# resources and links

To accompany the Academia course on ‘Using Economic Data’ by Alan Freeman

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## Main reference site for data and exercises

<https://github.com/axfreeman/Using-Economic-Data/tree/main/Resources>

## Data sources

Bureau of Economic Affairs (BEA) - for US National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) <https://www.bea.gov/>

BEA Interactive tables <https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/iTable.cfm?reqid=19&step=2#reqid=19&step=2&isuri=1&1921=survey>

Bureau of Labour Statistics (BLS) - for employment statistics: <https://www.bls.gov/bls/employment.htm>

Penn World Tables: <https://www.rug.nl/ggdc/productivity/pwt/?lang=en>

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) (recessions and cycles) <https://www.nber.org/>

NBER business cycle dating: <https://www.nber.org/research/business-cycle-dating>

International Monetary Fund (IMF) databases for the World Economic Outlook: <https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/SPROLLS/world-economic-outlook-databases#sort=%40imfdate%20descending>

World Bank <https://databank.worldbank.org/source/world-development-indicators>

United Nations <http://data.un.org/>

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) <https://unctad.org/statistics>

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) <https://data.oecd.org/>

International Labour Organization (ILO) <https://ilostat.ilo.org/about/get-started/>

IMF World Economic Outlook reports: <https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO>

St Louis Federal Reserve (‘FRED’ database) <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/>

## Critiques of GDP

### degrowth

Liegey, V, and Anitra Nelson. 2020. Exploring Degrowth: A Critical Guide. London: Pluto Press

### Is GDP measured properly?

Assa, J. 2017. *The Financialization of GDP: Implications for economic theory and policy.* London and New York: Routledge.

Lepenies, P. *Why GDP?* <https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/why-gdp-by-philipp-lepenies-2016-08>

## On the 2008 crash

Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF): <https://ieo.imf.org/>

IEO evaluation of IMF performance in the runup to the 2008 crash:

1. <https://ieo.imf.org/-/media/IEO/Files/evaluations/completed/02-09-2011-imf-performance-in-the-run-up-to-the-financial-and-econom/crisis-main-report-without-moises-signature.ashx>
2. <https://ieo.imf.org/-/media/IEO/Files/evaluations/completed/02-09-2011-imf-performance-in-the-run-up-to-the-financial-and-econom/01102011crisis-bp4-us-bilateral-surveillance.ashx>

[*https://www.brightonjones.com/blog/bull-market-investing-lessons/*](https://www.brightonjones.com/blog/bull-market-investing-lessons/)

Pettifor, A. 2009. ‘I blame the Queen for this crisis’. *The Guardian* Feb 26, 2009.

Colander, David and Follmer, Hans and Haas, Armin and Goldberg, Michael D. and Juselius, Katarina and Kirman, Alan and Lux, Thomas and Sloth, Birgitte, The Financial Crisis and the Systemic Failure of Academic Economics (March 9, 2009). Univ. of Copenhagen Dept. of Economics Discussion Paper No. 09-03, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=1355882> or [http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.1355882](https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.1355882)

David Colander (2013) The systemic failure of economic methodologists, *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 20:1, 56-68, DOI: [10.1080/1350178X.2013.774848](https://doi.org/10.1080/1350178X.2013.774848)

## On inequality

[*https://www.resilience.org/stories/2019-03-20/global-inequality-do-we-really-live-in-a-one-hump-world/*](https://www.resilience.org/stories/2019-03-20/global-inequality-do-we-really-live-in-a-one-hump-world/)

## COVID data

Our World In Data (OWID) – a go-to source for COVID data but which has much other material <https://ourworldindata.org/coronavirus-data>

John Hopkins University <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

## Excel

Leila Gharani’s courses

<https://www.youtube.com/c/Leilagharani>

To install Power Pivot:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/start-the-power-pivot-add-in-for-excel-a891a66d-36e3-43fc-81e8-fc4798f39ea8>