

Property

Four introductory remarks

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Outline

- What if there were no property?
- II. Why do we need property?
- III. What is property?
- IV. What limits to property?



II. Why do we need property?

- Well-being of individuals
- Stimulates economic productivity
- Common well-being



III. What is property?

- Right / object
- Things / patrimonial assets



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To the world: Keep off X unless you have my permission, which I may grant or withhold.

Signed: Private Citizen

Endorsed: The State



IV. What limits?

- Use
- Functional approach
- Time limit
- Pragmatic approach

