

Rethinking Economics and Law After the Great Recession
Classcrit Workshop – May 2010
Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy at the University at Buffalo
Tentative Program

MONDAY MAY 17, 2010

8:30 – 9:15 Opening Comments

Dean Makau Mutua

Organizers: Angela Harris, Martha McCluskey, and Athena Mutua

9:15 – 9:30 Brief Introductions

9:30 -11:30 Heterodox Economics: Is There a “There” There?

Athena D. Mutua, Moderator

The opening session introduces the economists among us. Each will take about five to seven minutes to address the following two questions after which our discussion will begin:

1. What does “heterodox economics” mean to you? Is there a “there” there in heterodox economics, or is the field too splintered into multiple fragments to matter?
2. In what tradition or traditions would you situate your own work? What are the assumptions of that tradition?

Remarks:

Randy Albelda

Rania Antonopoulos

Jane D’Arista

Gerald Epstein

Doug Koritz

Discussion

Marc Lavoie

Julie Matthaei

Charles Whalen

Randall Wray

11:45 -12:45 Thinking Through How the Market Actually Works

Angela Harris, Moderator

Discussion: Shared Readings

- Randy Albelda, Robert W. Drago, Steven Shulman, “The Basics of Political Economy,” in Unlevel Playing Fields: Understanding “Wage Inequality and Discrimination” (2001) (attached)
- TBA

12:45 – 1:45 LUNCH

1:45 - 3:45 Making Sense of the Financial Crisis Part I: Financial, Political and Regulatory Institutions

Martha McCluskey, Moderator

Remarks: (15 min. each)

Gerald Epstein

Jane D’Arista

Marc Lavoie

Randall Wray

Roundtable:

Tim Canova

Sumi Cho

Lynn Dallas

James Hackney

Steven Ramirez

Discussion

4:00 – 6:00 Making Sense of the Financial Crisis, Part II: Racial, Heteropatriarchal, and Class Dynamics - Insights for an Integrated Theory?

Athena D. Mutua, Moderator

Remarks: (15 min each)

Randy Albelda

Rania Antonopoulos

Julie Matthaei

Charles Whalen

Roundtable:

Emma Jordan

Daria Roithmayr

William Forbath

Vicki Schultz

Discussion

7:30 DINNER: Monday Night at the Movies: Excerpts, “American Casino,” “Capitalism: A Love Affair”

Comments: Andre Cummings, Lisa Pruitt

TUESDAY MAY 18, 2010

9:00 – 10:45 Engaging the Narratives of Economics and Class in Law

Angela Harris, Moderator

In this session, several of the legal scholars will discuss the ways in which economic arguments and economic class features in their areas of law or research.

Remarks: (5 to 7 min each)

Ken Casebeer

Susan Carlye

Cesar Hernandez

Martha Mahoney

Carlin Meyer

Frank Munger

James Pope

Ren Reich-Graefe

Roundtable:

Jane D’Arista

Gerald Epstein

Marc Lavoie

Julie Matthaei

Randall Wray

Discussion

11:00 - 12:45 Engaging the Narratives of Economics and Law in Economic Development – Local, National, and Global

Martha McCluskey, Moderator

Remarks: (10 min. each)

Randy Albelda

Rania Antonopoulos

Charles Whalen

Shalandra Baker

Rashmi Dyal-Chand

Frances Ansley,

University of Tennessee Law

Discussion

12:45 – 2:00 LUNCH - Concluding Thoughts: From “Law and Economics” to (Heterodox) “Economics and Law?”

2:00 – 2:30 Departures

2:30 – 4:30 Special Session: Planning the Future

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