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Uprooting Economics: A Manifesto for Change

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Synopsis: Much-needed in the face of present political upheavals, including the rise of populism and re-emergence of nationalism and authoritarian regimes, "Uprooting Economics: A Manifesto for Change" by Bart Nooteboom (Professor Emeritus, Tilburg University, the Netherlands) is radical in both its critique and proposals for a new economics. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, Professor Nooteboom offers insights drawn from economics, sociology, cognitive science, social psychology and philosophy.

Exploring ways in which economics is developing, "Uprooting Economics" investigates how new economics has moved away from considering individuals as autonomous and instead studies their involvement and interactions with each other. "Uprooting Economics" also discusses a new relational economics: less contractual, hierarchical and controlled, and more based on trust and mutual adjustment. Professor Nooteboom proposes a shift from utility ethics to the virtue ethics of prudence, courage, moderation and justice.

A provocative read for economics students, "Uprooting Economics" is especially pertinent to those interested in rethinking the subject and expanding upon heterodox theories. It will also prove a useful read to critical economists and sociologists looking to better understand a way forward in our current economic climate.

Critique: An exceptionally thoughtful and thought-provoking study, "Uprooting Economics: A Manifesto for Change" is an informative, cogent and scholastically meticulous contribution to community, college, and university library Contemporary Economics collections. It should be noted for the personal reading lists of students, academia, and non-specialist general readers with an interest in the subject that "Uprooting Economics: A Manifesto for Change" is also available in a paperback edition (9781789908435, \$29.95).