The ABC of Political Economy

A Modern Approach

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• Refutes the emphasis that mainstream economists put on the "individual"

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The ABC of Political Economy is an accessible introduction to modern political economy. While informed by the work of Marx, Keynes, Veblen, Kalecki and other great political economists, Robin Hahnel teaches the reader the essential tools necessary to understand economic issues today from a modern perspective, searching for ways to replace the economics of competition and greed with the economics of equitable co-operation.

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