

DR JOHN MEADOWCROFT – CURRICULUM VITAE

Present appointment

- 2018 – Reader (Associate Professor) in Public Policy
Department of Political Economy
King's College London
- 2012 – 2018 Senior Lecturer in Public Policy
- 2006 – 2012 Lecturer in Public Policy
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Professional service

- 2024 – Management Board, University of Westminster Press
- 2023 – Executive Committee, Public Choice Society
- 2023 – Advisory Board, *Markets and Society*
- 2022 – 2024 Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize Committee, Public Choice Society
- 2019 – Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*
- 2018 & 2019 Project Editor, *Social Philosophy and Policy*
- 2005 – Editorial Advisory Board, *Annals of Bioethics*, Routledge book series
- 2004 – 13 Book Review Editor, *Economic Affairs*
- 2004 – 12 Deputy Editor, *Economic Affairs*

Publications

Books

John Meadowcroft. 2011. *James M. Buchanan*. New York: Continuum, hb; New York: Bloomsbury, revised pb, 2013, pp. i-xii and 1-170

John Meadowcroft and Mark Pennington. 2007. *Rescuing Social Capital from Social Democracy*. London: Institute of Economic Affairs, pb, pp. 1-104
Foreword by Professor Peter J. Boettke, George Mason University, USA
Winner of Arthur Seldon CBE Award for Excellence (£1,000 prize)

John Meadowcroft. 2005. *The Ethics of the Market*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, hb, pp. i-ix and 1-173
Winner of Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Templeton Enterprise Award, Best Book 3rd Prize (\$2,500 prize)
Chinese translation published by Fudan University Press, 2011

Journal articles

John Meadowcroft. 2026. Nozick and the Invisible Hand of Racial Injustice. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, online first.

John Meadowcroft. 2026. Altruism and self-interest in constitutional reform: the case of the British abolition of slavery and the slave trade. *Public Choice*, 206, 1/2: 7-25.

John Meadowcroft. 2025. The Fragility of the Free Society: Personal Responsibility, Compassion and Opportunism in the Samaritan's Dilemma. *The Independent Review*, 30, 2: 237-248.

Alain Marciano and John Meadowcroft. 2024. Asymmetrical, symmetrical and artifactual man: group size and cooperation in James Buchanan's constitutional economics. *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, 48, 5: 823-842.

Paul Lewis and John Meadowcroft. 2024. Constitutional Artisans: James Buchanan and Vincent Ostrom on Artifactual Man, the Constitutional Attitude, and the Political Economy of Constitutional Design. *Constitutional Political Economy*, 35, 3: 363-387.

John Meadowcroft. 2024. Emergence as a moral theory: reappraising Robert Nozick's foundational liberalism. *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 38, 3: 173-195.

John Meadowcroft. 2023. Exchanges with and without the sword: politics-as-exchange, slavery, and freedom in James Buchanan's institutional economics. *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 19, 6: 787-801.

John Meadowcroft. 2022. The Socialism of the Rich: Egalitarianism, wealth, and privilege in academic philosophy. *Social Philosophy and Policy*. 39, 2: 169-187.

Otto Lehto and John Meadowcroft. 2021. Welfare without rent seeking? Buchanan's demogrant proposal and the possibility of a constitutional welfare state. *Constitutional Political Economy*, 32, 2: 145-164.

John Meadowcroft. 2020. Buchanan at the American Founding: the constitutional political economy of a society of equals and unequals. *Public Choice*, 183: 389-403.

John Meadowcroft. 2019. Why are there no Austrian social democrats? *Advances in Austrian Economics*, 24: 89-100.

Elizabeth Morrow and John Meadowcroft. 2019. The rise and fall of the English Defence League: self-governance, marginal members and the far right. *Political Studies*, 67, 3: 539-556.

John Meadowcroft and Elizabeth Morrow. 2017. Violence, self-worth, solidarity and stigma: how a dissident, far right group solves the collective action problem. *Political Studies*, 65, 2: 373-390.

John Meadowcroft. 2015. Just healthcare? The moral failure of single-tier basic healthcare. *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 40, 2: 152-68.

André Azevedo Alves and John Meadowcroft. 2014. Hayek's slippery slope, the stability of the mixed economy and dynamics of rent-seeking. *Political Studies*, 62, 4: 843-61.

John Meadowcroft and William Ruger. 2014. Hayek, Friedman and Buchanan: On Chile, Public Life and the Relationship Between Liberty and Democracy. *Review of Political Economy*, 26, 3: 358-367.

John Meadowcroft. 2014. Exchange, unanimity and consent: a defence of the public choice account of power. *Public Choice*, 158, 1/2: 85-100.

John Meadowcroft. 2011. Economic and Political Solutions to Social Problems: The Case of Smoking in Enclosed Public Places. *Review of Political Economy*, 23, 2: 233-48.

John Meadowcroft. 2008. Patients, Politics, and Power: Government Failure and the Politicization of UK Healthcare. *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 33, 5: 427-44.

John Meadowcroft and Mark Pennington. 2008. Bonding and Bridging: Social Capital and the Communitarian Critique of Liberal Markets. *Review of Austrian Economics*, 21, 2/3: 119-33.

John Meadowcroft. 2007. Altruism, self-interest and the morality of the private sector: An Austrian approach. *Journal of Markets and Morality*, 10, 2: 357-73.

John Meadowcroft. 2005. Healthcare markets, prices and coordination: The epistemic explanation of government failure and the UK National Health Service. *HEC Forum: An International Journal of Healthcare Ethics*, 17, 3: 159-77.

John Meadowcroft. 2003. The British National Health Service: Lessons from the “Socialist Calculation Debate”. *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 28, 3: 307-26.

John Meadowcroft. 2002. The European Democratic Deficit, the Market and the Public Space: a classical liberal critique. *Innovation, The European Journal of Social Science Research*, 15, 3: 181-92.

John Meadowcroft. 2001. Community Politics, Representation and the Limits of Deliberative Democracy. *Local Government Studies*, 27, 3: 25-42.

John Meadowcroft. 2001. Political Recruitment and Local Representation: The Case of Liberal Democrat Councillors. *Local Government Studies*, 27, 1: 19-36.

Book sections

Art Carden, John Meadowcroft and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2025. Coercion. In C. Bjørnskov and R. Jong-A-Pin, eds., *The Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, Edward Elgar, pp. 144-151.

Art Carden, Philip W. Magness, John Meadowcroft and Ilia Murtazashvili. 2025. Slavery. In C. Bjørnskov and R. Jong-A-Pin, eds., *The Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, Edward Elgar, pp. 742-750.

Alain Marciano and John Meadowcroft. 2025. Buchanan’s Theory of Emancipation: Artfactual Man in Perspective. In M. Novak, ed., *Liberal Emancipation*, Palgrave, pp. 57-77.

Christel Koop and John Meadowcroft. 2018. Regulation, rent seeking, and business ethics. In E. Heath, B. Kaldis and A. Marcoux, eds, *The Routledge Companion to Business Ethics*, Routledge, pp. 359-375.

John Meadowcroft. 2013. Libertarianism. In G. F. Gaus and F. D’Agostino, eds, *The Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy*, Routledge, pp. 421-432.

John Meadowcroft. 2011. Nozick’s critique of Rawls: distribution, entitlement and the assumptive world of *A Theory of Justice*. In R. M. Bader and J. Meadowcroft, eds, *The Cambridge Companion to Nozick’s Anarchy, State, and Utopia*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 168-196.

John Meadowcroft. 2010. Markets, discovery and social problems. In M. D. White, ed., *Accepting the Invisible Hand*, Palgrave, pp. 23-41.

John Meadowcroft. 2009. Greed and the Market. In A. Brasseley and S. Barber, eds, *Greed*, Palgrave, pp. 5-20.

John Meadowcroft. 2008. Introduction, and, Prostitution. In J. Meadowcroft, ed., *Prohibitions*, Institute of Economic Affairs, pp. 21-36 and pp. 178-97.

John Meadowcroft. 2005. Introduction, and, "Locals-only" housing: The March of the New Totalitarians? In B. Hill et al., *The New Rural Economy*, Institute of Economic Affairs, pp. 23-35 and pp. 134-42.

John Meadowcroft. 2005. A Constitution for Liberty. In P. Booth, ed., *Towards a Liberal Utopia?* Institute of Economic Affairs, pp. 212-21; Second edition, Continuum, 2006, pp. 146-53.

John Meadowcroft. 2000. Community Politics: Ideals, Myths and Realities. In N. Rao, ed., *Community and Representation in Western Democracies*, Macmillan, pp. 114-37.

Review essay

John Meadowcroft. 2016. Commons, Anticommons and Public Choice: James Buchanan on Liberal Democracy. *Economic Affairs*, 36, 2: 224-228.

Edited books

Ralf M. Bader and John Meadowcroft (eds) 2011. *The Cambridge Companion to Nozick's Anarchy, State, and Utopia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pb/hb, i-xii, 1-316.

John Meadowcroft (ed) 2008. *Prohibitions*. London: Institute of Economic Affairs, pb, 1-266.

Philip Booth and John Meadowcroft (eds) 2006. *The Road to Economic Freedom, Volumes I and II*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, hb, i-xix and 1-502, i-vii and 1-411.

Edited book series

Major Conservative and Libertarian Thinkers
Nineteen Volume Book Series, Continuum, 2009-2011 (hb); Bloomsbury, 2013 (pb)

Degrees

1996 – 1999	PhD Political Science Goldsmiths College, University of London Thesis title: ‘Community Politics: A Study of the Liberal Democrats in Local Government’
1993 – 1996	BA Public Policy First Class Honours Goldsmiths College, University of London

PhD Students first supervised (completed, with title and year of award)

2024	Dries Glorieux ‘Institutional Reparations: Conceptualization and Application to Exclusionary Zoning’
2023	Georgy Kopshteyn ‘An Enquiry Concerning the Ideational Relationship Between Liberal Democracy and Populism in the European Union’
2022	Joshua Roche ‘Nozick and the Foundations of Libertarianism’
2021	Kaetana Numa ‘Finding Fiscal Illusion: A Survey Experiment with Personalised Fiscal Information’
2020	Sandra-Marlen Dzenis ‘The Impact of Academics and University Administrators on Political Correctness in Academia: A Positive Political Theory Analysis’
2018	Heather Cameron ‘Solving the State’s Dilemma: The Dynamics of Exit and Voice In Zimbabwe 2000-2008’
2016	Filipe Faria ‘Liberal Democracy and Markets: An Evolutionary Political Theory of Preference Satisfaction’
2015	James Hill ‘The Uses and Abuses of Externality’
2013	Kristian Niemietz ‘Poverty Measurement and Policy Implications for the UK’

Career/employment history

2004 – 2006	Deputy Editorial Director (0.8 FTE), Institute of Economic Affairs
2004 – 2006	Lecturer in Parliament and Politics (0.2 FTE) Hansard Scholars Programme, London School of Economics and Political Science
2000 – 2003	Lecturer in Politics, Queen Mary, University of London
2001 – 2002	Lecturer in British Politics (0.2 FTE) New York University Study Abroad Programme, London
1999 – 2000	Research & Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics Queen Mary, University of London
1998 – 1999	Casework Assistant, Refugee Legal Centre, London
1998	Research Assistant (0.5 FTE), Department of Social Policy and Politics Goldsmiths College, University of London
1996 – 1997	Research Assistant (0.5 FTE), Public Policy Research Unit, Queen Mary, University of London
1991 – 1993	Constituency Assistant & Caseworker to Simon Hughes MP