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LECTURE IN PUBLIC POLICY

Dr. Theodore Dalrymple The Moral Roots of Economic Crisis

The current economic crisis raises once more the question of whether economics is a behavioural science, and of how far events can be understood without reference to psychology.

One source of the current crisis, which will certainly not be the last, is the fear of inflation. The loss of faith in money as a store of value makes speculators of us all and promotes greed. Although greed is an ineradicable part of nature, it can be promoted or retarded.

What institutional or societal safeguards can be put in place to mitigate greed? Is the individual absolved from responsibility, or are there actions which each of us could take to bring more sanity to economics?

How can we prevent an economic calamity from occurring again?

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Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Inco Innovation Centre Lecture Theatre

*Free admission and free parking in lot 15
Reception to follow*

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