

New Book Offers Epistemological Defense of the Free Society

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Epistemological Foundations of the Free Society argues that a sound theory of universals is required to uphold and justify the free society.

Every concept, except proper nouns, the author points out, is universal. If universals are not valid, such concepts as truth, objectivity, rights, property, and freedom are neither accurate nor trustworthy, that is, they are arbitrary and subjective.

The book presents Ayn Rand's theory of universals, or concepts as she calls them, as the answer to what in philosophy is called the problem of universals. The author then demonstrates how Rand's theory can identify the correct meaning of science and thereby provide further validation of the human sciences in general and the scientific work in particular of Sigmund Freud in psychology and Ludwig von Mises in economics.

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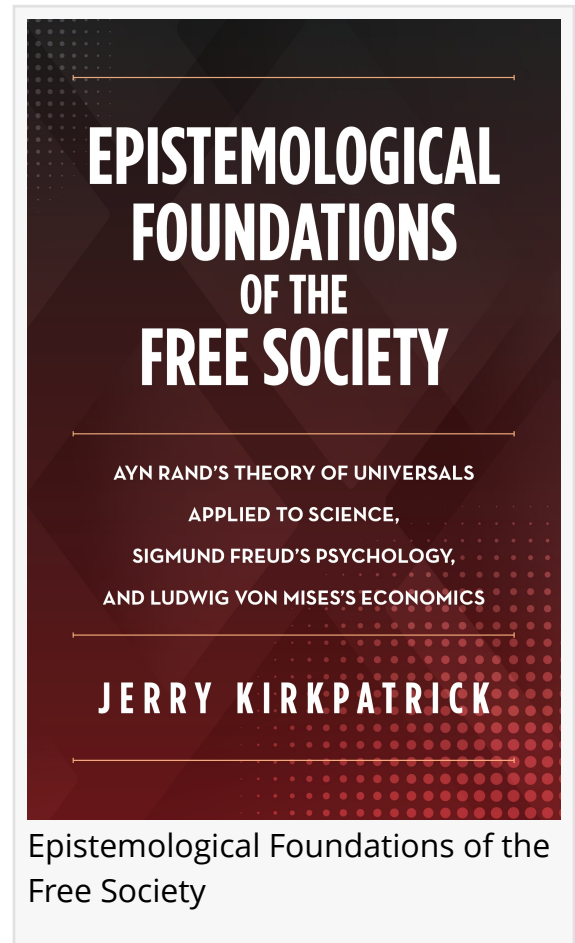
Primary audience is laypersons and academics interested in the underlying epistemology of science, especially of the human sciences that, when integrated with psychology and economics, provides the ultimate vindication of a free society.

The work is scholarly but written in a style accessible to interested laypersons.

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He is author of four other books: *In Defense of Advertising* (1994, 2007), *Montessori, Dewey, and Capitalism* (2008), *Independent Judgment and Introspection* (2019), and *Applying Principles* (2021). Inspired in high school to think about fundamental ideas, Kirkpatrick majored in philosophy as an undergraduate before pursuing his advanced degrees. He now writes a monthly blog at jerrykirkpatrick.blogspot.com, discussing, among other topics, his special interests in epistemology and psychology.

Kirkpatrick Books publishes works in the Objectivist philosophical and Austrian economic traditions, based primarily on the writings of Ayn Rand, Ludwig von Mises, George Reisman, and Edith Packer.

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