

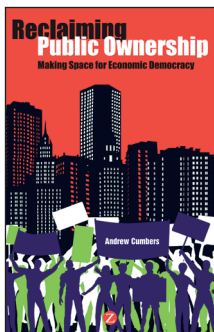


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Reclaiming Public Ownership

Making Space for Economic Democracy

Andrew Cumbers

The last few years have seen the spectacular failure of market fundamentalism in Europe and the US, with a seemingly never-ending spate of corporate scandals and financial crises. As the environmental limits and socially destructive tendencies of the current profit-driven economic model become daily more self-evident, there is a growing demand for a fairer economic alternative, as evidenced by the mounting campaigns against global finance and the politics of austerity. 'Reclaiming Public Ownership' tackles these issues head on, going beyond traditional leftist arguments about the relative merits of free markets and central planning, to present a radical new conception of public ownership. Framed around economic democracy and public participation in economic decision-making, Cumbers argues that a reconstituted public ownership is central to the creation of a more just and sustainable society.

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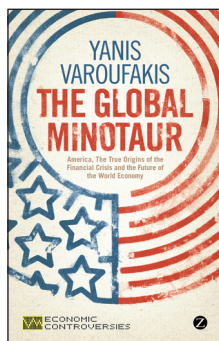
The Future of South-South Economic Relations

Edited by Adil Najam and Rachel Thrasher

In recent years, it has become apparent that South-South economic relations are increasing, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. There will be more trade agreements and more trade, more economic alliances and more political alliances with economic goals, more investment flows and an increasing acknowledgement that the Global South has more to offer than it has in the past. These new economics relations have great potential - both for harm and for good. In the absence of directed policies and intentional actors, imbalances of power and growing gaps in development will persist. With the right policies in place, however, these relationships could forge a new global order with greater economic and political equality.

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America, the True Origins of the Financial Crisis and the Future of the World Economy

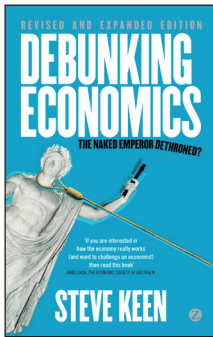
Yanis Varoufakis

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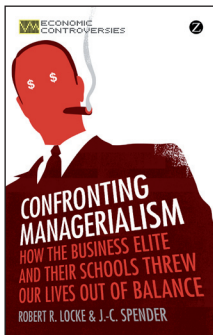
Steve Keen

'Economics still awaits its Darwin. Keynes came close, but not close enough. Keen comes closer still. Economics, like biology used to be, remains mostly faith-based. No book poses a bigger threat to that faith than the second and expanded edition of Debunking Economics.' - Edward Fullbrook, Editor, Real World Economics Review

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How the Business Elite and Their Schools Threw Our Lives Out of Balance

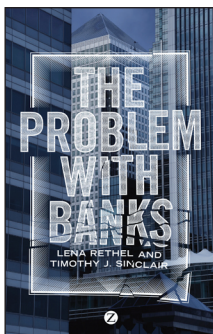
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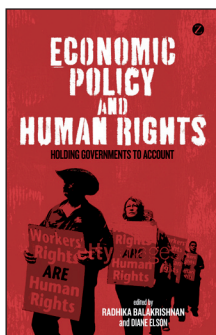
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Economic Policy and Human Rights

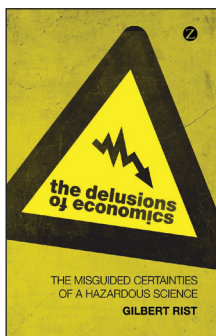
Holding Governments to Account

Radhika Balakrishnan and Diane Elson

'An insightful exploration of the relationship between human rights and economic policies. This book asks how we should evaluate economic policies in the light of the human rights commitments that states have signed up to, and offers practical tools for assessing the justice of alternative economic policy choices. In the current economic climate, the messages and frameworks for analysis should be taken seriously by policy makers and their advisors. For activists and advocacy groups, it offers the language to counter economic policy choices that undermine progress towards the realization of rights.' - Sarah Cook, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

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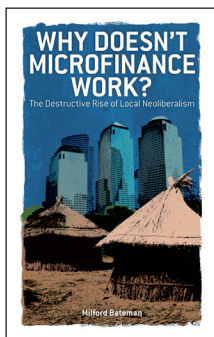
Gilbert Rist

'This is a work of sustained blasphemy. It lays bare the absurd assumptions of that lethal religion called 'mainstream economics'. Rist's book undermines the faith at the deepest level. True believers beware!' - Edward Fullbrook, Editor of Real-World Economics Review

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The Destructive Rise of Local Neoliberalism

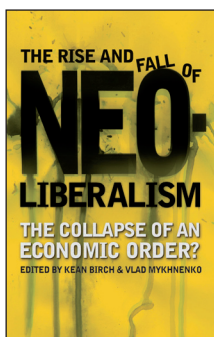
Milford Bateman

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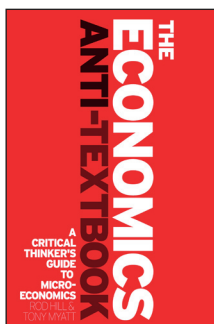
The Rise and Fall of Neoliberalism

The Collapse of an Economic Order?

Edited by Kean Birch and Vlad Mykhnenko

'Since the 1970s, the politics of "neoliberalism," based on the purported concern to minimize state interference in the economy and thus to unleash "free" markets, have been mobilized at various sites and scales across the world economy. This book provides useful intellectual tools for deciphering the ideological, social and institutional foundations of neoliberalism and its wide-ranging implications for the still ongoing regulatory reorganization of capitalism.' - Neil Brenner, New York University

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The Economics Anti-Textbook

A Critical Thinker's Guide to Microeconomics

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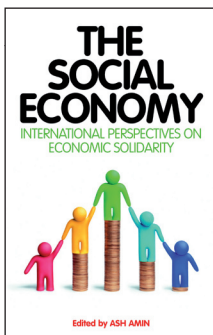
'Rod Hill and Tony Myatt have written one of the best critical texts of neoclassical microeconomics that I have ever seen. It is a great text to assign along with an introductory or intermediate microeconomics text. Its critical commentary is sharp and very readable. All heterodox economists who have to teach undergraduate microeconomics should also assign this book for their students.'

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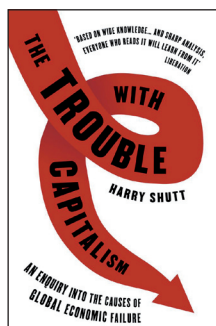
Edited by Ash Amin

'The economic crisis has accelerated the search for real alternatives to market fundamentalism. One key alternative is the creation of a social or solidarity economy based on not-for-profit enterprises. This invaluable book provides an up-to-date account of the strengths and weaknesses of these initiatives across four continents.'

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The Trouble with Capitalism

An Enquiry into the Causes of Global Economic Failure

Harry Shutt

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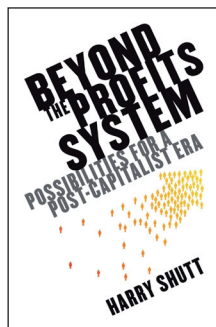
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Possibilities for a Post-Capitalist Era

Harry Shutt

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Climate Change Policy in a Globalizing World

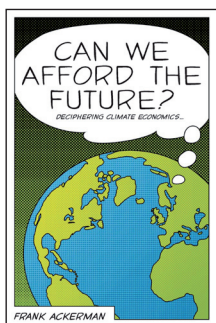
Yda Schreuder

'Schreuder authoritatively surveys the political and economic hurdles facing efforts to reduce carbon emissions, establish carbon-trading schemes, and combat slow global warming-with special emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of transnational corporations. I recommend it highly: it is vital, insightful reading for anyone interested in carbon trading, climate mitigation, international relations, and the pervasive role of mega-corporations in our world today.'

William F. Laurance, Senior Research Scientist, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama

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