

Summary

“Der Beitrag der Wirtschaftsstilforschung zu einer evangelischen Wirtschaftsethik”

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In the current discussion on economic ethics from a Protestant perspective one can still notice strong reservations between Protestant theology and economics. With the exception of Artur Rich's outline of Protestant economic ethics from the 1980s there is still no fundamental systematic concept until today. Nonetheless, questions and topics from the area of tension between business and morality, economy and ethics come into the focus of Protestant theology more and more.

This article examines the term “economic style” (*Wirtschaftsstil*), that appeared first in the 1920s and has regained popularity in recent years, and will determine whether it is useful in describing specifically Protestant ethics. This article will take into account the history and interpretation of this term and, going further, the ethical interpretation of “economic style”, as it was promoted especially by Alfred Müller-Armack in the 1950s, is presented.