

## ACTIVIST ECONOMICS: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY AND POWER

“Activist Economics” is a short, critical introduction to neoclassical (or marginalist) economics and to the basic principles of an alternative, more socially-conscious “political economy.” It surveys and debunks widespread **myths about what the economy is** and how it works. Economies are not technical systems governed by laws of nature. They are cultural systems subject to social control. A better, fairer, more equal world is possible! This course will help participants see through the supposed mysteries of economic orthodoxy and strengthen their arguments for a more democratic economy.

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Michael Merrill is a labor educator and economic historian from the United States of America, who has taught alternative economics courses to trade unionists and community activists for many years. Merrill holds a PhD in history and economics from Columbia University and is currently Director of LEARN (Labor Education Action Research Network) at the Department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers University.



**OPEN FOR REGISTRATION:** We invite grassroots worker educators and leaders of workers' organisations to improve their capacity to educate and represent workers as well as to build a labour community that can provide answers to what is a democratic economy.

**Course requirements:** English language & internet access  
We will try to assist where people do not have all the requirements if possible.

**Duration:** 6 online units, approximately 1 hour per week, beginning Friday, April 12, 2019, and concluding Friday, May 24, 2019.

**Methodology includes:** The course consists of a dozen participatory learning activities, supplemented by occasional short videos and opportunities for live video-conferencing and discussion every Friday between 10.00 and 12.00 EDT (GMT minus 4 hours).