

# UTILITARIANISM

## PRIVATE AND GENERAL INTEREST

The utilitarian philosophers and the social liberals posed the main problem of social practice: How to reconcile private and public interests. They thought to have solved this problem, e.g. by invoking the Hidden Hand, or the maxim "The greatest happiness of the greatest number". But these were restatements of the goal, not solutions to the problem. The problem is still with us.

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