

BOOKS WORTH READING

For an overview of the history of George's economic ideas we commend *Henry George's Legacy in Economic Thought* edited by John Laurent. With eleven contributions from scholars from Australia, Canada and the USA it is divided into three parts.

Part one gives four chapters on the historical background and the controversies of George's time. Part two offers three chapters covering theoretical issues such as land ownership and the market. Part three covers in four chapters current debates on the feasibility of Land-Value Tax, the main criticisms and defences and the question of the 'land-rich-and-income-poor', equal rights, competition and monopoly, and regulation of the commons.

The book maintains a high standard of scholarship throughout and is suitable as a university text book on the history and theories of George as well as for a general readership.

Another good collection of essays is *Henry George: Political Ideologue, Social Philosopher and Economic Theorist*, edited by Laurence Moss, published in the Wiley-Blackwell series Studies in Economic Reform and Social Justice. The essays were originally published in the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* which has a very strong emphasis on George.

The publication consists of six extended essays ranging from George's critics, proprietorship, the social philosophy of George, and the land and capital theory. The essays that deal with the critics of George are especially interesting and worth reading because they offer a good view of the history of the debates that arose with George's analysis of the economy.

Not all the essays have an equally correct grasp of George, though. For example one argues that George advocated nationalisation of land, and identifies George as a 'social utopianist'. It is surprising the editor allowed these misleading ideas. George's merit lies in his analysis of society and its economic functioning, rather than in any ideology or utopian dream. The majority of the essays appreciate this. 📖

HGF BRIEFING NOTES

FRIDAY MEETINGS AT MANDEVILLE PLACE

The Friday Evening meetings have continued in the winter and spring. David Triggs has been active as the intellectual, well-read ringleader exploring Henry George's most influential work, *Progress and Poverty*.

The Friday Evening Meetings at Mandeville Place will continue, and the topics covered will be published on the HGF website.

Go to: www.henrygeorgefoundation.org

Outside Mandeville Place talks and lectures have also been held; of special note is the recent talk on 19th March by Dr Joseph Milne titled *The Housing Crisis and the Common Good* at Friends House.

For our American subscribers we have been asked to promote the event *Ethics, Morality and The Land Question*, which is sponsored by the CGO and will be held in Baltimore, on 30th August 2018.

LAND&LIBERTY FREQUENCY

The editors of Land&Liberty have decided to raise our ambition. Thus you can now expect the magazine to be published as a *true* quarterly with an issue in the early spring, early summer, early autumn and one in early winter before the holidays.

We are keen on providing the highest quality of content to our subscribers, and thus this commitment of four magazines per year can only be upheld if a high number of worthwhile articles are contributed. *Submitted articles must be exclusive to Land&Liberty.*

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Let us also use this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who has already contributed with their excellent writing thus far. 📖

