



**Universität
Zürich^{UZH}**

Institute of Philosophy

Doctoral Program "Philosophy – Language, Mind and Practice"

Master Class

Freely Associated Producers

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19th – 20th June 2017

Synopsis – Syllabus

The class will work through a draft of Julius' short book *Reconstruction* before using some of its ideas to develop Marx's conceptions of productive cooperation and collective self-liberation.

Monday, 19th June 2017

Session 1: Acting for the reasons you have **9:00–11:30**
Julius, A.J.: *Reconstruction*, chapters 1–6.

We'll consider what it comes to that a person acts for the reasons she has.

Session 2: Reasons between persons **12:30–15:00**
Julius, A.J.: *Reconstruction*, chapters 7–10.

We'll ask whether and how a person can act for reasons as one among many persons.

Session 3: Rules of the game **15:30–18:00**
Julius, A.J.: *Reconstruction*, chapters 11–13.

We'll discuss a respect in which people through the basic structure of their social life make one another unfree to act freely.

Tuesday, 20th June 2017

Session 4: Mutual recognition

9:00–11:30

Julius, A.J.; "Mutual recognition".
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, IX:9.

When I act for the reasons I'm given by the fact that you have reasons, I act toward you in a way that presupposes your own capacity and responsibility for doing a version of what I'm doing—for doing what presupposes that I can and should do my version. We'll consider this as an example of mutual recognition, and we'll discuss such other instances of the syndrome as conversation and friendship.

Session 5: Producing as humans

12:30–15:00

Marx, K.: "Notes on James Mill" and excerpts from the 1844 manuscripts.
Julius, A.J.: "Suppose we had produced as human beings".

We'll examine Marx's account of self-conscious human production activity as a form of mutual recognition and his claim that, in producing for exchange and subject to property, people are failing to work together but beginning to discover that we can.

Session 6: Working-class self-emancipation

15:30–18:00

Marx and Engels, *The German Ideology*.
Julius, A.J.: *Reconstruction*, chapter 15.

Propertyless workers act for the first time freely when they first act to free themselves from property. That's the moment at which human productive cooperation becomes self-conscious. Or so Marx imagines. We'll take another look.

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Venue: Philosophisches Seminar, Zollikerstrasse 117, 8008 Zürich

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No fees apply. Participants are expected to have read the texts.

PhD students at the UZH are required to book the module in order to get credit points.