

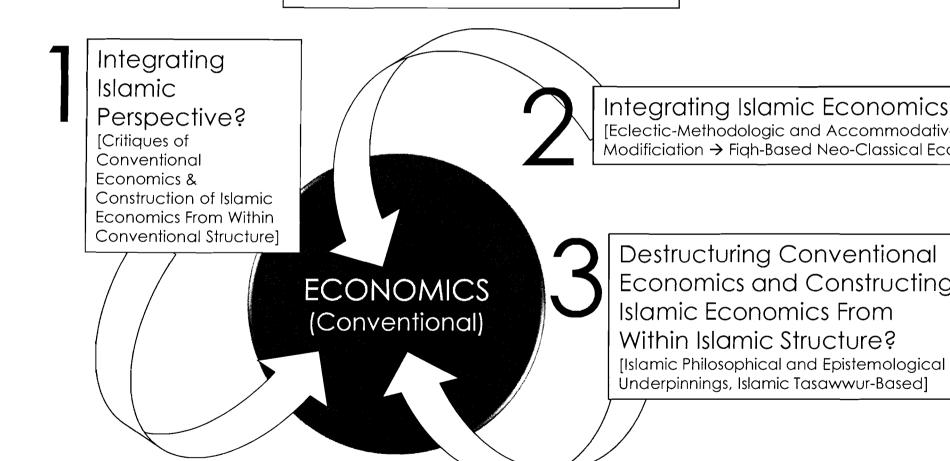
INTEGRATING ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE IN ECONOMICS?

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PROBLEM STATEMENT





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Science of Choices

How individuals, governments, firms and nations make choices on allocating scarce resources to satisfy their unlimited wants.

Dismal Science

MEANING

Arts of Production, Consumption & Distribution

Science of Scarcity

How to use limited means for limited desires]

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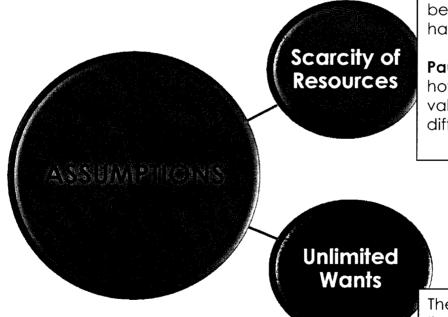
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Resources = time, talent, knowledge, land, buildings, equipment, tools, etc to create useful products and services.

Lionel Robbins (1932): "Economics is the science which studies human behavior as a relationship between given ends and scarce means which have alternative uses."

Paul Samuelson (1948): Economics is the "study of how societies use <u>scarce resources</u> to produce valuable commodities and distribute them among different people



The human proclivity to desire a limitless number of things



BRANCHES

Macroeconomics

[on behaviour of the aggregate economy - the rate of economic growth, inflation, employment]

Microeconomics

[on individual consumers]

SPECIALISATION

Agricultural economics, economic development, economic history, environmental economics, industrial organization, international trade, labour economics, money supply & banking, public finance, urban economics, and welfare economics.

OVERLAPPING DISCIPLINES

History, Mathematics, Political Science, Sociology

APPROACHES

Neo-Classical, Marxist, Neo-Marxist → Basic Needs, Sustainable



PHENOMENA

Obsolescent Capitalism (Samir Amin, 2003: against economic alienation & world scale polarization) **Economic Hit Men** (John Perkins, 2006: first world's economic manouvering).

Wikinomics (Don Tapscott & Anthony D. Williams, 2006: mass collaboration → new way of business communication, value creation, global marketplace competition)

False Economy (Alan Beattie, 2010: false direction)

EconoMyths (David Orrel, 2010, 10 financial mistakes)

Impulse Economy (Gary Schwartz, 2011: Business by mobile + mobile culture; see & like without planning)

Scarcity (Sendhil Mullainathan & Eldar Shafir, 2013: physical scarcity vs scarcity of the mindset)

Macrowikinomics (Den Tanscott & Anthony D. Williams, 2006: Collaborative innevation -> work

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Super Freakonomics (Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner, 2009: unusual & unnatural.

The Age of Oversupply (Danieal Alpert, 2013: Cheap global labour & capital)

The Complexity Crisis (John L. Mariotti, 2008: Top-line revenues vs complexity & bottom-line profits].

Womenomics (Claire Shipmanand Katty Kay, 2009: Women's hidden power in marketplace).

Common Wealth (Jeffrey D. Sachs, 2008: Economics for a crowded planet)



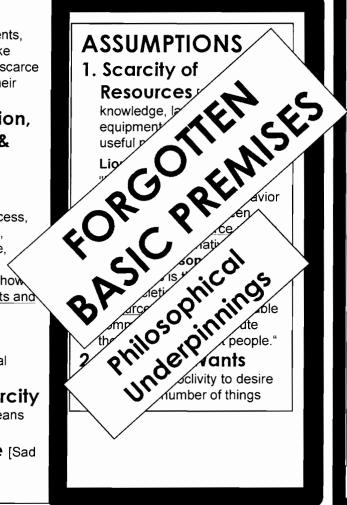
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INTEGRATION OPTIONS



- * Western Ethno-Centric Economics (Neo-Classical + Radical = Conventional)
- * Islamic Economics (within Islamic Mould)

Methods: (1) Islamic after conventional or (2) Islamic critique of the conventional economic (3) Construction of Islamic-Based Economics





THE WAY FORWARD

Mastering Conventional Economics

Deconstructing Conventional Economic
 Structure + Redefining Used Concepts

 Islamic Economic Structure Based on Islamic Philosophical (Tasawur/Worldview) and Epistemological Underpinnings



Wallahu'alam Thank you