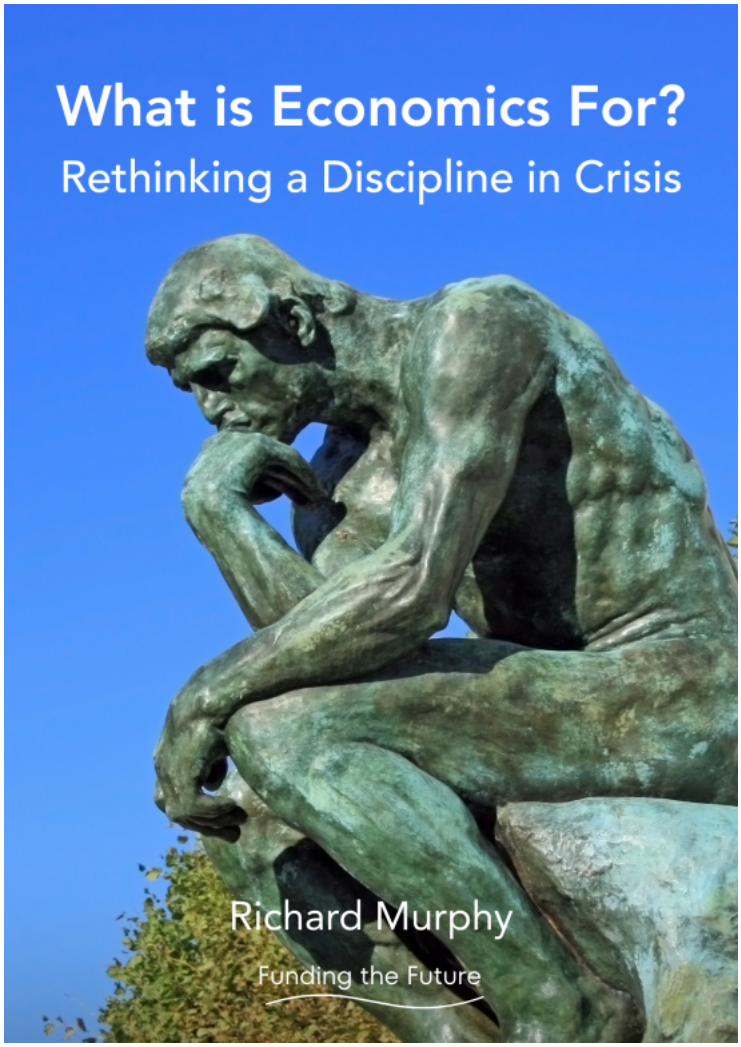
Funding the Future

What is economics for?

Published: November 28, 2026, 7:33 am

A comment on the blog this morning made me realise that some people may be unaware of this e-book, published this year and available on our PDF download site.

This is the combined collection of the Economic Thinker Series published here between September 2025 and March 2026. 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 was, however, a second anniversary to celebrate. 8 June marked the 20th anniversary of this blog, and publishing the e-book, for me, showed how far it has come from the early days when it was almost entirely a commentary on offshore tax abuse, a topic that now 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.

Like all our PDF downloads, this one is free. You will be asked whether you wish to make a donation; it is entirely up to you, though we would, of course, be grateful if you did.

Please download this book and share it widely if you can. I think it has something useful to say. I hope you agree.