

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.**