

Rothbard Graduate Seminar 2026

Core Text: Murray N. Rothbard, *Economic Controversies* (EC)
All other readings in the Supplementary Reader (SR)

Sunday

Introduction: The Science of Liberty

SR: “Introduction to the First Edition,” in *Egalitarianism as a Revolt Against Nature and Other Essays* (pp.xv-xx)

Monday

Session 1: Praxeology

EC 1: The Mantle of Science

EC 2: What is the Proper Way to Study Man?

EC 3: Praxeology as the Method of the Social Sciences

EC 4: Praxeology: The Methodology of Austrian Economics

EC 43: Lange, Mises and Praxeology: The Retreat from Marxism

Session 2: Methodological Debates

EC 5: Praxeology, Value Judgments, and Public Policy

EC 6: In Defense of “Extreme Apriorism”

EC 7: Praxeology: Reply to Mr. Schuller

EC 8: The Hermeneutical Invasion of Philosophy and Economics

EC 11: Ludwig von Mises and the Paradigm for Our Age

EC 12: Value Implications of Economic Theory

Tuesday

Session 3: Microeconomics

EC 13: The Myth of Efficiency

EC 14: Breaking Out of the Walrasian Box: Schumpeter and Hansen

EC 15: Professor Rolph on the Discounted Marginal Productivity Theory

EC 16: Professor Kirzner on Entrepreneurship

EC 17: Toward a Reconstruction of Utility and Welfare Economics

EC 33: Restrictionist Pricing of Labor

SR: “Review of Lawrence Abbott, *Quality and Competition* and Anthony Scott, *Natural Resources: The Economics of Conservation*” in *Strictly Confidential: The Private Volker Fund Memos of Murray N. Rothbard* (pp.257-59)

SR: “Untitled Letter Critical of Chicago School Economics” in *Strictly Confidential* (pp.295-301)

SR: “Competition and the Economists” in *Strictly Confidential* (pp.307-20)

Session 4: Taxation and Public Finance

EC 24: The Myth of Neutral Taxation

EC 25: The Myth of Tax “Reform”

EC 26: The Consumption Tax: A Critique

EC 27: The Case Against the Flat Tax

EC 30: The Value-Added Tax is Not the Answer

Wednesday

Session 5: Monetary Theory

EC 37: The Austrian Theory of Money

EC 39: Austrian Definitions of the Supply of Money

EC 42: Inflation and the Business Cycle: The Collapse of the Keynesian Paradigm

SR: “Fisher’s Equation of Exchange: A Critique” in *Strictly Confidential* (pp.240-49)

SR: “Letter on Henry Hazlitt and Keynes” in *Strictly Confidential* (pp.277-79)

SR: “Review of Lionel Robbins, *The Great Depression*” (pp.289-91)

Session 6: Monetary Policy

EC 38: Money, the State, and Modern Mercantilism

EC 40: Gold vs. Fluctuating Fiat Exchange Rates

EC 41: The Case For a Genuine Gold Dollar

EC 46: The Myth of Free Banking in Scotland

EC 47: Aurophobia: Or, Free Banking on What Standard?

Thursday

Session 7: Comparative Economic Systems

EC 23: How and How Not to Desocialize

EC 32: Freedom, Inequality, Primitivism, and the Division of Labor

SR: “Postscript,” from *Egalitarianism as a Revolt Against Nature and Other Essays* (pp.287-303)

EC 34: Mercantilism: A Lesson for Our Times?

EC 35: Capitalism versus Statism

EC 36: A Future of Peace and Capitalism

EC 44: Ludwig von Mises and Economic Calculation Under Socialism

EC 45: The End of Socialism and the Calculation Debate Revisited

Session 8: Property Rights and the Public Sector

EC 18: The Politics of Political Economists

EC 19: Justice and Property Rights

EC 20: Law, Property Rights, and Air Pollution

EC 21: The Fallacy of the “Public Sector”

EC 22: Statistics: Achilles’s Heel of Government

EC 51: Buchanan and Tullock’s *The Calculus of Consent*

Friday

Session 9: The Nature of the State

SR: “Part III: The State Versus Liberty” and “Part IV: Modern Alternative Theories of Liberty” in *The Ethics of Liberty* (pp.159-253)

Session 10: A Libertarian Theory of Strategy

SR: “Rothbard’s Confidential Memorandum to the Volker Fund, ‘What Is to Be Done?’” in *Strictly Confidential* (pp.7-23)

SR: “A Strategy for Liberty” from *For a New Liberty: The Libertarian Manifesto* (pp.373-403)

SR: “Toward a Strategy for Libertarian Social Change” (pp.83-125)

SR: “A New Strategy for Liberty” from *The Irrepressible Rothbard: The Rothbard-Rockwell Report Essays of Murray N. Rothbard* (pp.32-36)