Ecological Economics

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Ecological Economics: Moral Foundations

Elizabeth Garlow
The Francesco Collaborative
“OIKONOMIA”

Economy has its roots in the making, exchanging, distributing, and consuming of things that meet our needs.
The economy is never to be understood as a self-enclosed reality, subject to its own, amoral laws, as in much of modern economics.
In *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis reminds us that we can trace global crises to their economic roots.
“Support of private ownership does not mean that anyone has the right to unlimited accumulation of wealth ... The Church’s teaching opposes collective and statist economic approaches. But is also rejects the notion that a free market automatically produces justice” (115).

- “Economic Justice for All,” 1986
“Here we find a new limit on the market: there are collective and qualitative needs which cannot be satisfied by market mechanisms. There are important human needs which escape its logic... these mechanisms carry the risk of an "idolatry" of the market...”

- Centesimus Annus (40)
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: FOUNDATIONS FOR AN NEW ECONOMY

- **Human dignity** - all people matter and are moral equals.
- **Communion** - we are made for relationship.
- **Priority of the person** - the highest good of any system is our integral human development.
- **Priority of the common good** - our true good is a shared good.
- **Integral ecology** - we are radically interdependent.
WHAT IS THE ECONOMY FOR?

The purpose of the economy is to support the flourishing of all people - it exists to serve the common good.
“Bartholomew has drawn attention to the ethical and spiritual roots of environmental problems, which require that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity ... He asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which ‘entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God’s world needs.”

- *Laudato Si’* (9)
In the crucial moments of history, those who left a good mark were able to do so because they translated ideals, desires and values into concrete actions. They ‘incarnated’ them... Dear young people, reality is always bigger than idea: pay attention to this.

- Pope Francis, Economy of Francesco Gathering 2021
“...economies are good or bad to the extent to which they are attuned to and participate in God’s oikonomia... [human economies] must work from the basis that humans are first and foremost members of God’s oikonomia and that the things manufactured, exchanged, distributed, and consumed are first received as gifts to be shared and not objects entirely under human control...”

We Are [More Than] Enough

A Pathway To a Human-Centered Economy
Why Are We Hopeful?
I came not to Tulsa as many came, lured by the dream of making money and bettering myself in the financial world, but because of the wonderful cooperation I observed among our people, and especially the harmony of spirit and action that existed between the businessmen and women.

— MARY ELIZABETH JONES PARRISH

Black Wall Street Historical Center in the Greenwood community of Tulsa
What if... we built it?

what if... we planned it?

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How Is Our Humanity Challenged?
Worthiness

Our trauma does not determine our value.
Tired of Not Being Believed

“My people have been traumatized for 400 years.”

“We understand it, we know what it is. A lot of times, things only hit the light once they become a commodity for somebody else and I think that’s what’s happening a lot.”

*Dr. Bill McKinney*

- Executive Director of New Kensington Community Development Corporation
Tired Of Untreated Trauma

“You have long-term residents living life with little money and all the challenges connected to poverty,”

“And then layered on top of that you have another really large population of folks who are unhoused, suffering from addiction. So that’s another set of trauma folks are going through. And their experience, their expression of untreated trauma, creates trauma for other residents, both adults and children. It’s a constant cycle.”

Dr. Bill McKinney
Why Is Community Organizing The Solution?
Shared Futures

Collaborative, community-led planning and development is the future.
All in for Kensington

Kensington stakeholders envision a new way of working in Kensington—one that makes room for everyone, but keeps the Kensington community in the center.

We are inviting everyone to come to the table to be a part of this holistic, community-driven, strengths-based, trauma-informed strategy.
A nationwide Federation for a Manufacturing Renaissance has been formed with five foundational pillars:

1. Shape industrial policy on a national, state, and local level in a way that is profoundly inclusive and anchored in economic democracy, and that is committed to community development. Our policy will reflect “best practices” in domestic and global experience.
2. Support the growth and development of projects in local communities that retain and strengthen local manufacturing ecosystems.
3. Create a community that learns from and utilizes the talents of its member organizations.
4. Educate the broader public as well as policy leaders on the importance of industrial policy and re-building our manufacturing ecosystem.
5. Create an international membership that builds strong relationships with projects representing best international practices related to building the global manufacturing ecosystem.
FMR Guiding Principles

- We recognize the central role of manufacturing in building communities and a sustainable society.
- We are committed to strengthening inclusion at all levels in the manufacturing ecosystem.
- We have a deep commitment to economic democracy.
THE BRONXWIDE PLAN
VALUES AND COALITION
2019

For years, we have fought back neighborhood by neighborhood against organized abandonment and for what we deserve. We are tired of wealth and resources leaving our borough because we do not control our own communities. In 2019, we saw an open congressional seat - an opportunity to build a BRONXWIDE vision and coalition for our values: to build power and fight forward for economic democracy.

1

POLICIES AND PRIORITIES
2020-2021

Our coalition of community, faith, and labor organizations created a congressional policy platform, and a city platform for racial justice and economic democracy. We held peoples’ assemblies to gather ideas and input on strengths and challenges across the Bronx, with a goal of moving our whole borough towards shared wealth and control over the resources and assets in our neighborhoods.

2

PEOPLES PLAN PROPOSALS
2022

We have gathered ideas and proposals from thousands of Bronx residents, and now we are moving to develop a long-term economic development plan for the borough with these ideas, and to build a Bronx where we share in stewarding land and businesses together. Where shared control and community wealth is the way we roll across the whole Bronx.

3

FROM PLAN TO POWER
2023

With our completed Bronx People’s Plan, we will organize together across the Bronx to see that our policies and projects come to fruition, and the Bronx is a place where economic democracy and community power are a part of our daily lives. Where we organize to care, cooperate, and own together for a better Bronx.

4
Our Economic Development Proposals on Bronx.Consider.it

- Kingsbridge Armory Cooperative Hub
- Capping the Cross Bronx Expressway
- Cooperatives to catalyze fleet electrification
- Soundview Economic Hub
- South Bronx Land and Community Resource Trust
- Bronx Peoples Credit Union
- Cooperative Wifi Mesh Network
- Food, Fashion, and Fabrication District
- Fab Lab Networks
- Transit Colectivos
- Bronx Community Purchasing Cooperative
- Community Acquisition Fund
- Bronx Shared Ownership Taskforce
Servant Leadership

The working poor and cooperative economies model the solidarity we need.
Making Bronx history with a collective UNITED BLACK ECONOMIES fundraising campaign.

In 2022 BCDI partnered with two other black-led organizations to jointly fundraise!

BCDI | BOSTON UJIMA PROJECT + BLACK FARMER FUND

With their inspiration, our Bronx activation yielded these highlights:
1. **Solidarity Spending**

92%

The percentage of funds spent with value-aligned business, enterprises, and groups in the Bronx.

2. **Unique Donorship**

71

Number of individuals that financially contributed to BCDI as a result of the campaign activation.
3. **BRONX FUTURES**

A live panel moderated and held by black cooperative leaders and organizers.

4. **ETHICAL MERCHANDISE**

Domestically-sourced tote bags and union-made tees, locally screen-printed by a Bronx artist.
KD KNIT FACTORY VISIT

Discussing the future of Bronx cooperative textile manufacturing with KD Knit founder David Lee.
Closing Prayer

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