Political Constructivism and the Idea of Objectivity in Political Liberalism

Abstract: In this paper, I take on one of the main ideas of Political Liberalism – namely, political constructivism. After a brief introduction (§1), I discuss a possible objection (§2) according to which the reasoning going on in the constructivist procedure is either axiomatic, circular or regressive. I rebut the objection by explaining the modest metanormative ambition of political constructivism (§3), before drawing some conclusions on the notion of objectivity in political philosophy (§4).

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