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Kerschensteiner vs. Dewey, Corporatism vs. Liberalism. What is driving the future of VET? Philipp Gonon (University of Zurich, CH)

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Beyond Becker & Bringing Politics back

- How institution evolve (2004)
- The "New" theory: path dependence, critical junctures, incremental change
- Against a functionalist approach
- The core which survived all breakpoints in Germany has been the idea of a collectively managed system



Liberalism, corporatism and VET

- Alliance of different actors: decisive for VET
- Consensus orientation
- VET is also a moral and educational issue



• (Quelle: Wirtschaftsraum Zürich, CH, Flugsimulator)

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"what statesmanship (Geist der Staatsgesinnung) is, is the will, strengthened by insight and habit, to contribute to the welfare of not only individual social classes, but of all classes without exception, to cooperate in the development of a moral community ... and to do so in the place where profession, inclination and fate have placed the individual" (Kerschensteiner 1922, p.119).



Future of VET

Role of the State Developping a non-liberal VET further VET closely linked, or even part of the education system Nationally adapted forms of VET



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