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Rethinking Expectations

The Way Forward for Macroeconomics

Princeton University Press This book originated from a 2010 conference marking the fortieth anniversary of the publication of the landmark "Phelps volume," *Microeconomic Foundations of Employment and Inflation Theory*, a book that is often credited with pioneering the currently dominant approach to macroeconomic analysis. However, in their provocative introductory essay, Roman Frydman and Edmund Phelps argue that the vast majority of macroeconomic and finance models developed over the last four decades derailed, rather than built on, the Phelps volume's "microfoundations" approach. Whereas the contributors to the 1970 volume recognized the fundamental importance of according market participants' expectations an autonomous role, contemporary models rely on the rational expectations hypothesis (REH), which rules out such a role by design. The financial crisis that began in 2007, preceded by a spectacular boom and bust in asset prices that REH models implied could never happen, has spurred a quest for fresh approaches to macroeconomic analysis. While the alternatives to REH presented in *Rethinking Expectations* differ from the approach taken in the original Phelps volume, they are notable for returning to its major theme: understanding aggregate outcomes requires according expectations an autonomous role. In the introductory essay, Frydman and Phelps interpret the various efforts to reconstruct the field—some of which promise to chart its direction for decades to come. The contributors include Philippe Aghion, Sheila Dow, George W. Evans, Roger E. A. Farmer, Roman Frydman, Michael D. Goldberg, Roger Guesnerie, Seppo Honkapohja, Katarina Juselius,

Enisse Kharroubi, Blake LeBaron, Edmund S. Phelps, John B. Taylor, Michael Woodford, and Gylfi Zoega.

The Economic Superorganism

Beyond the Competing Narratives on Energy, Growth, and Policy

Springer Nature Energy drives the economy, economics informs policy, and policy affects social outcomes. Since the oil crises of the 1970s, pundits have debated the validity of this sequence, but most economists and politicians still ignore it. Thus, they delude the public about the underlying influence of energy costs and constraints on economic policies that address such pressing contemporary issues as income inequality, growth, debt, and climate change. To understand why, Carey King explores the scientific and rhetorical basis of the competing narratives both within and between energy technology and economics. Energy and economic discourse seems to mirror Newton's 3rd Law of Motion: For every narrative there is an equal and opposite counter-narrative. The competing energy narratives pit "drill, baby, drill!" against renewable technologies such as wind and solar. Both claim to provide secure, reliable, clean, and affordable energy to support economic growth with the most benefit to society, but how? To answer this question, we need to understand the competing economic narratives, techno-optimism and techno-realism. Techno-optimism claims that innovation overcomes any physical resource constraints and enables the social outcomes and economic growth we desire. Techno-realism, in contrast, states that no matter what energy technologies we use, feedbacks from physical growth on a finite planet constrain economic growth and create an uneven distribution of social impacts. In *The Economic Superorganism*, you will discover stories, data, science, and philosophy to guide you through the arguments from competing narratives on energy, growth, and policy. You will be able to distinguish the technically possible from the socially viable, and understand how our future depends on this distinction.

Emerging Markets in an Upside Down World

Challenging Perceptions in Asset Allocation and Investment

John Wiley & Sons The world is upside down. The emerging market countries are more important than many investors realise. They have been catching up with the West over the past few decades. Greater market freedom has spread since the end of the Cold War, and with it institutional changes which have further assisted emerging economies in becoming more productive, flexible, and resilient. The Western financial crisis from 2008 has quickened the pace of the relative rise of emerging markets - their relative economic power, and with it political power, but also their financial power as savers, investors and creditors. *Emerging Markets in an Upside Down World - Challenging Perceptions in Asset Allocation and Investment* argues that finance theory has misunderstood risk and that this has led to poor investment decisions; and that emerging markets constitute a good example of why traditional finance theory is faulty. The book accurately describes the complex and changing global environment currently facing the investor and asset allocator. It raises many questions often bypassed because of the use of simplifying assumptions and models. The narrative builds towards a checklist of issues and questions for the asset allocator and investor and then to a discussion of a variety of regulatory and policy issues. Aimed at institutional and retail investors as well as economics, finance, business and international relations students, *Emerging Markets in an Upside Down World* covers many complex ideas, but is written to be accessible to the non-expert.

Big Ideas in Macroeconomics

A Nontechnical View

MIT Press Macroeconomists have been caricatured either as credulous savants in love with the beauty of their mathematical models or as free-market fundamentalists who admit no doubt as to the market's wisdom. In this book, Kartik Athreya draws a truer picture, offering a nontechnical description of prominent ideas and models in macroeconomics, arguing for their value as interpretive tools as well as their policy relevance. Athreya deliberately leaves out the technical machinery, providing students new to modern macroeconomics as well as readers with no formal training in economics or mathematics -- including economic writers and policymakers -- with an essential guide to the sometimes abstract ideas that drive macroeconomists' research and practical policy advice. Athreya describes the main approach to macroeconomic model construction, the foundational Walrasian general equilibrium framework, and its modern version, the Arrow-Debreu-McKenzie (ADM) model. He then explains the reasons for the relevance of this model for interpreting real-world outcomes, and lays out the so-called Fundamental Theorems of Welfare Economics. In the heart of the book, Athreya shows how the Walrasian approach shapes and unifies much of modern macroeconomics. He details models central to ongoing macroeconomic analyses: the neoclassical and stochastic growth models, the standard incomplete-markets model, the overlapping-generations model, and the standard search model. Athreya's accessible primer traces the links between the views and policy advice of modern macroeconomists and their shared theoretical approach.

A History of Macroeconomics from Keynes to Lucas and Beyond

Cambridge University Press This book retraces the history of macroeconomics from Keynes's General Theory to the present. Central to it is the contrast between a Keynesian era and a Lucasian - or dynamic stochastic general equilibrium (DSGE) - era, each ruled by distinct methodological standards. In the Keynesian era, the book studies the following theories: Keynesian macroeconomics, monetarism, disequilibrium macro (Patinkin, Leijonhufvud, and Clower) non-Walrasian equilibrium models, and first-generation new Keynesian models. Three stages are identified in the DSGE era: new classical macro (Lucas), RBC modelling, and second-generation new Keynesian modeling. The book also examines a few selected works aimed at presenting alternatives to Lucasian macro. While not eschewing analytical content, Michel De Vroey focuses on substantive assessments, and the models studied are presented in a pedagogical and vivid yet critical way.

Investor Behavior

The Psychology of Financial Planning and Investing

John Wiley & Sons WINNER, Business: Personal Finance/Investing, 2015 USA Best Book Awards FINALIST, Business: Reference, 2015 USA Best Book Awards Investor Behavior provides readers with a comprehensive understanding and the latest research in the area of behavioral finance and investor decision making. Blending contributions from noted academics and experienced practitioners, this 30-chapter book will provide investment professionals with insights on how to understand and manage client behavior; a framework for interpreting financial market activity; and an in-depth understanding of this important new field of investment research. The book should also be of interest to academics, investors, and students. The book will cover the major principles of investor psychology, including heuristics, bounded rationality, regret theory, mental accounting, framing, prospect theory, and loss aversion. Specific sections of the book will delve into the role of personality traits, financial therapy, retirement planning, financial coaching, and emotions in investment decisions. Other topics covered include risk perception and tolerance, asset allocation decisions under inertia and inattention bias; evidenced based financial planning, motivation and satisfaction, behavioral investment management, and neurofinance. Contributions will delve into the behavioral underpinnings of various trading and investment topics including trader psychology, stock momentum, earnings surprises, and anomalies. The final chapters of the book examine new research on socially responsible investing, mutual funds, and real estate investing from a behavioral perspective. Empirical evidence and current literature about each type of investment issue are featured. Cited research studies are presented in a straightforward manner focusing on the comprehension of study findings, rather than on the details of mathematical frameworks.

Developments in Islamic Finance

Challenges and Initiatives

Springer This book presents empirical research that addresses the latest issues and innovative products in Islamic banking and finance around the world. Chapters from expert contributors cover a wide range of topics, including the various issues in stock markets, an overview of takaful, a roadmap for introducing Islamic finance to uncharted territories and an in-depth analysis of the current challenges. Case studies and statistics provide up to date information that can be used for future research. This book will be of interest to academics and researchers who wish to learn more about the challenges of Islamic finance and economics.

Prosperity for All

How to Prevent Financial Crises

Oxford University Press Machine generated contents note: -- Chapter 1: Prosperity for All -- Chapter 2: Keynes Betrayed -- Chapter 3: The Demise of the Natural Rate Hypothesis -- Chapter 4: Let's Stop Pretending that Unemployment is Voluntary -- Chapter 5: Five Problems with New Keynesian Economics -- Chapter 6: Why Unemployment Persists -- Chapter 7: Wall Street and Main Street -- Chapter 8: The New Keynesian Model Explained -- Chapter 9: The Farmer Monetary Model Explained -- Chapter 10: Keynesian Economics without the Consumption Function -- Chapter 11: How to Prevent Financial Crises

Macroeconomics

The Development of Modern Methods for Policy Analysis

Edward Elgar Publishing This important textbook offers a comprehensive look into the two main traditions in contemporary macroeconomics - New Classical and Keynesian - and examines the work of economists who have drawn on principles from both traditions to form a new, integr

Expectations, Employment and Prices

Oxford University Press Expectations, Employment and Prices brings Keynesian economics into the 21st century by providing a new paradigm that explains how high unemployment can persist. The book fills in logical gaps that were missing from Keynes' General Theory of Employment Interest and Money.

Finance in America

An Unfinished Story

University of Chicago Press The history of what we call finance today does not begin in ancient Mesopotamia, or in Imperial China, or in the counting houses of Renaissance Europe. This timely and magisterial book shows that finance as we know it--the combination of institutions, regulations, and models, as well as the infrastructure that manages money, credit, claims, banking, assets, and liabilities--emerged gradually starting in the late nineteenth century and coalesced only after World War II. Kevin Brine, a financial industry veteran, and Mary Poovey, a historian, lay bare the history of finance in the United States over this critical period. They show how modern finance made itself known in episodes such as the 1907 Bankers' Panic on Wall Street, passage of the Federal Reserve Act in 1913, and the marginalist tax policies adopted by the federal government in the 1920s. Over its long history, the distinctive feature of modern economics has been its reliance on mathematical modeling; Brine and Poovey show how this reliance came about, and how economists themselves understand it. "Finance in America: An Unfinished Story" provides the long view that we need to advance our national conversation about the place of finance. The story is unfinished because the 2009 financial crisis opened a perilous new chapter in this history, with reverberations that are still felt throughout the world. How we arrived at this most recent crisis is impossible to understand without the kind of history that Brine and Poovey provide here.

Cogs and Monsters

What Economics Is, and What It Should Be

Princeton University Press Introduction: Economics Today and Tomorrow -- The Public Responsibilities of the Economist -- The Economist as Outsider -- Als, Rats and Humans -- Cogs and Monsters -- Changing Technology, Changing Economics.

Financial Whirlpools

A Systems Story of the Great Global Recession

Academic Press How do economists reconcile their expertise with their failures to predict and manage the 2008 financial crisis? This book goes a long way toward an answer by using systems theory to reveal the complex interdependence of factors and forces behind the crisis. In her fully integrated view of the economy, how it works, and how the economic crisis burst, Karen Higgins combines human psychology, cultural values, and belief formation with descriptions of the ways banks and markets succeed and fail. In each chapter she introduces themes from financial crisis literature and brings a systems-theory treatment of them. Her methodology and visual presentations both develop the tools of systems theory and apply these tools to the financial crisis. Not just another volume about the crisis, this book challenges the status quo through its unique multidisciplinary approach. Presents a broad global view of international economic health and international corporate health Describes how policies, regulations, and trends dating to the 1950s influenced the crisis Assumes readers possess a general familiarity of economics and finance

Relationality and Resilience in a Not So Relational World?

Knowledge, Chivanhu and (De-)Coloniality in 21st Century Conflict-Torn Zimbabwe

Langaa RPCIG This book critically examines the relevance of the increasingly popular theories on relationality by interfacing those theories with the African [Shona] modes of engagement known as chivanhu [often erroneously narrowly translated as tradition]. In other words, the book takes seriously concerns by African scholars that much of the theories that have been applied in Africa do not speak to relevance and faithfulness to the continent. Situated in a recent Zimbabwean context marked by multiple crises producing multiple forms of violence and want, the book examines the relevance of relational ontologies and epistemologies to the everyday life modes of engagements by villagers in a selected district. The book unflinchingly surfaces the strengths and weaknesses of popular theories while at the same time underlining the exigencies of theorising from Africa using African data as the millstones. By meticulously and painstakingly unpacking pertinent issues, the book provides unparalleled intellectual grit for the contemporary and increasingly popular discourses on (de-)coloniality and resilience in relation to the African peoples and their [often deliberately

contested] environments, past, present and future. In other words, the book loudly sounds the bells for the battles to decolonise and transform Africa on Africa's own terms. This is a book that would be extremely useful to scholars, activists, theorists, policy makers and implementers as well as researchers interested not only in Africa's future trajectory but also in the simultaneities of temporalities and worlds that were sadly overshadowed by colonial epistemologies and ontologies for the past centuries.

The Discourses of Capitalism

Everyday Economists and the Production of Common Sense

Taylor & Francis Since the global economic crisis of 2007–2008, 'capitalism' has been the topic of widespread general discussion in both mainstream and social media. In this book, Christian W. Chun examines the discourses of capitalism taken up by people in their responses to a street art installation created by Steve Lambert, entitled *Capitalism Works for Me!* In doing so, he considers several key questions, including: How do everyday people view and make sense of capitalism and its role in their work and personal lives? What are the discourses they use in their common-sense understandings of the economy to defend or reject capitalism as a system? Chun looks at how dominant discourses in social circulation operate to co-construct and support capitalism, and the accompanying counter-discourses that critique it. This is key reading for advanced students of discourse analysis, language and globalization/politics, media/communication studies, and related areas. A video lecture by the author can be accessed via the Routledge website (www.routledge.com/9781138807105) and the Routledge Language and Communication Portal (www.routledgetextbooks.com/textbooks/languageandcommunication).

World Politics: Trend and Transformation, 2014 - 2015 (Book Only)

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Business Cycles

Fact, Fallacy and Fantasy

World Scientific This book provides an overview of the modern theory and empirics of business cycles. Written by one of the pioneering authors in this field, it examines the notion of a business cycle and discusses alternative approaches to modeling. Arguably, one of the most important debates in this literature has been the issue of OC matching OCO a business cycle to the data. In their original contribution, Kydland and Prescott (1982) proposed the method of calibration as a way of examining the implications of a business cycle model; yet, even at its inception, this approach came under criticism from a variety of sources. This monograph will examine some of these criticisms and discuss alternative approaches that have been put forward. More generally, it will discuss what lies ahead for modern business cycle theory. Sample Chapter(s). Chapter 1: Introduction (46 KB). Contents: Facts; Models of Business Cycles; International Business Cycles; New Keynesian Models; Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies; Matching the Model to the Data; Future Areas for Research. Readership: Academic economists; graduate students interested in business cycle theory; policymakers.

Economic Politics in the United States

Cambridge University Press The book shows how and why democracy has worked well or badly as measured by US macroeconomic performance.

Real-World Decision Making: An Encyclopedia of Behavioral Economics

An Encyclopedia of Behavioral Economics

ABC-CLIO The first and only encyclopedia to focus on the economic and financial behaviors of consumers, investors, and organizations, including an exploration of how people make good—and bad—economic decisions. • Contains an informative introductory essay that familiarizes students with the various aspects of behavioral economics • Provides a list of additional readings for those interested in learning more about the topic • Includes cross-references in each entry to help readers make connections between related topics • Defines key terms that are likely to be unfamiliar to those without advance knowledge of the subject • Helps readers identify and study particular entry categories through accompanying Topic Finders

The Rise and Fall of Wessex Asset Management and the 2008 Crash

Entrepreneurial Financial Markets

Cambridge Scholars Publishing What caused the Global Financial Crisis of 2008? What lessons should be learnt from it? Could it happen again? Taking his own career in the City of London as a starting point, the author tackles these important questions. His position as a fund manager in a variety of financial institutions during the 1980s and 1990s, and then as a hedge fund manager from 1999 to 2011, gives him the ideal vantage point. He is an insider: he knows the trade, the pitfalls, the hubris and the mistakes. This highly readable book highlights the fundamental weaknesses of the financial system: the problems surrounding liquidity and risk, the vulnerability of the market to errors and overshoots, and the devastating effects of amplifying those errors with unsustainable amounts of debt. The book also examines issues such as women in hedge funds, pay in the finance sector, and the future of the Eurozone. The distinction between the banking system and the hedge fund industry is also brought into sharp focus. With an entertaining and lively style, the book leads the reader effortlessly through complex arguments and analysis, leading to a comprehensive overview of the financial crisis as well as a clear-eyed grasp of the finer details. Whatever your level of financial expertise, this is essential reading.

Speak with Confidence Now!

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Mind Crash

(A POKE IN THE THIRD EYE WITH A SHARP STICK)

iUniverse Mind Crash sets out to explore the deepest recesses of the human psyche through the utilization of several, quite often brutal, language exploration techniques. The results, a seemingly random collection of metaphysical short stories, cut-ups, koans, poems and automatic writing, are often as unsettling as they are darkly humorous. Whilst employing these frequently painful mental gymnastic routines, the author unwittingly unleashes, and subsequently exorcises, a number of allegorical demons. Do not forget to bolt your windows whilst reading it! - - Mind Crash originally started life as a series of sporadic newsletters, available through subscription only, to a selective band of cultural mischief-makers dotted around the USA, Europe and Japan. These long-since out of print works, together with previously unpublished pieces, have now been composed into a single volume for the very first time.

Roads to Reconciliation Between Groups in Conflict / Theology in a World of Ideologies: Authorization or Critique?

The Tenth and Eleventh Conference of Theological Faculties from Central and Eastern Europe and the Netherlands/Zehnte und elfte Konferenz Theologischer

Fakultäten aus den Niederlanden und Südostmitteleuropa

Evangelische Verlagsanstalt Dieser Band versammelt die Beiträge der 10. und 11. Konferenz des Comeniusrats protestantisch-theologischer Fakultäten in Mittel- und Osteuropa und den Niederlanden: "Wege zur Versöhnung zwischen Konfliktparteien" fand 2015 in Komárno, Slowakei, statt, "Theologie in einer Welt der Ideologien: Autorisierung oder Kritik?" 2018 in Kampen, Niederlande. Die Autoren erörtern eine Vielfalt von (inter)disziplinären Fragen, konkreten Aspekten und Implikationen des christlichen Glaubens für die Gegenwart. Zu diesen gehören die Suche nach Wegen zu individueller und gesellschaftlicher Versöhnung auf christlicher Grundlage, die Vermischung von Theologie und Ideologie, wie Kernelemente christlicher Existenz – (biblische) Geschichten, Traditionen, Formen der Erinnerung – die Grenzen zwischen Theologie und Ideologie klären oder verwischen und wie diese Elemente die religiöse Mobilisierung fördern. This volume collects papers from the 10th and 11th conferences of the Comenius Committee of Protestant Theological Faculties in Central and Eastern Europe and the Netherlands: "Roads to Reconciliation Between Groups in Conflict" took place in Komárno, Slovakia, in 2015, "Theology in a World of Ideologies: Authorization or Critique?" was held in Kampen, Netherlands, in 2018. The authors address a range of (inter)disciplinary issues, concrete questions and implications of the Christian faith for the contemporary world. These include exploring roads to Christian inspired individual and societal reconciliation, conflation(s) of theology and ideology, the ways in which core elements of Christian existence – (biblical) narratives, traditions, memory practices – contribute to erasing or maintaining the boundaries between theology and ideology, and how these elements contribute to religious mobilization.

Economic Sociology

An Introduction

Routledge Economic Sociology provides the clearest and most comprehensive account of the promises of economic sociology. It shows how economies are more than supply-and-demand curves, individual profit motives, and efficient performance: they are forms of power and structure, grounded in institutions and culture. What is calculated, how, and why? Are profit and efficiency always so central to economic structures and outcomes? What shapes change and reproduction in economic practices and policies? How have classes and states, using power and institutions, created and continue to shape the economic world we live in? This second edition presents a critical and sophisticated yet approachable analysis of economic behavior and phenomena. After describing key concepts and logics of economic sociology and of economics (its eternal cousin and competitor), Hass turns the sociologist's analytic eye to the heart of economic practices comparing how they work in the United States, Europe, East Asia, Latin America, and post-socialist Russia and China. The volume addresses crucially important economic issues that touch our well-being and justice: the rise and structuring of capitalism; relations between states and economies; economic policies; economies and inequality; and organizations and corporations. Causes and consequences of globalization and the Great Recession are laid out for the reader. With economics and economic sociology placed side-by-side in this journey of how economies operate in the past and present, the reader gets different perspectives on economic reality. Power and culture, institutions and fields, classes and corporations interact on this historical and global stage. Written in a clear and direct style, this textbook will appeal to students and scholars in economic sociology, sociology of work, economics, social policy, political economy and comparative sociology

Contemporary Ireland

Bloomsbury Publishing In the last quarter century, Ireland has experienced dramatic political and economic change. This broad-ranging text provides an accessible and up-to-date introduction to Irish society, politics and culture, as well as developments in its economy and place in Europe and the world.

Imprisonment in America

Choosing the Future

University of Chicago Press "For a few decades American prisons were the wonder of the world. [However] early hopes that a prison regime could be a powerful means of reforming most convicts have been abandoned, and prisons are seen even by some of those who think we need more of them as savage repositories, to be shunned or veiled rather than admired. This sad history is drawn with great insight and learning in [this] important new book about prisons and punishment in America by Michael Sherman and Gordon Hawkins. . . . The views of these professionals must be taken seriously."—Graham Hughes, *New York Review of Books* "This is a serious and enlightened and concerned attempt to fuse liberal and conservative attitudes and values to achieve a breakthrough in American penal policy."—*Congressional Staff Journal*

Making IT Governance Work in a Sarbanes-Oxley World

John Wiley & Sons This book discusses a dilemma common to many corporation's IT departments--the tension between top-down governance directives and the challenge to get everything properly functioning on a bottom-up basis. Making IT governance work does not simply mean adherence to an ABC of (a) going more deeply into rules, (b) implementing a framework, and (c) registering good results. Neither is this book a guide to frameworks and compliance. Its goal is to describe an entire repertoire of resources that

can assist in arriving at better IT governance. Among these resources are CobiT, bottom-up governance principles such as distributed leadership constitute another, and portfolio management. This book provides a realistic governance of information and IT in corporations. The authors' view is that "new technology" can only achieve its optimum impact when it is properly managed. Money and behavior are key factors: the money that information and IT must generate and the activity and latitude of people in the organization from top to bottom. This book: Presents a clear view on the relationship of corporate governance and IT governance. Provides recent Sarbanes-Oxley history and the compliance consequences for organizations. Offers in-depth insight into IT portfolio management. Provides an overview of various IT governance opinions from such groups as Gartner, Forrester, and IT Governance Institute. Energetic, thoughtful and highly informative, this book provides a valuable and timely guide to IT governance and the complexities of IT management in an increasingly regulated world. The authors are great at focusing on the things that really matter for practitioners. The book is also very readable. Leslie P. Willcocks Professor of Technology, Work and Globalization London School of Economics

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The SAGE Encyclopedia of Economics and Society

SAGE Publications Economics is the nexus and engine that runs society, affecting societal well-being, raising standards of living when economies prosper or lowering citizens through class structures when economies perform poorly. Our society only has to witness the booms and busts of the past decade to see how economics profoundly affects the cores of societies around the world. From a household budget to international trade, economics ranges from the micro- to the macro-level. It relates to a breadth of social science disciplines that help describe the content of the proposed encyclopedia, which will explicitly approach economics through varied disciplinary lenses. Although there are encyclopedias of covering economics (especially classic economic theory and history), the SAGE Encyclopedia of Economics and Society emphasizes the contemporary world, contemporary issues, and society. Features: 4 volumes with approximately 800 signed articles ranging from 1,000 to 5,000 words each are presented in a choice of print or electronic editions Organized A-to-Z with a thematic Reader's Guide in the front matter groups related entries Articles conclude with References & Future Readings to guide students to the next step on their research journeys Cross-references between and among articles combine with a thorough Index and the Reader's Guide to enhance search-and-browse in the electronic version Pedagogical elements include a Chronology of Economics and Society, Resource Guide, and Glossary This academic, multi-author reference work will serve as a general, non-technical resource for students and researchers within social science programs who seek to better understand economics through a contemporary lens.

Child and Adolescent Development for Educators

Cengage AU Child and Adolescent Development for Educators covers development from early childhood through high school. This text provides authentic, research-based strategies and guidelines for the classroom, helping future teachers to create an environment that promotes optimal development in children. The authors apply child development concepts to topics of high interest and relevance to teachers, including classroom discipline, constructivism, social-emotional development, and many others. Child and Adolescent Development for Educators combines the core theory with practical implications for educational contexts, and shows how child development links to the Australian Professional Standards for Graduate Teachers. Case studies and real-world vignettes further bridge the distance between research and the classroom. Along with strong coverage of key local research such as the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children and Longitudinal Study of Indigenous children.

Hysteresis and Business Cycles

International Monetary Fund Traditionally, economic growth and business cycles have been treated independently. However, the dependence of GDP levels on its history of shocks, what economists refer to as "hysteresis," argues for unifying the analysis of growth and cycles. In this paper, we review the recent empirical and theoretical literature that motivate this paradigm shift. The renewed interest in hysteresis has been sparked by the persistence of the Global Financial Crisis and fears of a slow recovery from the Covid-19 crisis. The findings of the recent literature have far-reaching conceptual and policy implications. In recessions, monetary and fiscal policies need to be more active to avoid the permanent scars of a downturn. And in good times, running a high-pressure economy could have permanent positive effects.

Behavioural Macroeconomics

Theory and Policy

Modern macroeconomics has been based on the paradigm of the rational individual capable of understanding the complexity of the world. This has created a very shallow theory of the business cycle in which nothing happens in the macroeconomy unless shocks occur from outside. Behavioural Macroeconomics: Theory and Policy uses a different paradigm. It assumes that individual agents experience cognitive limitations preventing them from having rational expectations. Instead these individuals use simple rules of behaviour. Behavioural Macroeconomics introduces rationality by allowing individuals to learn from their mistakes and to switch to the rules that perform better. It introduces the idea of endogenously generated "animal spirits" that drive the business cycle and are in turn influenced by it, and applies this model to shed new light on a number of important issues. It analyses the role of fiscal policy in stabilizing the economy while maintaining debt sustainability; expands the model to include a banking sector and show how banks amplify the booms and busts; and explains how animal spirits help to synchronize the business cycles across countries. The model set out in Behavioural Macroeconomics leads to very different policy implications from the mainstream macroeconomic model. It shows how policymakers have a responsibility to stabilize an otherwise unstable system.

Good Enough for Government Work

The Public Reputation Crisis in America (And What We Can Do to Fix It)

University of Chicago Press American government is in the midst of a reputation crisis. An overwhelming majority of citizens—Republicans and Democrats alike—hold negative perceptions of the government and believe it is wasteful, inefficient, and doing a generally poor job managing public programs and providing public services. When social problems arise, Americans are therefore skeptical that the government has the ability to respond effectively. It's a serious problem, argues Amy E. Lerman, and it will not be a simple one to fix. With Good Enough for Government Work, Lerman uses surveys, experiments, and public opinion data to argue persuasively that the reputation of government is itself an impediment to government's ability to achieve the common good. In addition to improving its efficiency and effectiveness, government therefore has an equally critical task: countering the belief that the public sector is mired in incompetence. Lerman takes readers through the main challenges. Negative perceptions are highly resistant to change, she shows, because we tend to perceive the world in a way that confirms our negative stereotypes of government—even in the face of new information. Those who hold particularly negative perceptions also begin to "opt out" in favor of private alternatives, such as sending their children to private schools, living in gated communities, and refusing to participate in public health insurance programs. When sufficient numbers of people opt out of public services, the result can be a decline in the objective quality of public provision. In this way, citizens' beliefs about government can quickly become a self-fulfilling prophecy, with consequences for all. Lerman concludes with practical solutions for how the government might improve its reputation and roll back current efforts to eliminate or privatize even some of the most critical public services.

New Perspectives on Emotions in Finance

The Sociology of Confidence, Fear and Betrayal

Routledge The financial crisis that started in 2007 is a concern for the world. Some countries are in depression and governments are desperately trying to find solutions. In the absence of thorough debate on the emotions of money, bitter disputes, hatred and 'moralizing' can be misunderstood. New Perspectives on Emotions in Finance carefully considers emotions often left unacknowledged, in order to explain the socially useful versus de-civilising, destructive, nature of money. This book offers an understanding of money that includes the possible civilising sentiments. This interdisciplinary volume examines what is seemingly an uncontrollable, fragile world of finance and explains the 'panics' of traders and 'immoral panics' in banking, 'confidence' of government and commercial decision makers, 'shame' or 'cynicism' of investors and asymmetries of 'impersonal trust' between finance corporations and their many publics. Money is shown to rely on this abstract trust or 'faith', but such motivations are in crisis with 'angry' conflicts over the 'power of disposition'. Restraining influences - on 'uncivilised emotions' and rule breaking - need democratic consensus, due to enduring national differences in economic 'sentiments' even in ostensibly similar countries. Promising ideas for global reform are assessed from these cautionary interpretations. Instead of one 'correct' vision, sociologists in this book argue that corporations and global dependencies are driven by fears and normless sentiments which foster betrayal. This book is not about individuals, but habitus and market crudities. Human 'nature' or 'greed' cannot describe banks, which do not 'feel' because their motivations are not from personal psyches but organisational pressures, and are liable to switch under money's inevitable uncertainties. This more inclusive social science studies emotions as a crucial factor among others, to expand the informed public debate among policy makers, bankers, academics, students and the public.

The Confidence Code for Girls

Taking Risks, Messing Up, & Becoming Your Amazingly Imperfect, Totally Powerful Self

HarperCollins New York Times, USA Today, and Wall Street Journal Bestseller! Girls can rule the world—all they need is confidence. This empowering, entertaining guide from the bestselling authors of The Confidence Code gives girls the essential yet elusive code to becoming bold, brave, and fearless. Packed with graphic novel strips; appealing illustrations; fun lists, quizzes, and challenges; and true stories from tons of real girls, The Confidence Code for Girls teaches girls to embrace risk, deal with failure, and be their most authentic selves. It's a paradox familiar to parents everywhere: girls are achieving like never before, yet they're consumed with doubt on the inside. Girls worry constantly about how they look, what people think, whether to try out for a sports team or school play, why they aren't getting "perfect" grades, and how many likes and followers they have online. Katty Kay and Claire Shipman use cutting-edge science and research, as well as proven methods of behavioral change, to reach girls just when they need it the most—the tween and teen years. Plus don't miss Living the Confidence Code! Packed with photos, graphic novel strips, and engaging interviews, Living the Confidence Code proves that no matter who you are, or how old you are, nothing is out of reach when you decide to try.

The Commonwealth

Trade and Development Report 2015

Making the International Financial Architecture Work for Trade and Development

United Nations The Trade and Development Report (TDR), launched in 1981, is issued every year for the annual session of the Trade and Development Board. The Report analyses current economic trends and major policy issues of international concern, and makes suggestions for addressing these issues at various levels.