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Towards a heterodox economic theory of poverty production – An analysis of evolutionary institutionalist and post-Keynesian thought

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My thesis examines the contribution of three major figures in heterodox economic thought, Thorstein B. Veblen, Joan V. Robinson and Michal Kalecki, to the identification of what Else Øyen describes as "poverty producing processes". I show that the three authors have put considerable effort into the investigation of poverty-related issues. They have identified four key processes that contribute to poverty production: mark-up pricing, industrial sabotage, conspicuous consumption and hegemonic policy-making. The thesis asks whether these four processes amount to a distinct heterodox economic theory of poverty production.

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