

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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