The Handbook of Diverse Economies

Edited by J.K. Gibson-Graham, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University, Australia and Kelly Dombroski, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Economic diversity abounds in a more-than-capitalist world, from worker-recuperated cooperatives and anti-mafia social enterprises to caring labour and the work of Earth Others, from fair trade and social procurement to community land trusts, free universities and Islamic finance. The Handbook of Diverse Economies presents research that inventories economic difference as a prelude to building ethical ways of living on our dangerously degraded planet. With contributing authors from twenty countries, it presents new thinking around subjectivity and methodology as strategies for making other worlds possible.

Cover illustration by Ailie Rutherford

‘The editors and their many contributors have to be congratulated for an impressive volume that succeeds in presenting an empirically grounded and theoretically robust Marxism which is fit for the challenges of the Anthropocene. Whether one agrees with their approach and visions or not, this is a highly recommended read and a valuable resource for teaching on economic practices in our more-than-capitalist world.’

– Jens Kaae Fisker, Eurasian Geography and Economics

‘The Handbook of Diverse Economies offers a rich, beautiful, organic garden of ideas to nourish the project of “doing economy” differently. These sprouts and vines will, eventually, alter the institutional structures we inhabit.’

– Nancy Folbre, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, US

‘Let us forget, just for a moment, “capitalism” and instead investigate the diversity of new forms of economic activities that are flourishing everywhere: this is the essential, energizing, message of J.K. Gibson-Graham, Kelly Dombroski and her colleagues. This innovative book must be absolutely put into all hands. It takes us on a long and rewarding journey around the world to explore ongoing experiences that all attempt to invent new ways of living together.’

– Michel Callon, Centre de Sociologie de l’Innovation, Mines ParisTech, France

‘So much of the world’s economy is informal, cooperative, community-based and unwaged: a diverse kaleidoscope of activities, all with their own ecologies, for worse . . . and often for better. How do they work? What work do they do? Finally a global, inclusive, and exhaustive guide to the planet’s actually-existing economies.’

– Paul Robbins, University of Wisconsin-Madison, US

‘In the face of a zombie capitalism that will not die, The Handbook of Diverse Economies offers the most potent response possible: the fertile creativity of life itself. The 58 essays of this book introduce us to a pluriverse of practical, non-capitalist lifeforms that are humane, socially grounded, and constantly evolving. Be prepared to enter a portal of new perspectives that loosens the grip of the capitalist imaginary and opens up a fertile transdisciplinary space for envisioning and making a new world.’

– David Bollier, co-author of Free, Fair and Alive: The Insurgent Power of the Commons

‘The Handbook of Diverse Economies marks a major milestone for the influential program of research, action, and experimentation initiated by Gibson-Graham’s The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It) some 25 years ago. It presents an array of provocative strategies for “doing...’

www.e-elgar.com
economy” differently, and for imagining and enacting different economic worlds.

– Jamie Peck, University of British Columbia, Canada

2020  
576 pp  
Hardback  
978 1 78811 995 5  
£205.00  
£184.50  
$315.00  
$283.50

Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. is registered in the UK at: The Lypiatts, 15 Lansdown Road, Cheltenham, Glos GL50 2JA. Registered number: 2041703