Women And Economics: A New Zealand Feminist Perspective

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ECONOMICS, a discipline beloved by policy wonks, talking heads and The Economist, is meant to offer an objective way of looking at the world. But some worry that it falls short. Proponents of feminist economics believe that, in terms of both methodology and focus, economics is too much of a man’s world. This is not just because women are under-represented in the science: in 2014, women constituted only 12% of American economics professors, and to date there has only been one female winner of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences (Elinor Ostrom). They also, perhaps more importantly, worry about...