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“If we restrict ourselves to the rationality postulate, if we make that assumption and that assumption alone, the results in terms of operational meaningful theorems will be very puny indeed.” (Papandreou 1950)

The words of Andreas Papandreou are echoed throughout the world suffering the Global Financial Crisis (GFC), constantly reminding us of the inadequacy of orthodox theory. The orthodox theorems are “very puny indeed”, as Andreas, the economist, told us some 70 years ago. The economist Andreas, a stern critic of the orthodox postulates, would not have had been surprised of the GFC and the consequences of the crisis, especially for Greece. The assumption of the rationality postulate of the orthodox economics requires revision or even better abandonment to develop theorems that are realistic and practical. The book by John Marangos as an editor, providing us with a collection of chapters by international, well-respected authors, actually attempts implicitly in the spirit of Andreas Papandreou to achieve this goal set forth. The chapters published are able to explain, evaluate and reorganize economic theory. The consequences and the international impact of the Greek financial crisis, as analyzed by the authors in this book, provide a framework to accurately scrutinize the crisis beyond the “rationality postulate”. I have no doubt that the book by John Marangos as an editor is a contribution to both

economic and social theory, and I wholeheartedly recommend the book without any hesitation.

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