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1) To continue the debate of ‘Beyond Economics’, bringing in new voices and building on the dynamic discussions from the issue, from various meetings and from on-line debates.

2) To document some of the alternatives found in local economies functioning on the margins of neo-liberal global capitalism.

The issue looks critically at the impact of the sub prime crisis, the politics of money and the impact of the crisis on women. It also examines local markets, strategies for sustainability, solidarity economies and care networks as ways to empower people and encourage greater civic agency. From both a rights perspective and a critical development perspective, the journal issue looks at how to develop diverse modes of production in different parts of the world. It features innovative ways to understand possible alternatives to global capitalist economies as part of the search for sustainable futures.

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