

READING GROUP

ECONOMIC PLANNING

Following the high amount of interest in The Return of Economic Planning conference this February, Economic and Social Research Aotearoa invites you to join a reading group that delves further into the nuances of economic planning.

The workload for the reading group will be a maximum of fifty pages per week drawn from books and shorter articles. These workshops are open to all, but it is expected that those in attendance will make an effort to read the set text.

We recognise that participants will come from a range of backgrounds and with different availabilities of time, and we ask all participants to respect this. We therefore open the session to complete beginners and seasoned veterans, with the hope that we can all learn from each other.

Readings are selected for both inspiration and provocation. Feel free to come to weeks that interest you.

Sessions will take place at 5.30pm on Wednesdays at the University of Auckland, from 18 July to the end of October, with the room to be confirmed.

A full schedule is on the next page, please register your interest with James Roberts at jrob216@aucklanduni.ac.nz

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SCHEDULE

Endnotes: Misery and The Value Form

Crisis in the Class Relation (p.2- 19)
Misery and Debt (p.20-51) Wednesday 18 July

Notes on the New Housing Question (p.52-67)
Communisation and Value-Form Theory (68- 105) Wednesday 25 July

The Moving Contradiction (p.106-129)
The History of Subsumption (p.130-153)
Sleep-Worker's Enquiry (p.154-166) Wednesday 1 August

Cornelius Castoriadis: Workers' Councils and the Economics of a Self- Managed Society

Whole text Wednesday 8 August

Karl Marx: Critique of the Gotha Programme

Whole text Wednesday 15 August

Michael Albert: Parecon

Introduction (p.1-18) Wednesday 22 August

Vladimir Lenin: State and Revolution

Class Society and the State (p.7-20)
The Experiences of 1848-1851 (p.21-30)
Experiences of the Paris Commune of 1871 (p.32-48) Wednesday 12 September

Supplementary Explanations by Engels (p.49-68)
The Economic Base of the Withering Away of the State (p.69-85)
Vulgarisation of Marx by the Opportunists (p.86-100) Wednesday 19 September

Rosa Luxemburg: Reform or Revolution

Introduction
Part one Wednesday 26 September

Part two Wednesday 3 October

Leon Trotsky: The Death and Agony of Capitalist and the Tasks of the Forth International

Whole text Wednesday 10 October

The Invisible Committee: The Coming Insurrection

A Point of Clarification (p.4-10)
Intro (p.13-17)
First - Forth Circle (p.18-41) Wednesday 17 October

Fifth - Seventh Circle (p.42-62)
Various Chapters (p.63-87) Wednesday 24 October