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Towards a Feminist Economy

A Guide to Critical Economic Literacy



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What kind of economic thinking would help to make the world more equal, socially just and ecologically sustainable?

Traditional economics and economic policy are based on a narrow understanding of economic power structures, which often ignores gendered forms of economic inequality and the accumulation of wealth in the Global North. Economic activities traditionally carried out by women, such as care or domestic work, are treated either as an expense or as an invisible gift. The debate on gender equality focuses more on female poverty and wages than on the importance of central government finances and economic policy for equality.

Towards a Feminist Economy challenges these cemented ways of thinking and opens up feminist perspectives on the economy, taking into account the power structures relating not only to gender but also to class and race. This timely guide to critical economic literacy is written in an accessible way and anchored in research, helping the reader to build a solid understanding on how the economy works. It also offers tools for challenging prevailing economic myths and engaging actively in social debate.

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