

Contemporary Economic Issues

This course is aimed at those who want to explore and extend their understanding of inter-dependent global business and economics. In particular the course addresses modern monetary theory, moral capitalism, tariffs and protectionist temptations, disparities in income and wealth, the significance of the national debt, drug prices and litigation, artificial intelligence and robotics, digital health and digital medicine, the impact of structural changes on companies such as GE, the value of congestion pricing, evaluation of tax proposals, economic decision making, the impact of subsidizing the purchase of electric cars and a variety of other economic concerns in the 21st century. The course is appropriate for students of all levels of economic sophistication.

Readings will be from a variety of publications and will be suggested a week in advance of each class. No purchase of subscriptions or books is required, although reading *The Economist*, *The Wall Street Journal* and/or *The Sunday New York Times* (Business Section) may be helpful.

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Mondays: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 8 weeks: September 23 through November 18 (no class on 9/30/19)

Location: Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, Maximum 18 seats