

En route to the airport the following morning, I met Tim O'Neill (St Marys), Yardaman Smith (James Madison) and James Wible (Maine). Our taxi ride ranged over endless issues in the history of economics which must have totally confused the taxi driver, if he was at all interested - which I doubt. Our intense discussion continued in the terminal and we pondered the relevance of Lakatos, Remenyi, Bartley and Weisner to the study of the history of the discipline. We focused on the relevance of identifying hard cores, positive and negative heuristics and I reflected if Schumpeter would have wanted to be party to our discussion. The arrival of Ingrid Rima and Irvin Sobel to our party added colour and interest to the discussion.

I cannot close this brief overview without noting the enjoyable discourse I had with Harvey Botwin (Pitzer College, Claremont) on the direction in which water drains from a bath in the Southern hemisphere and the antipodes, compared with the Northern hemisphere. Our reflections extended over to the direction in which the wind blows. I am sure that W S Jevons, who spent five crucial and informative years at the Royal Mint in Sydney, could answer our questions for his meteorological studies of the globe and Australia are often cited today.

In finishing, I must record my deepest thanks to Warren and Sylvia Samuels for the receptive, warm and stimulating hospitality. The conference was a success and I met and conversed with many more people than this brief note indicates. It was marvellous to meet so many interesting and diverse students of the history of economics in such a relaxed and congenial gathering. I am grateful to the University of New England and Christopher Helm of Croom Helm Publishing for making the trip from Australia possible.

#### A NOTE ON THE TEACHING OF HET AT LA TROBE

BY

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At La Trobe two history of economic thought subjects are taught. Economics III HT is an optional third-year subject, wholly taught by Jim Watkins, accounting for about one eighth of his teaching; student numbers have fluctuated between about 5 and 15, and have tended to decline in recent years. Economics IV TE is an optional fourth-year subject, wholly taught by Michael Schneider; student numbers from 1977 until this year have been 4 or 5.

#### Handbook Entries - La Trobe

Economics III HT: History of Economic Thought (Half unit, first half-year)

This half unit covers (a) a selective discussion of the principal developments in the history of economic thought from Aristotle to Keynes, with particular emphasis on the intellectual and economic environments in which they took place, and (b) a closer examination of certain economic theories to be found in the works of Thomas Mun, Cantillon, Quesnay, Adam Smith, Malthus, Ricardo, Marx, Walras, Marshall and Keynes.

Class Requirements: Two lectures and one seminar a week during the first half of the year. Essays and seminar papers as set.

Assessment: Assessment by means of one 3-hour paper, and one essay done under examination conditions during the year.

Prescribed Reading: Rima, Ingrid H, Development of Economic Analysis, rev. edn, R D Irwin, 1978.

Preliminary Reading: Heilbroner, Robert L, The Worldly Philosophers, 4th edn (newly rev.), Simon and Schuster, 1972.

Economics IV TE: History of Economic Theory (Full unit)

This subject examines successively at an advanced level the history of classical and of neoclassical economic theory. The first part of the subject involves an investigation of the theories of value, distribution and growth put forward by Quesnay, Adam Smith, Ricardo, Malthus, Marx and the neo-Rocardians. The second part of the subject turns to an examination of the marginal utility, marginal productivity and general equilibrium theories advanced by Jevons, Marshall, Menger, Bohm-Bawerk, Walras, Pareto and Barone.

Class Requirements: One 3-hour session a week for two terms. Seminar papers as set.

Assessment: By means of essays, seminar papers and one 3-hour examination paper.

Prescribed Reading: Schumpeter, J A, History of Economic Analysis, Allen and Unwin, London 1954.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### ANNUAL MEETING (1981) OF THE HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT SOCIETY, JAPAN

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The annual meeting for 1981 was held at Ryukoku University in Kyoto on 7-8 November. The common theme of the annual meeting was 'Advanced countries-underdeveloped countries problems in the history of economic thought', on which three papers were read: (1) 'Advanced countries-underdeveloped countries problem in James Stuart' (Noboru Kobayashi), (2) 'Civilization, advanced countries and underdeveloped countries in J S Mill' (Jiro Kumagai), (3) 'Alfred Marshall and the world economy problem' (Tadashi Hayasaka). In addition, the following 13 papers were presented: (1) 'Yukichi Fukuzawa and Eiichi Shibusawa' (Akira Tada), (2) 'Tadao Yanaihara on the Japanese imperialism' (Kanae Iida), (3) 'The difference between Marx's dialectical materialism and the so-called Marxism-Leninism' (Takurozaemon Kawasaki), (4) 'Fetishism and the logic of Versachlichung' (Ryoji Ishizuka), (5) 'J S Mill on the theory of profit' (Yasunori Fukagai), (6) 'On the significance of composite quasi-rent in A Marshall' (Takayuki Ida), (7) 'Carl Menger and his non-Walrasian theory of markets and money' (Takashi Negishi), (8) 'Hilferding on the mass strike controversy' (Hiroyasu Kohno), (9) 'Hilferding's view of imperialism before the World War I' (Toshihiko Hozumi), (10) 'Marx's analysis of crises and the critical system of political economy' (Hiroshi Nishimura), (11) 'On the