

# Pluralisme in de economische wetenschap

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## Wealth of Education?

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## Wealth of Education?

- Belang van macro-perspectief
- Noodzaak van historisch perspectief
- Micro-economie zeker van belang



## Pleidooien voor pluralisme

- *The plea for pluralism in economics has been a frequent refrain throughout the history of economic thought. This refrain has usually been voiced by those who were outside, or critical of, the mainstream in modern economics.*
  - Wade Hands



Pleidooien voor pluralisme 1/2

## Pleidooien voor pluralisme

- Reeks van pleidooien voor pluralisme
  - 1992
  - 1993
  - 2000
  - 2001

### A PLEA FOR A PLURALISTIC AND RIGOROUS ECONOMICS

"We the undersigned are concerned with the threat to economic science posed by intellectual conformity. Economists today enforce a monopoly of method or core assumptions, often defended on no better ground than it combines the 'mainstream'. Economists will advocate free competition, but will not practice it in the marketplace of ideas."

"Consequently, we call for a new spirit of pluralism in economics, involving critical concentration and tolerant communication between different approaches. Such pluralism should not undermine the standards of rigor, an economics that requires itself to face all the arguments will be a more, not a less, rigorous science."

"We believe that the new pluralism should be reflected in the character of scientific debate, in the range of contributions in its journals, and in the training and hiring of economists."

These leading names have signed the above text:

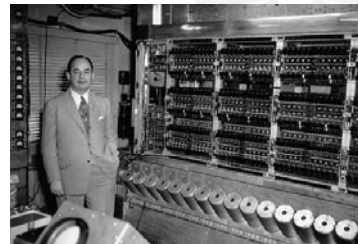
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Bang, Mark	Granger, Clive W. J.	Pasinetti, Luigi
Boulding, Kenneth	Greenberg, Jean-Michel	Peacock, Mark
Cowling, Keith	Harcourt, Geoffrey	Rothschild, Kurt
Cyert, Richard M.	Hodgson, Robert	Santilli, Paolo*
Davidson, Paul	Hirschman, Albert	Shah, Martin
Day, Richard	Kaldor, John	Sims, Herbert*
Dean, Philip	Karlin, Isaac	Spain, Aris
Demsetz, Harold	Lauder, David	Taylor, John*
Deming, Margaret	Leibenstein, Harvey	Tsur, Shigeo
Freeman, Christopher	Mathews, B.C.G.	Vickars, Douglas
Fry, Bruce	Mayer, Thomas	Wicksell, Roy
Furuborn, Erik	Menky, Hyman	[Noted Laureates = *]

This appeal is supported by Geoffrey Hodgson (UK), Ukah Mikki (Pakistan) and Donald McChesney (USA). It is hoped that it will stimulate discussion concerning the need for greater diversity and pluralism, both in theory and method, in economic science. Correspondence should be sent to: Geoffrey M. Hodgson, Department of Economics and Government, Newcastle Polytechnic, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7ST, UK.

Pleidooien voor pluralisme 2/2

## Monisme over theorieën

- Tot 2e WO
  - Institutionalisme
  - Neoclassicisme
  - Individueel pluralistisch
- 2e WO en Koude Oorlog
  - Neoclassicisme



Monisme over theorieën 1/3

## Monisme over theorieën

- Mislukt
  - Achtergrond: het individu versus het geheel
  - 1940s-1950s: meetproblemen
  - 1960s: Cambridge controversies
  - 1970s: Rationele verwachtingen economie



Monisme over theorieën 2/3

## Monisme over theorieën

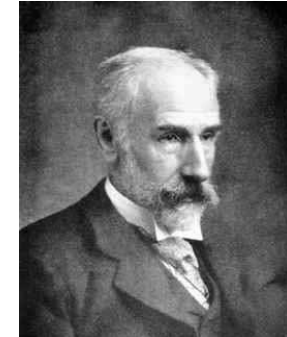
- *The most strongly held of my views ... is that neither is there a single best way for understanding economics nor is it possible to hold any conclusions ... with certainty. I have since my earliest days in the subject been astonished that this view is not widely shared.*
  - Frank Hahn



Monisme over theorieën 3/3

## Monisme over economieën

- Mislukt
  - Edgeworth
  - Algemene evenwichtstheorie
  - Representatieve agent analyse
  - Speltheorie



Monisme over economieën

## Filosofische perspectieven

- Pluralisme is reflexief
  - Aard
  - Bron
  - Classificatie



Filosofische perspectieven 1/2

## Filosofische perspectieven

- Strategisch pluralisme
  - Monisme over theorieën
    - Orthodoxe economie = fout
  - Monistische lezing van orthodoxe economie
    - Orthodoxe economie = wiskundig formalisme

Filosofische perspectieven 2/2

## Wealth of Education!

- Economische crisis
  - Institutionele economie
  - Gedragseconomie
  - Experimentele economie
  - Gender & economie
  - Gelukseconomie
  - Economie & ethiek

CRISIS  
DAAR ZIJN  
DE MOOISTE  
DINGEN UIT  
VOORTGEKOMEN

*Loesje*

Wealth of Education!

## Conclusie

- Historisch perspectief
- Filosofisch perspectief
- Toekomstperspectief

GROEI  
WANNEER  
WORDT DE  
ECONOMIE  
NOU EINDELIJK  
EENS VOLWASSEN

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*Loesje*

Conclusie 1/2

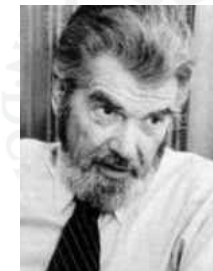
## Conclusie

- Valt de economische wetenschap te verwijten dat ze de crisis niet heeft zien aankomen? Of valt het beleidsmakers te verwijten dat ze niet op de hoogte waren van de laatste ontwikkelingen binnen de economische wetenschap?
- Is pluralisme nu iets om enthousiast over te worden? En zal het permanent zijn?

Conclusie 2/2

## Wijze woorden

- *An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today.*
  - Laurence J. Peter



Wijze woorden