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INVISIBLE HANDS AND DIVIDED HEARTS: SEEKING ORDER FROM IMPERFECTION

Economics and Christianity are often perceived to be in tension – the tension between efficiency and morality, or self-interest and compassion. But economics and Christianity have significant common ground: both are rooted in a sober view of human imperfection and frailty. Both take human actors as they find them, eschewing naïve assumptions that societies can be built on perfect altruism or a morally perfect citizenry. Yet neither the economist nor the Christian despair at this reality – both offer practical ways forward to achieve social cooperation and moral progress. This lecture will explore aspects of the economic and Christian approach to dealing with human frailty, and explore scope for synthesis between these approaches.



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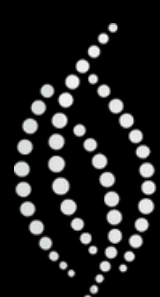
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