

# Introduction

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The Other Economist is not any of the 999,999 economists who are other than any given economist, assuming for the sake of the argument that there are in total 1,000,000 economists in the world.

"The Economist" to which the phrase "Other Economist" refers is a specific magazine of that name published weekly in London. Surely you have seen it. Maybe you read it. We would like to refute it.

We would like to destabilize the constellation of power/knowledge that it represents.

Maybe some day The Economist, or someone on its staff, will notice us, and do us the favor of answering our critiques. We can dream.

The "Other Economist" is this "we," this critic, this dreamer. It is we who have undertaken this project. We will try to post a comment on at least one article from each issue of The Economist. We want to do a running critique by tracking each issue of the magazine with at least one comment from a critical realist point of view. We also provide a glossary of economic terms sometimes used in that magazine, for the benefit of people who might find more courage to challenge its hegemonic discourse if they were not intimidated by unfamiliar words.

(We are sprinkling some familiar hip words like "discourse" in this welcome note in order to show the dropper-in that this will be an "in" site to visit.)

We may also write, or copy, timely critiques of official pronouncements on economic topics, such as those of the G8, which dress power in the garb of knowledge.

There are only four of us now, but hopefully more will post contributions to this site as we get underway. We will identify ourselves by individually signing each comment that one of us writes.

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