

## **Call for Papers**

### **zfwu 24/3 (2023): Structural Change of Property - Economic Ethical Challenge or Opportunity?**

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While private property has gained in importance worldwide since 1989 under conditions of increasing concentration and deregulation, the resulting property system has proved to be both crisis-prone and highly controversial in the face of new economic, political and technological challenges. It is challenged not only by the global financial and economic crises, but also by political conflicts over the appropriation, distribution and containment of private property, as well as by the dynamics of the knowledge and bio-economies, which are linked to alternative concepts of common property, shared use and free access to resources.

The structural transformation of property can be located on two levels. Structural changes in property can be seen as interdependent changes in the subjects, objects and orders of property and, as a result, possibly in the concept of property itself. Examples are the emergence of new actors and products in the financial markets, the handling of non-rival or hitherto non-exclusive property goods such as knowledge, wind and geothermal energy, or new mixtures of public and private property. Since property is a constitutive institution of modern societies, structural change also results from property when its reorganisation entails changes in institutional order, social structure, world, social and self relations and everyday practices. Both aspects, which are dealt with in SFB 294 "Structural Change of Property", represent challenges or also opportunities for economic-ethical considerations.

With zfwu's issue on 'Structural Change of Property - Economic Ethical Challenge or Opportunity?' we would like to continue the emerging questions regarding the structural change of property in the direction of business ethics. We are interested in contributions from philosophy, sociology, economics, law, history and other disciplines that deal with this question. On the one hand, we are thinking of contributions with a theoretical focus that take a new look at the theoretical foundations of the property debate, and on the other hand, empirical contributions that explore phenomena in which property issues are linked with normative aspects – such as questions of justice or questions of the good life.

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