

Uneconomics: a challenge to the power of the economics ...

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[Open Democracy is starting a new debate](#) under the above title.

The opening salvo has been fired by Will Davies, who says this:

It is time to acknowledge an uncomfortable truth about the public status of economics as an expert discipline: it has grown to be far more powerful as a tool of political rhetoric, blame avoidance and elite strategy than for the empirical representation of economic life. This is damaging to politics, for it enables value judgements and political agendas to be endlessly presented in 'factual' terms. But it is equally damaging to economics, which is losing the authority to describe reality in a credible, disinterested, Enlightenment fashion.

Worth a read.

Time for the [Courageous State](#), I say.