The politics of money: towards sustainability and economic democracy


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Abstract

This book is unique in presenting a critical historical and contemporary socio-political analysis of money and its policy implications from a green and feminist perspective. It has been well received, including by economists with a very favourable review in The Economic Journal. Mary Mellor’s contribution to this book was substantial as the main author of five of the ten chapters (including the introduction and conclusion) and joint author of two others with responsibility for overall editing. She has made many presentations based on the book in the UK and internationally, including the International Society for Ecological Economics in Delhi.
We concur with Hines in his view that economic democracy is fundamental to social and ecological sustainability and with Robertson that the present economic system makes no social or environmental sense. Even perishable goods are flown thousands of miles (Paxton, 1994) as transnational corporations ‘spin’ the world to ecological destruction (Beder, 1997). Despite well-established alternative perspectives, neo-classical economic theory and the capitalist market have captured academic departments and g Towards sustainability and economic democracy Money as a social phenomenon Monetary reform From waged labour to social credit Sufficiency and subsistence The good ship TINA A new vision. 208 211 214 219 222 226 228.

Bibliography Index. The Politics of Money. Our overall aim is to reclaim models of economic democracy that can (re)establish social(ist) principles. We will not write this word in such a peculiar way again, but we want to stress that we are looking for a renewed radical politics through the recognition of economics as a social principle. In particular, we argue that the nature of money systems as access systems is a critical issue for socialists.