



A COURSE ON UNDERSTANDING THE ECONOMY, AND HOW IT DOMINATES OUR LIVES

If you want to change the world, it helps if you first understand it. The Green Institute, in collaboration with eight experts in political economy, are running a six week course to give you the tools you need to understand how capitalism works, and what we need to change it.

PROGRAM GUIDE

PROGRAM DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



WEEK 1: WORK WITH DR ELIZABETH HUMPHRYS & DR MATT RYAN

Saturday 29 August | 9:30am - 2pm | UQ St Lucia

Liz and Matt will cover a basic introduction to economics and talk about its limitations as a way of understanding the economic system. Then they'll cover a short history of capitalism, and answer some key questions about the nature of paid work: Is all work exploitative? What is exploitation? And why is work central to the way our economy works?



WEEK 2: WORK CONT. WITH DR ELIZABETH HUMPHRYS & SAM WALLMAN

Sunday 6 September | 9:30am - 12pm | UQ St Lucia

Liz and Sam will use the experience of Uber drivers to step through all the hidden dynamics of power and exploitation in paid work, and look at how that relates to the broader economic system. Next, we'll look at the Green Bans to understand how workers' position in the economy can give them power, not just over the workplace, but broader society.



WEEK 3: HOME WITH DR CLAIRE PARFITT & DR ANNA STURMAN

Saturday 12 September | 9:30am - 2pm | UQ St Lucia

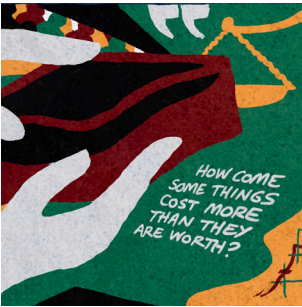
Claire and Anna will talk about how exactly housing is treated as a financial asset? Then ask, how did that happen, and why is it such a big problem? How does it affect not just our ability to afford a secure home, but even the way our cities and neighbourhoods are built? Then finally they'll cover the work of caring for ourselves, our kids and elders in our homes, and ask, why is all of this unpaid work so important to the functioning of capitalism, and why do women still do more of it?



WEEK 4: HOME CONT. WITH JACOB BROOM

Sunday 20 September | 9:30am - 12pm | UQ St Lucia

Picking up where we left off in week 3, Jacob will take us through the role the government and its other institutions (the state) play in regulating and sometimes assisting with what is called social reproduction - that is all the work it takes to care for, educate and feed each other - in particular children and the elderly.



WEEK 5: MONEY DAVE EDEN, BRONWYN LEE & MAX CHANDLER-MATHER

Saturday 26 September | 9:30am - 2pm | UQ St Lucia

In this session Dave and Bronwyn will cover money's origin and function, and ask, what role does US global dominance play in money markets? What is the relationship between interest rates and unemployment? How does cheap money lead to zombie firms and asset speculation? What is causing inflation and how do corporations finance themselves?

Then finally, Max will briefly reflect on the last five weeks of content and ask what role a political movement has in challenging the political and economic system, and what building power looks like in our current context.

— BREAK FOR OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND (KINGS BIRTHDAY) —



FINAL WEEK: PRAXIS IN THE PUB

Sunday 11 October (Time and location TBC)

In lieu of an exam, we'll be hosting pub trivia! To celebrate and reflect on our program, you'll compete in trivia challenges in teams, enjoy food and drinks with your fellow Praxis participants, and discuss where to next?

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