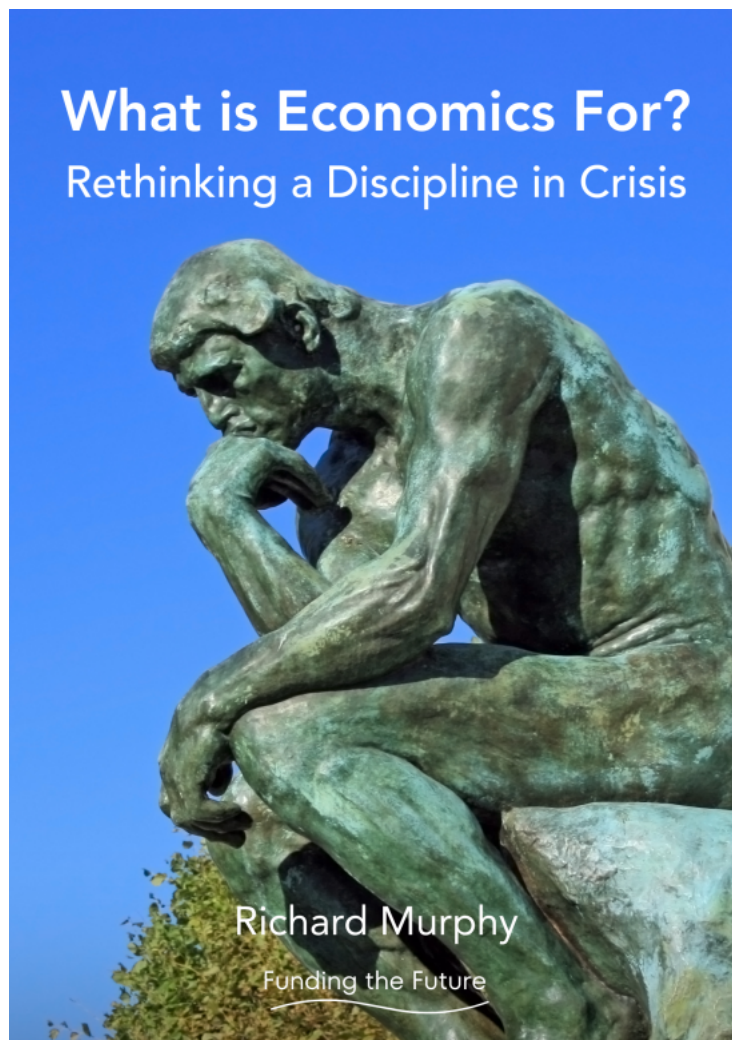


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I have, this morning, [added a new e-book to our PDF download site](#). This is the combined collection based on the [Economic Thinker Series](#) published here between September last year and March this year. The book has a new title:



The combined collection includes a new foreword and introduction, as well as introductions to each chapter, because I felt the series needed framing. I hope that they

add value.

As I note in the book, there are 50 thinkers in it precisely because I went to university 50 years ago to study economics. I had already done an A-level in the subject, and I have been studying it ever since.

There is, however, a second anniversary to celebrate. [8 June marks](#) the 20th anniversary of this blog, and publishing this e-book now does, for me, indicate just how far it has come from the very early days when it was almost entirely a commentary on offshore tax abuse, which is now a topic that appears here only infrequently.

In those 20 years, as in the 30 that preceded them, I have changed, this blog has changed, and so has the world. I think that in the first two cases, this might be for the better. As for the world, the disastrous impact of neoliberalism means I cannot say that, although there have been some advances, not least in tackling offshore tax abuse.

The current state of our economy, human well-being, the environment and biosphere, democracy, and all forms of justice suggests that the need for radical economic thinkers and moral philosophers is as pressing as ever.

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