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COURSE TITLE Macroeconomics + the Dialectic of History

INSTRUCTOR B. Lonergan, S.J.

Course Description: participants will be introduced to the macroeconomic conditions that have to be met if the campaign for social justice is to include an economically workable solution for social problems.

Robert Gordon's Macroeconomics (chapters 1 through 8) present the dimensions and problems of the contemporary situation.

A typescript on Circulation Analysis treats (1) the cyclic properties of any expanding economy, (2) the consequent variations in rates of payment in an exchange economy, and (3) the general character of remedies compatible with a democratic society.

Private reading in Insight and Method on the nature of history and on its dialectic will profit from question and answer periods during the seminar.

Schumpeter's book is for reference: it is 1260 pp. of illuminating economic reflection.

Texts:

Robert Gordon, Macroeconomics, Boston: Little Brown, 1978.

Bernard Lonergan, Circulation Analysis, Typescript.

" " Method in Theology, New York: Seabury, 1979.

" " Insight, San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1978.

Joseph Schumpeter, A History of Economic Analysis, Oxford U P, ⁸1974.

Requirements:

From Gordon seek an understanding of contemporary economic thought, its solid basis, its limited utility.

In the typescript find a universal dynamic structure, its normative functioning, the alternatives that have been preferred by the wayward.

From Method, chapter 3, especially pp. 76-81, on the combination of the constitutive and communicative functions of meaning in social history.

From Insight (chapters 4, 7, 18, 20) on emergent probability in evolutionary theory and human history.

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PROFESSOR B. LONERGAN

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The contemporary situation, its dimensions, and its problems will be illumined by Robert Gordon's Macroeconomics (chapters 1 to 8).

A typescript on Circulation Analysis will treat the cyclic properties of any expanding economy, the consequent variations in rates of payment in an exchange economy, the general character of the remedies compatible with a democratic society.

Private reading in Method and Insight on the nature and the dialectic of history may be complemented by question and answer periods during the seminar.

Texts:

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Joseph Schumpeter, A History of Economic Analysis, Oxford 1954⁸ 1974.

Requirements:

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The typescript exhibits a universal dynamic structure, its normative functioning, the alternatives open to human unauthenticity.

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Prerequisites:

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