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Known best for his work as a theorist of economic uncertainty, George Lennox Sharman Shackle has also contributed significantly to the discipline of the history of economic thought in two quite different ways. One is in the narrative and interpretive content of his important study, *The Years of High Theory*. The other is in showing one way in which the theorist consciously uses the history of thought, as such, in the personal or subjective development of his theoretical contributions as well as in the public expository process. His recognition of the underlying causes of the intellectual disarray requiring the need for new theories comes through most clearly in his history-of-thought work; even though his theoretical contributions, as such, are presented in the traditional universal (i.e., timeless) form. Thus, his life's work stresses theoretical originality and a rare attention to the problems of contextual exposition. This latter quality, including attention to verbal elegance, is a rent which all readers of Shackle's work - - original and commentary, theoretical and historical - - have come to expect.

