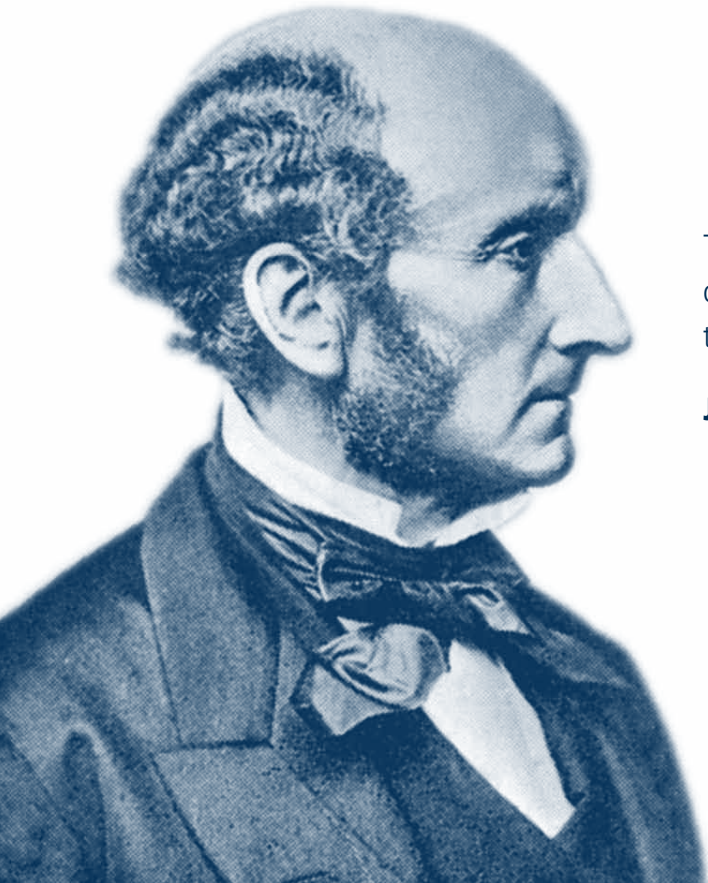


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for Research on Freedom
at the SRH University Heidelberg e.V.



The only freedom which deserves the name, is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it.

John Stuart Mill, 1859

Tied to the liberal philosophers of the 19th century, the John Stuart Mill Institute continues the tradition of liberal freedom philosophy and carries it into the public in order to create, to promote and to strengthen the freedom consciousness of humans and to stimulate the defence and development of freedom.

As such, it is unique and the only one of its kind in Germany and performs research into and promotes the concept of individual freedom and liberalism as an independent think tank and general advisor to all levels of society. Accordingly, the institute dedicates itself explicitly to the history of the western freedom traditions and the condition of freedom at the present.

RESEARCH OF FREEDOM

Scientific and society-relevant research projects in the area of the empirical and idea-historical freedom research carry out a contribution to establish liberal thoughts and to raise freedom from an idea to a "sentiment" within the classical liberal meaning.

Emphases of the scientific research are:

- ▶ studies over the restriction respectively grant of freedom and civil rights in Germany and in comparison with the international society
- ▶ congresses and conferences to the freedom research at home and abroad
- ▶ national and international co-operation and interdisciplinary networks with public and private universities, scientific institutions as well as other research and educational facilities

FREEDOM TEACHING

At the SRH University the first professorship was established, which dedicates itself to freedom teaching in the field of political science as a kind of non-compulsory study. The principal purpose is to extend the general horizon of the students and to train the abilities to think und judge in connections, to accomplish controversies and to practice political arguing.

CONSULTATION AND TRANSFER

When desired we advise political, economic and research institutes and enterprises to the topic of political, economic and individual freedom:

- ▶ lectures
- ▶ workshops
- ▶ colloquia
- ▶ conferences
- ▶ leadership trainings



HEAD OF INSTITUTE

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Ackermann

Studied sociology, political science, German philology, and psychology at Frankfurt University. In 2002 she launched and led the European Forum at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of sciences.

Since 2004 she has been working as a freelance writer for different German newspapers (Die Welt, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Süddeutsche Zeitung etc.), sociology-columnist for the MERKUR magazine and as an author and moderator for numerous broadcasting transmissions (NDR, SWR, WDR etc.).

In 2008 she was appointed as professor to the chair of political science at the SRH University in Heidelberg with the main focus on freedom research and -teaching and has founded and became the Head of the John Stuart Mill Institute in 2009.

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In 2009 he took over the management of the John Stuart Mill Institute in Heidelberg.



BOOKS

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"Under the slogan "Is the freedom to be still saved", the recently created John Stuart Mill Institute...invited to a conference on the Hambach castle. The freedom won in the west ... does not see hopelessly lost out, if one compares it with systems of oppression...citizens want to and are able to win and defend freedom."

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

The John Stuart Mill Institute introduces himself

"Everyone who is interested in freedom in thinking, economics and politics should not miss the work of the John Stuart Mill Institute."

Die Welt

Freedom is the engine of our civilization

"Ulrike Ackermann is the only freedom researcher in Germany. She explains, why in this country security is more important to the citizen and is surprised that they surrender carelessly data at the same time."

Deutschlandradio Kultur

Freedom and confinement

"It's very astonishing that in our Federal Republic voices are raised for 'Eros of freedom'! It's very astonishing, because one does not expect this compared to our adjustment on equality."

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