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Abstract

In this innovating chapter, Streckeisen introduces a new analytical frame to neoliberalism. Drawing on sources as diverse as Polanyi, Foucault, Bourdieu, and Marxism, he describes three forms of economic nexus in European higher education policy: the power of the economy, the power of economic ideas, and changing patterns of power and inequality. Focusing on four analytical levels (system, institution, profession, and the student body), Streckeisen argues that neoliberalism does not come to universities only from the outside, as a threat by external powers. He shows which actors and institutions within academia are on the winner side, and insists on growing inequalities between higher education institutions as well as inside the student body, torn between conflicting functionalities of mass and elite education. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)

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