

# **Economics and Gender (un)Awareness**

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# OUTLINE

- **“gender” as a social construct**
- **feminism? humanism? gender-aware macroeconomic analysis**
- **what is worth studying in economics?**
- **how SYMMETRY is embedded in the analysis of the market-system**
- **reclaiming economics: Economic analysis as an emancipatory project**

# Underpinnings of gender-awareness

- asymmetries are prevalent within and beyond the market sector of the economy
- different conception of human behavior
- recognition of culture
- importance of institutions and evolutionary processes
- economic “facts” are outcomes of *processes*

# **Underpinnings of gender-awareness**

- **the non-neutrality of “knowledge”**
- **need for historical grounding of theory**
- **expanded methods of investigation**
- **interdisciplinary dialogue**
- **what is worth asking, who is asking, who is providing the answers: social construction of Economics**

# **Reforming Economic Analysis**

**Reclaiming Economic Analysis,  
looking at the world through a different  
lens, is itself an emancipatory process  
within which one feels less isolated, and  
finds true meaning in the work we are all  
engaged in.**