

# Economic Philosophy: A Masterful Exploration of Markets, Money, and Capitalism

In the realm of economic thought, few scholars have left an imprint as profound as Joan Robinson. Her groundbreaking work, "Economic Philosophy," offers a comprehensive and incisive analysis of the complexities of markets, money, and the capitalist system. This revised edition, meticulously edited by G.C. Harcourt, presents a timeless masterpiece that continues to inspire and challenge economists to this day.

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### **Economic Philosophy (Routledge Classics)** by Joan Robinson

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Robinson's intellectual journey led her to collaborate with Piero Sraffa, whose work on the classical economists, particularly David Ricardo, provided a new lens through which to view economic phenomena. Sraffa's insights into the nature of value and the role of production helped Robinson develop a deeper understanding of the dynamics of capitalist economies.

## **Marxism and the Labor Theory of Value**

Robinson's critique of capitalism also extended to an engagement with Marxist thought. While not a Marxist herself, she recognized the importance of Karl Marx's labor theory of value in understanding the exploitation of labor under capitalism. Robinson's synthesis of Marxist and Keynesian

ideas provided a unique perspective on the dynamics of economic growth and inequality.

## A Legacy of Economic Thought

"Economic Philosophy" is a testament to Joan Robinson's brilliance as an economist. Its pages are filled with insightful analysis, incisive critiques, and original ideas that have left an enduring mark on economic thought. Robinson's work continues to inspire economists to challenge conventional wisdom, explore new perspectives, and seek a deeper understanding of the complexities of the economic world.

This revised edition, with its comprehensive by G.C. Harcourt, provides a valuable resource for students, researchers, and anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of economic philosophy. Through Robinson's masterful analysis, readers are invited to embark on a journey of economic discovery, questioning assumptions, examining alternative viewpoints, and ultimately gaining a more nuanced and comprehensive understanding of the economic forces that shape our world.

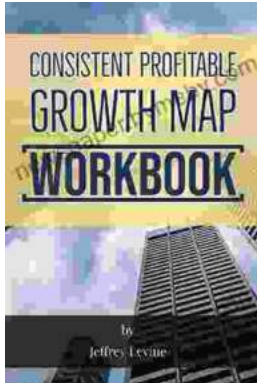


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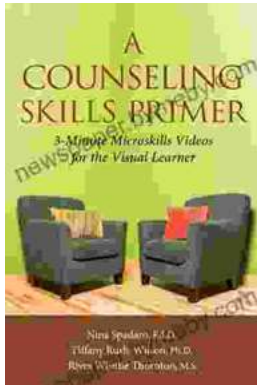
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