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My research areas include: macroeconomic policy formulation; micro-macro methodology; money, care, and diverse economic relations; gender; and consumption.

Ongoing research projects include: 1) social context of money and diversity of economic relations such as debt-credit, exchange, gift, reciprocity, and obligation; 2) a feminist perspective on job guarantee policy, socialization of investment, in connection to care and unpaid work; 3) a critique of “sound finance” and “commodity money” and an updated feminist and institutionalist understanding of functional finance and public economics; 4) a non-dualistic conceptualization of the economy as social provisioning and developing the concepts of social processes and evolutionary intersectionality; 5) a feminist development of Karl Polanyi’s analysis of labor, nature, and money for a contemporary understanding of transnational households, global migrant work, care chains, remittances, environmental degradation, and neoliberalism; 6) a better understanding of conspicuous consumption and developing analyses of consumption as a social process; and 7) revisiting Thorstein Veblen’s theory in a contemporary context.

In 2007 I was honored to receive the International Veblen Prize awarded jointly by the European Association for Political Economy and the Association for Evolutionary Economics in celebration of Thorstein Veblen's 150th birthday. My first book was *Money and Households in a Capitalist Economy: a Gendered Post Keynesian-Institutional Approach* (Edward Elgar 2009). I co-edited a volume (with Dr. Tae-Hee Jo) *Advancing Frontiers of Heterodox Economics – Essays in Honor of Frederic S. Lee* (Routledge, 2015).

I have been active in a number of professional organizations. Presently I serve as a trustee of the Association for Social Economics. I served as the president of the Association for Institutional Thought (2016), and organized the association's conference program in 2015 under the theme of: *Institutionalism: History, Theory, and Futures*. At WSU, I organized a workshop on Social Cost (2012), a seminar on Neoliberalism (2013), and I co-organized a seminar on the Origins of Money (2012). Through the years, I have enjoyed organizing panels, in efforts to build bridges across heterodox economics approaches.

In my teaching, I emphasize pluralism of approaches and understanding of economic issues in historical and systems perspectives. Since I came to Wright State in 2006, I have been teaching mainly Institutional Economics; Economic, Social and Ecological Systems; Principles of Macroeconomics; Economic, Social, and Business Issues; Political Economy of Women; and Development of Economic Thought.

As the Chair of the Economics Department (summer 2017 to summer 2020), I supported and promoted the economics curriculum, faculty, and students, and expanded alumni relations.

Learn more about my work here: <https://www.ztodorova.net/>.