Appropriating Liberalism? Regimes of Accumulation and the role of Citizenship

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This article explores the influence of liberal and republican ideas on the concept of citizenship. It is argued that while content and practice has often veered between the two philosophies – and a greater emphasis upon either the individual or society – the article suggests that we can gain a clearer understanding of the more recent history of citizenship by viewing the concept through Ikeda’s (2004) regimes of accumulation. In particular, it is argued that the most recent stage of capitalism has appropriated a particular form of liberalism, separating the individual from a collective notion of citizenship that is rooted in society. [Article copies available for a fee from The Transformative Studies Institute. E-mail address: journal@transformativestudies.org Website: http://www.transformativestudies.org ©2008 by The Transformative Studies Institute. All rights reserved.]

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INTRODUCTION

Citizenship is a much used though often ambiguous concept that has

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