

The Liberal Democratic Governing Machine

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The proper aim is to try and reconstruct society on such a basis that poverty will be impossible. And the altruistic virtues have really prevented the carrying out of this aim. Just as the worst slave-owners were those who were kind to their slaves, and so prevented the horror of the system being realised by those who suffered from it, and understood by those who contemplated it, so, in the present state of things in England, the people who do most harm are the people who try to do most good ...

Oscar Wilde, *The Soul of Man Under Socialism*

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PREFACE

Even when applying different techniques of interpretation to texts, I have tried to understand how the circumstances of their production could inform their interpretation. Even just for the sake of consistency, shouldn't I apply the same standard to this Master's thesis? Shouldn't I provide the reader with the tools, the context, etc. that informed this research?

Pace Barthes, the author of these words is very alive. Knowing the tragedy of my country, one might ask me: Why do I wield the pen, as the Colombian fields bleed? Why not wield the sword? Or, perhaps, why not wield both? This text was written, certainly, to satisfy an earthly requirement: to obtain a Master's degree. But beyond that, what is the interest of writing for me?

Although this thesis is not a political pamphlet, it is grounded in political perplexities. To the recule of the state, who not only does not want to fund nor organize vast sections of economic activities, my generations witnesses a strange mix of "innovation", "entrepreneurship", and . If the political Left, of my parent's generation had an iron faith in the working class and the peasants to change society, today's politically disaffected youth has all hopes in private enterprise to solve the evils of the world.

As Oscar Wilde once remarked, "it is easier to have sympathy with suffering, than it is to have sympathy with thought". Even thought,

As much as this document is intended to an academic audience, it is also intended to them and to my father: This is the beginning of a lifelong attempt to explain *¿Cómo fue que se jodio el país?*

The designation of the NPE [Nobel Prize in Economics] yesterday teaches us again the richness of economic theory, capable of producing alternative points of view, and the risk that it represents to a society that does not know whom to follow. The power of this discipline is unusual, but just as it creates irrational exuberance, it also explains our own irrational behavior. Álvarez 2013

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NOTES

The history of the relation between rationality and governance in 20th century american ecomics.

PREPARATION

FRAMEWORK I

QUESTION PRINCIPALE

POINTS NODAUX

QUESTIONS SECONDAIRES

AMPLEUR ET INTERRELATIONS

MOYENS ET MÉTHODES

SOURCES MOBILISÉES

WORK PLAN

ORGANISATION DE LA RECHERCHE

MÉTHODOLOGIE

- ☐ Mots-clés.
- ☐ Tour des débats.
- ☐ Lignes de clivage.
- ☐ Axes de réflexion.

RESEARCH

TRAVAIL DE RECHERCHE
PRÉPARATOIRE

TRAVAIL DE RECHERCHE

- ☐ Sur le matériel accumulé et dans la tête.

WRITING

PROJET DE FRAMEWORK II

PROJET DU PLAN DE RÉDACTION

**PREMIÈRE ÉBAUCHE DE RÉDACTION,
OU RÉDACTION D'UN ARTICLE**

FRAMEWORK II

PLAN DE RÉDACTION

PREMIÈRE RÉDACTION.

RÉDACTION DÉFINITIVE.