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The Challenge of the Bloomington School of Institutional Analysis

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Aligica and Boettke try to explore, map, reconstruct and outline the basic conceptual and intellectual structure and presuppositions plus the theoretical and normative visions that shape, inspire and define the Bloomington IAD Research Program. Thus the true dimensions of the system within which are embedded the more salient and publicly visible pieces of the research produced by the Bloomington scholars –such as the “commons research”-, will become clearer, and both their deeper significance and the importance of the research program they are part of, will be better understood and appreciated. At the same time Aligica and Boettke will go beyond a mere conceptual reconstruction of the assumptions and foundations of a school of thought. Their final objective will be to use the theories and perspectives advanced by the Bloomington in order to illuminate the current discussions about the nature and the future of the institutional theory and political economy, a discussion relevant for an entire range of fields including economics and political sciences and public administration.