

Mill's Club

Particularly in his work *Representative Government*, J. S. Mill tries to configure the government of social order according to the rules that served as a pattern for the constitution of the literary salons and clubs of the XVII and XVIII centuries. On these rules the enlightened rational-legal model of society was built, whose demands as well as its differences from reality are enormous. However, this model that retained its validity, although often broken, during the XIX and XX centuries, does not seem able to survive, even as a regulative ideal. The characteristics that now define the society of the masses in which we live make the fundamentals of Mill's theory totally inadequate to understand that society.

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