMATION

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