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What are the limits of the market? Which social inequalities are open to criticism and which are justified? How can the structural inferiority of employees be counteracted? It is Patrick Schulte's intention to open the discussion on business ethics to these questions. He argues that market transactions can only be called free transactions if the social background conditions guarantee fairness and equal opportunities. Thus, extreme inequalities and exploitative transactional relationships have to be prevented. In addition, the author justifies a general minimum wage as a necessary prerequisite for self-determination and dignity. The author also shows the extent to which general employees' rights can be seen as derivative positive rights which are justified due to their significance for constitutive human rights.

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