

# Review of: "Duality, Liberty, and Realism in Entangled Political Economy"

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Timely is the topic discussed in the paper. Nevertheless, I would want to offer some comments in order to assist in clarifying some concerns, which are as follows:

1. It is not entirely apparent what the purpose of the work is, what the theoretical context is, or what the primary conclusions are. It is my recommendation that the abstract be rewritten.
2. The current third section should be renumbered as the new second one because it contains the framework that is significant to the paper. In addition, I am of the opinion that the conceptualization that was discussed in the introduction ought to be incorporated in the new section 2. It is important that the Introduction be concise while still clarifying the overall organization of the paper.
3. Current Section 2 should be renumbered as Section 3. Coercion and liberty are contentious ideas, and presenting them before current Section 3 does not help the reader create the appropriate linkages with the framework of entangled political economy.
4. With reference to the phrasing " We will see how the increased realisticness – roughly the practice of incorporating more elements of reality into a theory (Mäki, e.g., 1989), which in our case includes realism in the pragmatic political science sense – of entangled political economy improves our ability to explain. In essence, the current edge of entangled political economy concerns our ability to explain more than our ability to predict. This edge is typical of more realistic social theories (Leijonhufvud 1997). "

The kind of realism to guide your discussion needs to be specified and clarified. As is common knowledge, Mäki maintains that there is a connection between the ontology of the subject of study and realistic theories.

5. In reference to the following sentence: " Typically, we find dyadic interactions in the market and triadic interactions in the state."

It would be good to clarify how the divergence between dyadic and tryadic relations is relevant to your primary thesis.

6. In reference to the sentence. " Let us make the same point less theoretically and more methodologically." Could you please elaborate on your understading of this " quantification " of the methodology and theoretical stance?

7. In reference to the Section titled "Duality, Liberty, and Realism." , I would like to add that my readings on classical

liberalism, mostly on Hayek, have led me to the conclusion that it would be beneficial for the writers to further elaborate on their choice of research methods.