

SGEME 18 by William J. Zanardi

The 2010 Fall issue of the Journal of Macrodynamical Analysis (<http://journals.library.mun.ca/ojs/index.php/jmda>) contains two articles by me regarding functional specialization and questions in economics: “Functional Specialization and the Education of Liberty” and “Diagnosing Economic Realism.”

The final section of the first article lists a series of questions about rational agency and economic realism, a series roughly divided according to the eight functional specialties. The purpose of that section is to invite others to experiment with functional specialization in relation to one or more of the listed questions. The second article is my own initial effort at doing dialectic in relation to contrasting views of economic realism. While limited to the stances of only four Nobel laureates in economics, the article could become material for the recycling of stances that a mature dialectic would routinely be doing.

In any case, I hope that some SGEME members will have sufficient interest in the listed questions and in functional specialization to try their own hands at working in one of the specialties and thereby “getting the show on the road.”

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