

Economics 105

**Historical Foundations of Political Economy II**

(Also Interdisciplinary Political Economy 100, PECO 100)

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Course Outline and Readings

**1. Objectivism, Subjectivism and Progress in Economic Thought**

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Piore, M., Beyond Individualism, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1997, chapters.

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Krugman

**2. Utility, Marginalism and Equilibrium: Stanley Jevons and Leon Walras**

Bentham, J.

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**3. Marginalism, the Firm and Partial Equilibrium Theory: Alfred Marshall**

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**4. Capitalism as Monetary Production: John Maynard Keynes**

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Shapiro, N. The Revolutionary Character of Post Keynesian Economics, Journal of Economic Issues, 1977.

### **5. Keynesianism and its Demise**

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Weintraub, S., "Hicksian Keynesianism: Dominance and Decline," in Modern Economic Thought, edited by S. Weintraub, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1977.  
Heilbroner, R. and W. Milberg, The Crisis of Vision in Modern Economic Thought, Cambridge University Press, 1995, chapters 3-5.

### **6. Technology, Politics and Long-Run Capitalist Dynamics: Joseph A. Schumpeter**

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Heilbroner, R. "Was Schumpeter Right After All?," Journal of Economic Perspectives, 1992.  
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### **7. Pragmatism and the Rise of Institutional Economics: Thorstein Veblen**

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### **8. Markets and States: Karl Polanyi**

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