

# FORDHAM ETHICS IN BUSINESS SEMINAR SERIES



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## Hussain on the Market: Critique or Kvetch?

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**In-Person**  
Rose Hill: Hughes Hall – Hughes 208

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**Abstract:** In order to qualify as such, a critique of capitalism should take issue with features that are specific to that economic system, which is to say, features that would not be present after some feasible reorganization of the economy. Otherwise the critique is not really a critique of capitalism, but rather of the human condition. I refer to this as a kvetch. Waheed Hussain's book, *Living with the Invisible Hand*, is intended as a critique of the market economy. I analyze Hussain's argument in order to determine whether it counts as a critique or a kvetch.

**Bio:** Joseph Heath is a professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Toronto. He is the author of several books, both popular and academic, including: *Economics Without Illusions* (HarperBusiness, 2009), *Morality, Competition, and the Firm* (Oxford, 2014), and most recently, *Ethics for Capitalists* (Friesen, 2023).



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