

# **Title: INFLATION, MONEY AND THE TEMPORAL SINGLE SYSTEM**

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## **ABSTRACT**

To many economists, not to mention all Central Bankers, inflation is public enemy number one. My paper seeks to understand why inflation should be so despised. To escape from simultaneous restrictions I use a Temporal Single System (TSS) approach. Firstly I consider Alan Freeman's, see Freeman (1998), simple illustration of the TSS approach (for more detail on the TSS approach see Freeman and Carchedi (1996)). In order to focus on distributional issues I build in a positive wage. Price changes seem to only imperfectly hide/counteract changes to the underlying hours rate of labour exploitation. Next I add money as a stock of past value. I assume money is held by rentiers, who lend to productive capitalists. Once we allow for the 'real' existence of money appropriate price increases not only hide the effect of reduced exploitation, they can actually transfer the cost of reduced exploitation from productive capitalists to rentiers. Finally I conclude.

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