

1999 Prosperity, Poverty and Pollution: Managing the approaching crisis. For detail see List of Publications below.

[Key terms: Economic discrepancies – economic development – ecological sustainability – new economics].

This is my final statement in the field global economic processes and dysfunctions. An economist reviewer called it “a comprehensive and masterly analysis”. It presents a holistic, interdisciplinary approach to the syndrome that is both local and global in orientation and that is based on a vast and worldwide pool of evidence.

In Part I the model of economic structures found in earlier works is fully developed. Their multi-dimensional causes and their impact on the natural environment are spelt out.

In Part II the author deals with the transformation of collective consciousness. This includes the role of religious convictions, the clash between traditionalism and modernity, the dependency syndrome, collective interests and ideology.

In Part III an inter-disciplinary paradigm is drawn up which is meant to replace the totally inadequate view of mainline economics. A rare feature is the application of insights gleaned from the natural sciences (entropy and evolution) to the global economic and ecological scene.

In Part VI proposals for concrete interventions are made for centres, peripheries and the interaction between them.

The book breaks through the self-imposed blinkers of classical economics towards a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach to the syndrome of growing economic discrepancies and ecological deterioration.