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Political Economy and the Novel: A Literary History of 'Homo Economicus' provides a transhistorical account of homo economicus (economic man), demonstrating this figure's significance to economic theory and the Anglo-American novel over a 250-year period. Beginning with Adam Smith's seminal texts – Theory of Moral Sentiments and The Wealth of Nations – and Henry Fielding's A History of Tom Jones, this book combines the methodologies of new historicism and new economic criticism to investigate the evolution of the homo economicus model as it traverses through Ricardian economics and Jane Austen's Sanditon; J. S. Mill and Charles Dickens' engagement with mid-Victorian dualities; Keynesianism and Mrs Dalloway's exploration of post-war consumer impulses; the a/moralistic discourses of Friedrich von Hayek, and Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged; and finally the virtual crises of the twenty-first century financial market and Don DeLillo's Cosmopolis. Through its sustained comparative analysis of literary and economic discourses, this book transforms our understanding of the genre of the novel and offers critical new understandings of literary value, cultural capital and the moral foundations of political economy.

We are rarely asked to make decisions based on only one criterion; most often, decisions are based on several usually conflicting, criteria. In nature, if the design of a system evolves to some final, optimal state, then it must include a balance for the interaction of the system with its surroundings certainly a design based on a variety of criteria. Furthermore, the diversity of nature's designs suggests an infinity of such optimal states. In another sense, decisions simultaneously optimize a finite number of criteria, while there is usually an infinity of optimal

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solutions. Multicriteria optimization provides the mathematical framework to accommodate these demands. Multicriteria optimization has its roots in mathematical economics, in particular, in consumer economics as considered by Edgeworth and Pareto. The critical question in an exchange economy concerns the "equilibrium point" at which each of  $N$  consumers has achieved the best possible deal for himself or herself. Ultimately, this is a collective decision in which any further gain by one consumer can occur only at the expense of at least one other consumer. Such an equilibrium concept was first introduced by Edgeworth in 1881 in his book on mathematical psychics. Today, such an optimum is variously called "Pareto optimum" (after the Italian-French welfare economist who continued and expanded Edgeworth's work), "efficient," "nondominated," and so on.

Social economics is a dynamic and growing field that emphasizes the key roles social values play in the economy and economic life. This second edition of the Elgar Companion to Social Economics revises all chapters from the first edition, and adds impo

This compact yet comprehensive guide provides a wealth of information that is timely, easy to understand, and relevant to the academic and civic lives of students, teachers, researchers, and the general public. • Covers many of the economic concepts and principles outlined by the Council for Economic Education (Voluntary National Content Standards in Economics, 2nd Edition, 2010), National Council for the Social Studies (College, Career, & Civic Life C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards: Guidance for Enhancing the Rigor of K–12 Civics, Economics, Geography, and History, 2013), the Foundation for Teaching Economics, and the College Board

This work treats economic growth and development in terms of a theory which is applicable to

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the post-industrial, developing, and emerging economies.

Fundamentals of Economics for Business is an innovative text designed specifically for students in business education programs. It provides a comprehensive yet accessible introduction to the key economic issues relevant to present or future business decision-makers. Reflecting the requirements of globalization, the content is international in scope and is applicable worldwide. The material is easily adaptable to courses of different lengths and educational objectives, including a one-semester MBA course, economics courses in an undergraduate commerce or business degree, or an executive MBA program. This second edition adds significant new material on production costs, managerial economics, growth and competitiveness, and includes new case studies with applications to international business. This volume contains chapters on a range of topics which include economic methodology in macroeconomics, central bank independence, policy signalling, public policy as second best analysis, the determinants of economic growth, a continuum approach to unemployment policy, and pensions. The volume dispels the notion that these are largely unrelated issues and illustrates the merger process which is taking place between hitherto rather separate economic sub-disciplines. They move the focus of attention and challenge received wisdom.

International Conference on E-Commerce and Contemporary Economic Development (ECED 2014) which will be held on June 7–8, 2014. The ECED 2014 aims to bring together researchers, educators and students from around the world in both industry and academia for sharing the state-of-art research results and applications, for exploring new areas of research and development, and for discussing emerging issues on E-commerce and Contemporary Economic Development fields. 2014 International Conference on E-commerce and

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Contemporary Economic Development [ECED2014], aims to bring together researchers, engineers, and students from around the world in both fields about E-commerce and Contemporary Economic Development for information sharing and cooperation. Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit their contributions to ECED2014.

The field of economics has proliferated in complexity and importance since the Second World War. Alessandro Roncaglia recounts the history of the different approaches (marginalist, neoclassical, Keynesian, Austrian, monetarism, rational expectations, institutionalist, evolutionary, classical-Sraffian) and the different fields (micro, macro, money and finance, industrial and game theory, institutions, public finance, econometrics), illustrating the thought and personality of the most important contemporary economists (from Hayek to Sraffa, from Modigliani and Samuelson to Friedman, from Simon to Sen, and many others), focusing on the conceptual foundations of the different streams. At the same time he appraises critically the important debates and controversies in the field and concludes by discussing possible future directions for economic thought. This follow-up to *The Wealth of Ideas: A History of Contemporary Economic Thought* is a readable introduction to the contemporary economics discourse, accessible to economics students and informed general readers, and an important complement for advanced students and economists active in specialized fields.

*Principles of Economics*, 2nd Australian edition, is an adaptation of an original work by internationally renowned economists Joseph Stiglitz and Carl Walsh. In addition to a thorough analysis of the contemporary economic landscape in Australia -- with updated statistics, figures, and political and business developments -- the second edition provides useful international comparisons with economies in Asia and Europe, as well as that of the United

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States. The adapting Australian author team has contextualised the content to suit the needs of Australian university students. Key introductory microeconomic and macroeconomics concepts are explained using the latest theory and research, with data relevant to the Australian economy. Throughout the text, these concepts are applied to contemporary local economic issues for businesses and individuals, such as: \* the Australian dollar \* the mining industry \* the National Broadband Network \* petrol prices \* privatisation \* the banking and finance sectors \* the automotive industry \* the carbon tax \* the ageing population \* skills shortages \* international trade. At an expanded 18 chapters for the second edition, this textbook is an ideal resource for a one-semester university course in introductory economics. Examine and evaluate three alternative models of economic organization and apply them to a comparative analysis of real world economies.

"A clear grasp of economics is essential to understanding why environmental problems arise and how we can address them. ... Now thoroughly revised with updated information on current environmental policy and real-world examples of market-based instruments .... The authors provide a concise yet thorough introduction to the economic theory of environmental policy and natural resource management. They begin with an overview of environmental economics before exploring topics including cost-benefit analysis, market failures and successes, and economic growth and sustainability. Readers of the first edition will notice new analysis of cost estimation as well as specific market instruments, including municipal water pricing and waste disposal. Particular attention is paid to behavioral economics and cap-and-trade programs for carbon."--Publisher's web site.

The basic income guarantee, a universal unconditional income grant, has received increasing

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attention from scholars as an alternative to the kinds of reforms that have been implemented.

This book explores the political, sociological, economic, and philoso

Now in its second edition, *Economics: The Basics* provides an engaging and topical introduction to the key issues in contemporary economics. Fully updated to take into account the economic recession, changing patterns in world trade, housing and currency markets, this book covers fundamental issues, including: How different economic systems function The boom and bust cycle of market economies The impact of emerging markets How price, supply and demand interact The role of the banking and finance industry Whether we can emerge from recession and reduce poverty The impact of economics on the environment.

Have you ever wondered what a term in international economics means? This useful reference book offers a glossary of terms in both international trade and international finance, with emphasis on economic issues. It is intended for students getting their first exposure to international economics, although advanced students will also find it useful for some of the more obscure terms that they have forgotten or never encountered. Besides an extensive glossary of terms that has been expanded about 50% from the first edition, there is a picture gallery of diagrams used to explain key concepts such as the Edgeworth Production Box and the Offer Curve Diagram in international economics. This section is followed by over 30 lists of terms that occur a lot in international economics, grouped by subject to help users find terms that they cannot recall. Prior to an enlarged bibliography is an expanded section on the origins of terms in international economics, which records what the author has been able to learn about the origins of some of the terms used in international economics. This is a must-have portable glossary in international trade and international economics! Contents: Glossary of

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Terms in International Economics: A-Z0–9Picture Gallery:Edgeworth Production BoxIntegrated World Economy DiagramIS-LM-BP DiagramLerner DiagramOffer Curve DiagramSpecific-Factors ModelTariff in Partial EquilibriumTrade and Transformation Curve DiagramLists of Terms in International Economics by Subject:Arguments for ProtectionCentral BanksCountertradeCountry GroupsCrisesDevelopment BanksEffectsEmpirical FindingsExchange RegimesFragmentation: Terms and TypesGATT and WTO MinisterialsGATT ArticlesIndexesInternational Classification SystemsInternational Commodity Agreements and OrganizationsMembershipsModelsNontariff BarriersOther Nontariff MeasuresParadoxes and PuzzlesPreferential Trading ArrangementsProduct-Specific Agreements, Institutions, and ConflictsRegional Commissions for Economic and Social DevelopmentSpanish Acronyms in International EconomicsTechniques of AnalysisTerms of Trade DefinitionsTheoretical PropositionsTrade DisputesTrade MinistriesTrade RoundsUNCTAD MeetingsUnited Nations OrganizationsUnited States Government Units (Dealing with International Economic Matters)Origins of Certain Key Terms in International Economics Readership: Undergraduates and graduate students in international economics; government and industry personnel related to international economics and finance. Keywords:International Trade;International Finance;International Economics;Trade Theory;Trade PolicyKey Features:A portable reference of concise definitions of key terms in international trade, economics and financeCross reference to terms used in the definitions The new second edition of Contemporary Issues in Management is a must have for anyone teaching or wishing to better understand the field of critical management studies. The book combines a range of theoretical essays with insights into the present-day world of work,

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business and organizing, gathering together cases from banking and financial services, voluntary and charity work, factory and food production among others. This second edition evaluates some of the recent impacts of policy and economic change on business and management, as well as introducing and exploring a range of international examples. Together, the authors lend a critical perspective to organizational enquiries with relevance to a number of debates which will be invaluable to those seeking practical as well as philosophical insights into the nature of business and work in a current climate of uncertainty, austerity and change.

Warren J. Samuels has been a prominent figure in the study of economics in the twentieth century. This book brings together essays by leading scholars in the areas of economics in which Samuels has made his most important contributions: the history of economic thought, economic methodology, and institutional and post-Keynesian economics. This work is designed to give the reader a sense of the breadth and possibilities of economics. The essays, all published here for the first time, investigate issues such as: The institutional structures that shape economic activity and performance. The variety of approaches to economic analysis. The importance of the history of the discipline both inherently and for the study of economics in the modern age. With essays from leading scholars, collected and introduced by some of the most eminent authorities in the field, the work is a formidable volume, and one fit to honor one of the most renowned economists of our age.

Acclaim for the first edition: "This easy-to-read collection . . . tells the whole story. Filled with short, well-written pieces, the encyclopedia covers the names and ideas that preceded Keynes, that carried his work to the center of the profession, and that eventually supplanted

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him there . . . There are excellent and unexpected articles on the Austrian school, the Lausanne school, and the Ricardo effect. There are well-done pieces on all the basic theoretical models at the heart of Keynesianism . . . [the] volume has been well put together. The editors deserve special praise for letting each contributor tell his own story. Those who oppose Keynes's ideas are just as well represented as those who carry the torch for him. This evenhandedness helps to ensure a volume that is truly representative and that will allow its users to get a full picture of the life and times of Keynesian economics. — Bradley W. Bateman, Grinnell College, US — The book will also be of some interest to serious scholars, partly because it includes biographies of many economists too young to have been included in the New Palgrave, such as Dornbusch, Fisher, Herschel Grossman, Kregel, Lucas, and Robert Townsend. It also includes some very interesting longer essays. — Peter Howitt, The Economic Journal — This book provides an excellent summary of the many strands of — Keynesian — style thought both before and after 1936. Its well-considered entries take care to make explicit the assumptions and fundamental points of difference between theories too often concealed by the parents and advocates of specific theories in their zeal to promote the universality of the ideas. There is scarcely an entry that suffers from wordiness and repetition; the reader's scarce time is not abused. — Elizabeth Webster, Economic Record — This reviewer found using this source exhilarating and endowed with additional interest in view of the 1997 discussion on the inclusion or noninclusion of Keynesian economics in introductory economics textbooks. The editors should be applauded for helping to preserve a part of intellectual heritage. — Bogdan Mieczkowski, American Reference Books — It is the best single reference source on Keynesian economics and will be welcomed by students and

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teachers in economics as well as scholars in related social sciences and government policy makers. Õ Ð Educational Book Review This thoroughly revised and updated second edition of a highly acclaimed and authoritative reference work introduces the major concepts in the field of Keynesian economics. The comprehensive Encyclopedia features accessible, informative and provocative contributions by leading international scholars working in the tradition of Keynes. It brings together widely dispersed yet theoretically congruent ideas, presents concise biographies of economists who have contributed to the debate on Keynes and the Keynesian Revolution, and outlines the basic principles, models and tools used to discuss the economic consequences of The General Theory. Longer entries on specific topics associated with Keynes and the Keynesian Revolution analyse the principal factors that contributed to The General Theory, the economics of Keynes and the rise and apparent decline of Keynesian economics in greater detail. The second edition will ensure that An Encyclopedia of Keynesian Economics will remain the best single reference source on Keynesian economics and will continue to be welcomed by academics, students and teachers of economics as well as by scholars in related social sciences and government policymakers.

This book describes the important contributions of several contemporary economic figures including recent Nobel Laureates. Describing their work and putting it into an historical perspective, these chapters explain how their work constitutes a major contribution to the discipline of economics and how it has broadened economic science. Co-Editor of the Review of Political Economy, Steven Pressman has gathered together for the first time key chapters from the journal, discussing major figures such as

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Amartya Sen, Joseph Stiglitz, John Kenneth Galbraith, Thomas Schelling, Edmund Phelps and Robert Mundell. This volume is significant to the extent that it combines the study of the work of Nobel Laureates with the perspective of heterodox economists, including a comprehensive bibliography for the work of each economist covered.

Economic Foundations of Law (2nd ed.) provides an economic analysis of the major areas of the law: property law, torts, contracts, criminal law, civil procedure, corporation law and financial markets, taxation and labor law. In line with current trends in legal scholarship, discussion is focused on economic principles such as risk aversion, efficiency, opportunity cost, moral hazard, rent-seeking behaviour and economies of scale. Accessible, comprehensive and well written, this book uses extensive practical examples and explanations to illustrate key points. There are numerous applications to lawyers and the legal profession, with detailed discussions of subjects as diverse as the proposed market for transplantable human organs, the market for adoptions, the market for bail bonds, the unanticipated effects of Megan's law, and issues of racial profiling. Fully updated and revised, a new chapter on labor law has also been included.

Philosophy of Economics: A Contemporary Introduction is the first systematic textbook in the philosophy of economics. It introduces the epistemological, metaphysical and ethical problems that arise in economics, and presents detailed discussions of the solutions that have been offered. Throughout, philosophical issues are illustrated by and analysed in the context of concrete cases drawn from contemporary economics,

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the history of economic ideas, and actual economic events. This demonstrates the relevance of philosophy of economics both for the science of economics and for the economy. This text will provide an excellent introduction to the philosophy of economics for students and interested general readers alike.

These essays use a common interpretive framework to show how economic and other concepts are socially constructed, how political philosophers and the workings of democracy can be understood, and how rational choice theories might be given wider application and greater discriminatory power. Aaron Wildavsky hoped that fellow social scientists would be persuaded of the unifying and integrating potential of what Mary Douglas called "grid-group theory" (which he further developed as "cultural theory") by seeing this explanatory tool used in so many different ways and with regard to such a variety of issues and questions.

From Empty-World Economics to Full-World Economics Ecological economics explores new ways of thinking about how we manage our lives and our planet to achieve a sustainable, equitable, and prosperous future. Ecological economics extends and integrates the study and management of both "nature's household" and "humankind's household"—An Introduction to Ecological Economics, Second Edition, the first update and expansion of this classic text in 15 years, describes new approaches to achieving a sustainable and desirable human presence on Earth. Written by the top experts in the field, it addresses the necessity for an innovative approach to integrated environmental,

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social, and economic analysis and management, and describes policies aimed at achieving our shared goals. Demands a Departure from Business as Usual The book begins with a description of prevailing interdependent environmental, economic, and social issues and their underlying causes, and offers guidance on designing policies and instruments capable of adequately coping with these problems. It documents the historical development of the disciplines of economics and ecology, and explores how they have evolved so differently from a shared conceptual base. Structured into four sections, it also presents various ideas and models in their proper chronological context, details the fundamental principles of ecological economics, and outlines prospects for the future. What's New in the Second Edition: Includes several new pieces and updates in each section Adds a series of independently authored "boxes" to expand and update information in the current text Addresses the historical development of economics and ecology and the recent progress in integrating the study of humans and the rest of nature Covers the basic concepts and applications of ecological economics in language accessible to a broad audience An Introduction to Ecological Economics, Second Edition can be used in an introductory undergraduate or graduate course; requires no prior knowledge of mathematics, economics, or ecology; provides a unified understanding of natural and human-dominated ecosystems; and reintegrates the market economy within society and the rest of nature.

This is the second volume of the proceedings of the IEA Congress in Athens. Part 1 on

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macroeconomics considers aspects of unemployment, both generally in a Keynesian framework and in more detail, while Part 2 discusses international aspects of macroeconomic fluctuations and macroeconomic equilibrium associated with the development of the European Community. Part 3 on econometrics deals particularly with the use of survey data and microeconomic theory to analyse decisions important to the understanding of macroeconomic fluctuations and expectation formation.

In this thoroughly updated second edition of *Free Market Economics*, Steven Kates assesses economic principles based on classical economic theory before Keynesian theory became dominant in macroeconomics and equilibrium analysis became standard in microeconomics.

First published in 1980, this book collects 17 lectures presented at the annual conference of the Association of University Teachers of Economics covering a wide range of issues and debates. They include new theoretical points, criticisms of existing theory, the reporting of empirical studies and their implications, and refinements of methodological techniques. Among the topics covered are government deficits and capital accumulation; macroeconomic issues of management policy and foreign trade; empirical studies of foreign exchange markets, and supply and demand of hours of work; public sector and welfare economics; risk and uncertainty; and monopoly, competition and markets.

### Creating Gender Equality from the Ashes of Neoliberalism

Readers of economic and political theory as well as students of economic planning will appreciate this classic, now available for the first time in English. Written eighty years ago, when Sorel became disillusioned with the official socialism of the German and French Marxist parties, this new translation presents Sorel's analysis of the rise and fall of the two great modern ideologies: socialism and liberal capitalism. At present, when the fate of both of these ideologies seems in doubt, Sorel's analysis remains particularly insightful and fresh. Sorel explains why they seem to have fallen into disrepute just as they succeeded in an almost total monopoly of power in the advanced industrial countries of the world. Sorel notes a striking parallel in the historical evolution of both bodies of thought: productivity was the foremost ideal when both movements were at their most dynamic and socially effective stage. On the other hand, they were at their most decadent state when they no longer separated themselves from politics and embraced the ideals of social unity. This work is an attack on the time-honored notion of community solidarity whose Platonic and Aristotelian versions find their contemporary counterparts in notions of natural sociability and political obligation. This work anticipates much of the thinking that lies behind Sorel's famous "Reflections on Violence" and clearly expresses the

moral basis of that work, as well as present tendencies in normative and empirical political thought.

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