



## Institutional Economics and Social Costs in the Age of Information Technology

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Markets cannot be understood and studied as abstract self-correcting entities driven by supply and demand interactions, since information suppliers are nowadays endowed with sufficient power to determine to a large extent the results from these very own interactions.

Given the ingenuity exhibited by institutional economists to incorporate the findings from different academic disciplines into their interdisciplinary analysis of the pecuniary institutions of capitalism, namely, business enterprises and market interactions, the main objective of the current volume is to foster the development of such implications further.

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