

STUDY CIRCLE

April 2021

The Challenges of Socio-Economic Transformation

Meets Online Via Zoom Tuesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm

For the month of April 2021, the Study Circle will continue to explore ideas for how to meet the socio-economic challenges we are now experiencing on a global level. A short article or essay may be posted on the Institute website for each meeting. It would benefit the discussion if everyone could read the material beforehand. If you have questions or would like to participate, please email: dlmooresb@gmail.com. You will be emailed a Zoom link. There will be a brief introduction to the topic at the beginning of each meeting and the rest of the time will be open for discussion. We very much look forward to your participation.

Topics for Discussion

Be sure to check <http://www.worldculture.org> for more information and readings

- April 6** **The Revolutionary Message of E.F. Schumacher: An Economy of Peace**
Much influenced by Gandhi, E. F. Schumacher explores the roots of a possible economy of peace. Considering "Small Is Beautiful," we will discuss some of the factors and changes that could help develop an economy of permanence.
- April 13** **The Donut Economy**
The Donut economy is a new way of understanding sustainable economies which accounts for both maximum limits while helping to set minimal criteria for allocating societal resources. We will discuss this schema while focusing on Amsterdam's attempts to live by this model.
- April 20** **Food Economics: Our Relationship to Food**
In a recorded video, Winona LaDuke, an Ojibwa farmer and advocate for regenerative food practices, talks about the challenges and possibilities of sustainable and healthy food systems and how we are impacted by our relationship to food itself. We will show her video and Warren Brush, co-founder of Quail Springs Permaculture in Ventura County, will join us to share about Quail Springs and principles of regenerative agriculture.
- April 27** **Community Supported Agriculture**
Carolyn Givens from John Givens' Farm in Goleta, California will join us to talk about her family's experience starting and running a successful organic farm and the value of local and community supported agriculture.