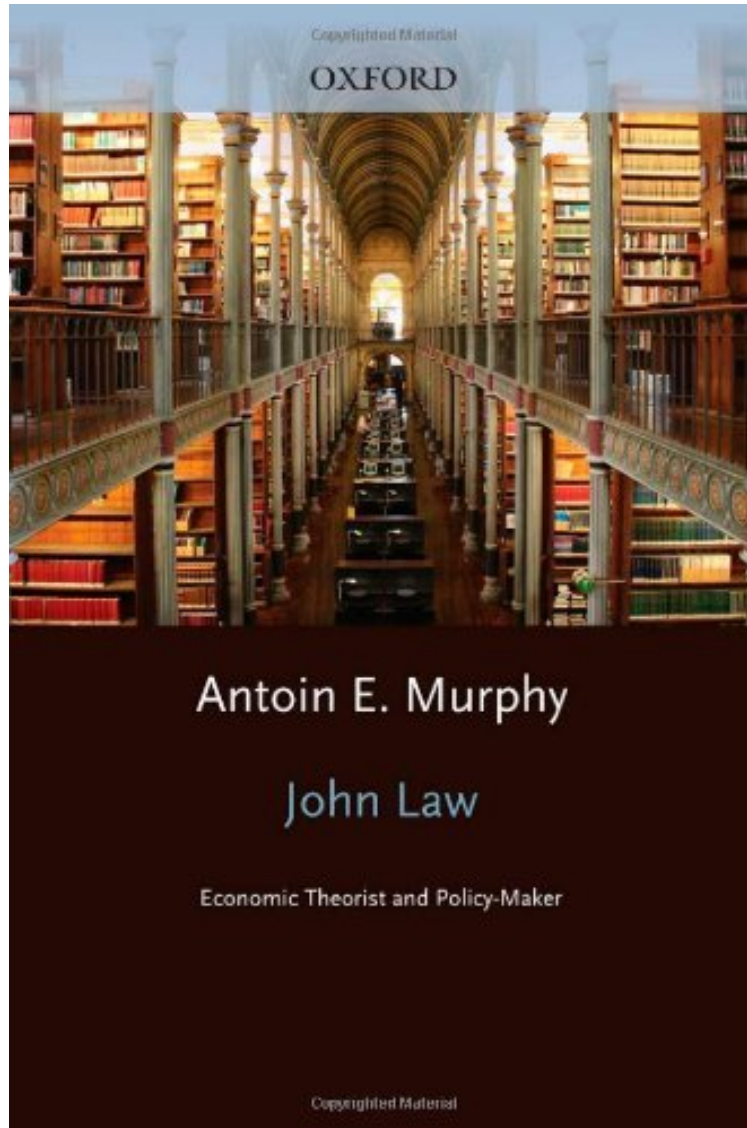


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I have been doing research on John Law. I found an extremely good book from Janet Gleeson, but I was curious about the mind numbing numbers which roiled France during the period of the Regency. There is an uncanny resemblance and similarity to what has just happened. In fact you can replace the names that are in the book with current personalities. That said, Mr. Murphy is exceptional. However, Mr. Murphy spends a great deal of time trying to convince you that John Law

was not a gambler at the beginning of the book but apparently gives up as John Law is often described throughout as a gambler. Then Mr Murphy excoriated a number of authors as being incorrect but uses their books and research extensively. He goes on a rampage about someone who translated something incorrectly- which was not - even though I might have tried to use a different word. But Mr Murphy quotes work using the word "Francs" which did not appear until after the revolution. Now, that was a grave error in translation. Nonetheless I was looking for numbers and found them. Onto the next book by Edgar Faure that Mr Murphy does not like. It should be interesting to find what a former French socialist minister has to say. Sorry this book is only available in French.

John Law (1671-1729) is most widely known outside economics as a rake, duellist and gambler. This intellectual biography of the Scottish-born economic theorist and policy-maker shows him to have been a significant economic theorist when economic conceptualization was very much at an embryonic stage. It also explains his ultimate failure.

"In this book [Murphy] corrects mistaken attributions and also delivers the most extended and comprehensive analysis of Law's thinking, delineating its evolution and ultimately giving it pride of place in the genealogy of Keynesian thought...This work fills a great hole in the English-language literature and represents a mandatory gateway for historians and economists alike"--Journal of Political Economy
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