

**Seminar on**  
**“Social Economy and Social Innovation –**  
**Experience in Korea and**  
**its Implications to Hong Kong”**  
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**(Continue)**

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# Agenda

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A. Think globally and act locally, creating the space of social economy in Hong Kong

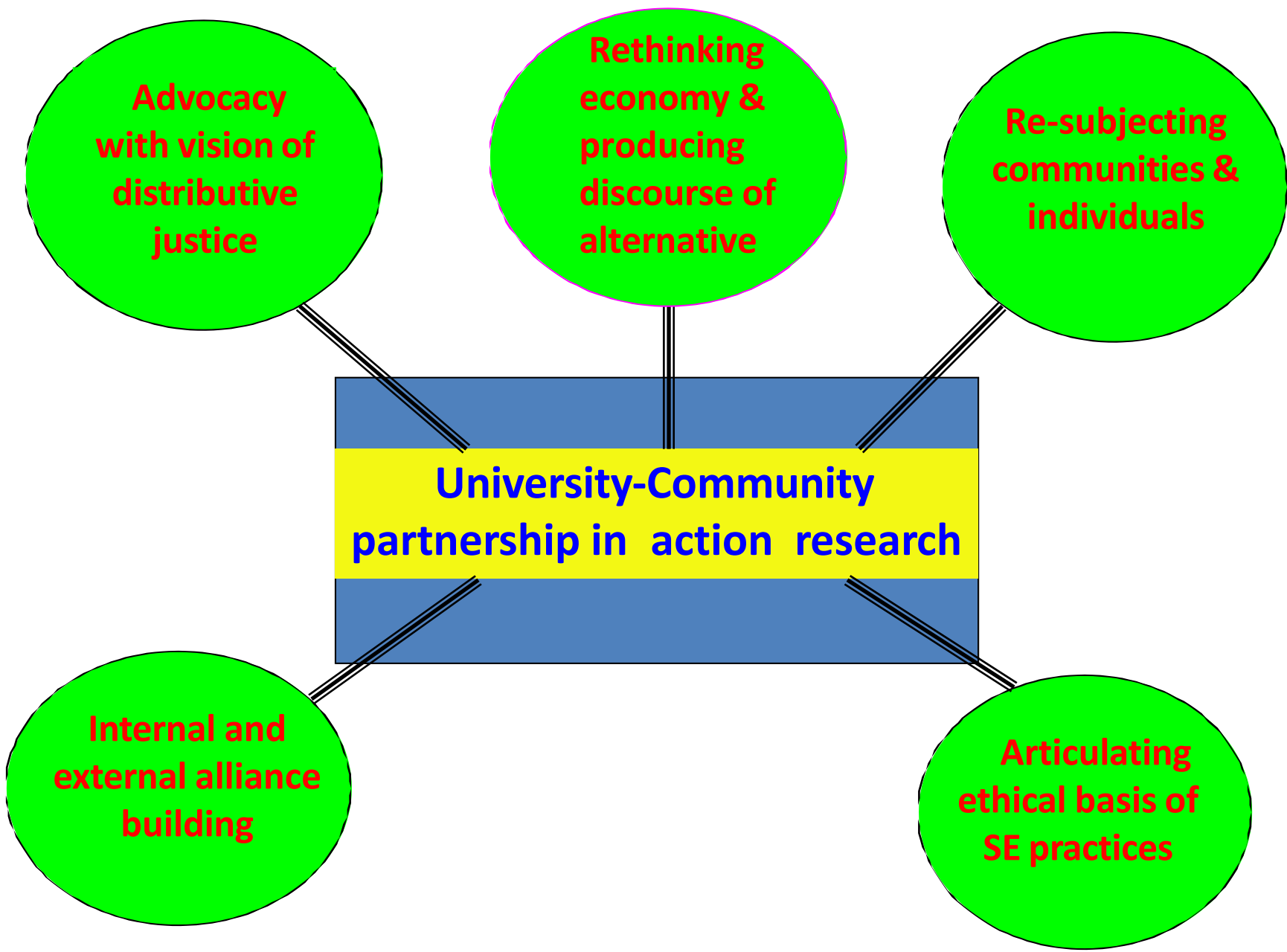
B. Learning from Seoul, the Sharing City: Radicalizing the role of government

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C. Social economy from movements' perspective, rethinking youth's role in social innovation with COMMUNITY

D. Social Economy Producing a Revaluation Process

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Promoting value-based, people-led eco activities and people are always kept at the core of economy, not risking people's good for profit maximization

### **Change Strategies:**

- 1. Organizing public forum to produce dialogue on vision and action both globally and locally (*discourse*)**
- 2. Collecting stories (*ethics in practices*)**
- 3. Bridging and linking (*solidarity*)**
- 4. Involving young people, producing social media and publication, organizing market fair (*educating new knowledge in community*)**

**2011社會經濟公共論壇**  
**社會經濟是甚麼？**

應用社會科學系  
Department of Applied Social Sciences

日期: 2011年2月12日(星期六) 時間: 下午2:30 - 5:00 地點: 理工大學TU107演講廳  
主辦: 社會經濟研究計劃  
協辦: 社會經濟聯盟籌委會

嘉賓講者: 嶺南大學文化研究系副教授許寶強博士  
主持: 理大應用社會科學系潘毅博士

**學者對談: 潘毅、許寶強**

二月社會經濟公共論壇共分為三大環節，一是「獨家論壇」，嶺南大學文化研究系副教授許寶強博士，從資本主義不是甚麼談起，細說甚麼是社會經濟；二是學者對談，主持潘毅與許寶強將就社會經濟的內容、概念展開有趣對話；三是三方交流，公眾人士將與許寶強、潘毅再就社會經濟的內容展開即時交流。

2011社會經濟公共論壇〈三月〉  
講題: 香港社會經濟實踐

嘉賓講者: 香港中文大學社會工作系副教授黃洪博士  
主持: 理大應用社會科學系陳鳳儀博士

日期: 2011年3月26日(星期六)  
時間: 下午2:30 - 5:00  
地點: 理工大學(具體地點容後公布)

2011社會經濟公共論壇〈四月〉  
講題: 香港與珠三角跨境連結再想像

嘉賓講者: 香港浸會大學地理系教授鄧承成博士  
主持: 理大應用社會科學系胡嘉明博士

日期: 2011年4月30日(星期六)  
時間: 下午2:30 - 5:00  
地點: 理工大學N002演講廳

2011社會經濟公共論壇〈五月〉  
講題: 社會經濟再出發

講者: 潘毅博士以及社會經濟研究計劃參與學者  
主持: 理大應用社會科學系顧靜華博士

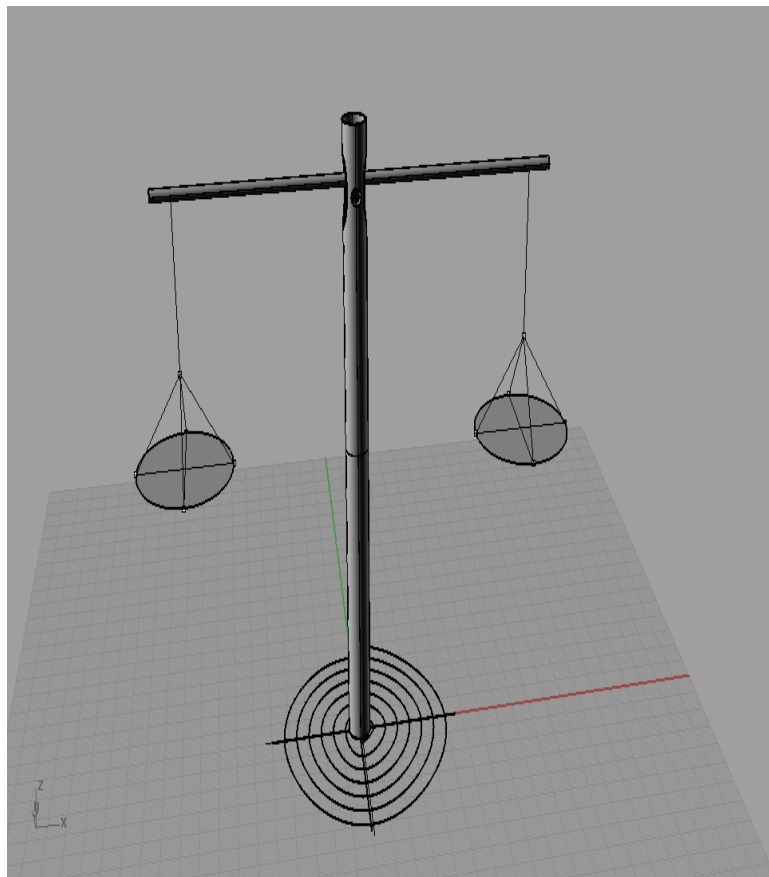
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圖片提供: 香港婦女勞工協會「回家布」計劃

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# 2011 Market fair at university campus

Students design installation of balanced scales



Justice symbol@resisting monopoly power



# University-Community partnership



# Street of Social Economy





Citizens participating in stitching  
waste buttons on the map  
---a cultural symbol of support

To connect people giving  
recognition to those spatial  
initiatives of social economy



# Building alternatives in civil society through advocacy and education

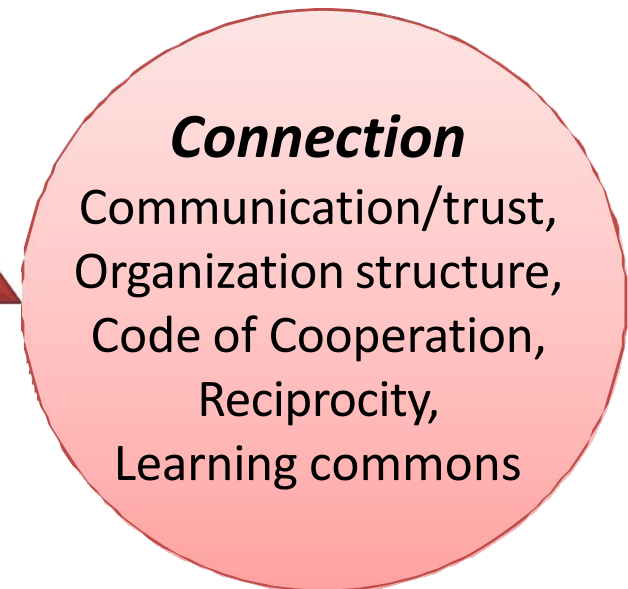
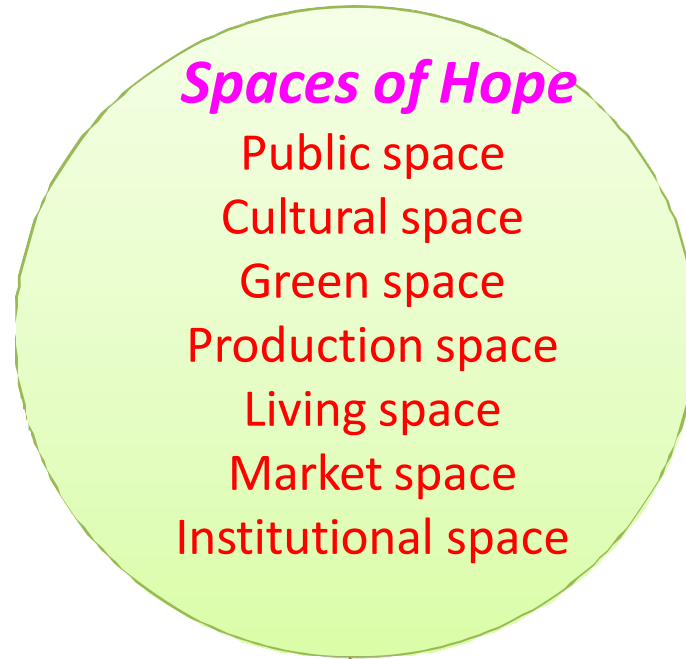
## ***July First 2012 action***

***Calling for autonomy and solidarity;  
Transforming everyday life practices of  
production, distribution and consumption:***

Let's support small shops, grocery stores and second hand shops;  
promote recycling and minimize waste production;  
support producers' cooperatives and ethical consumption;  
support local agricultural production, fair-trade food and crafts;  
think beyond price and product quality, always consider the  
**social relations** underneath trade and economic exchange

Back from  
Sharefest....

Seoul  
HK SEHub....



# Challenges and changes

- The global financial crisis provides a valuable lesson for us to re-examine the neo-liberal economic thinking. This economic development thinking, characterized by free trade, globalization of capital, de-regulation of market, privatization of state assets and lessening of social welfare and other social provisions, creates serious impact on the livelihood of the working class as well as depriving people's relationship of mutual care in their social/economic living.

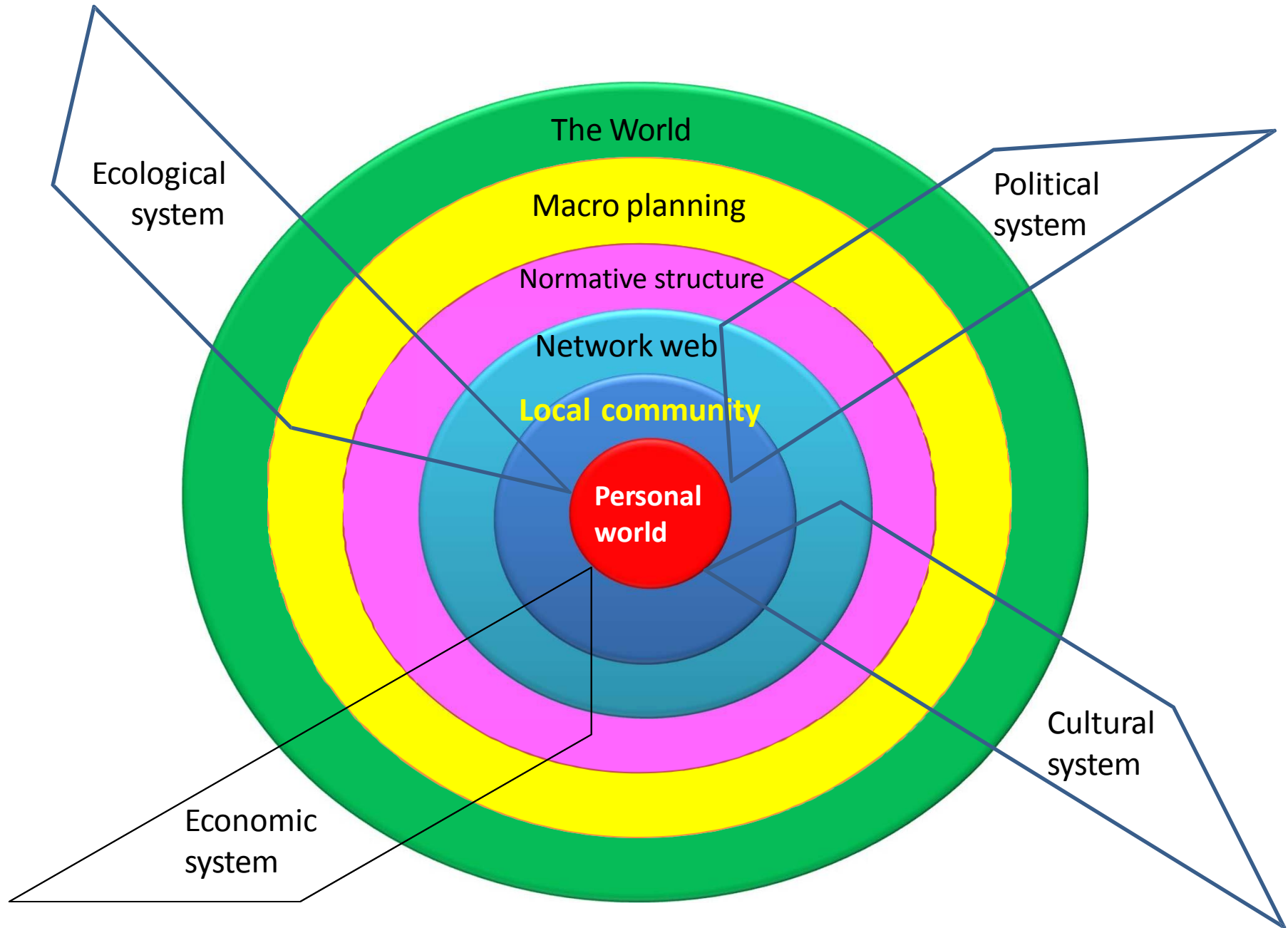
# Challenges and changes

- Under what circumstances, will there be the institutional restructuring to have a central government body to coordinate SE development?
- Under what circumstances, will there be the legal framework and protection be evaluated and reformed eg. on cooperative society ordinance, public procurement, corporate social responsibility, tax exemption?
- Under the desirable model of fund support for start up and sustainable growth, the finance will be drawn from government, business sectors and/or from community?
- Where are the SE spaces in community ?  
Who creates them?

# D. Social Economy Producing a Revaluation Process

## Proposing a Holistic Model

(adapted from UNESCO materials on peace and environment)



## Wind Power Plant of Social Economy

–a Revaluation Process produced by Change Agents

### 1. Personal world:

As a participant/practitioner, I reflect on my origin, belief, life experiences and personal aspiration.

### 2. Local community:

I reconnect with the local place and assess/appreciate its special features, its history, tradition, assets including those challenges to development.



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## 3. Network web

I review those potential and existing organizations of the first, second and third sectors in the environment, assess the flow of ideas, information, experiences, practice wisdom, resources to identify the opportunities for collaborative changes.

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### 4. Normative foundations of the society

I re-examine the shift of public attitude, will people understand/appreciate/support/doubt/  
be detached/cynical about the possibilities and upscaling potentials?

Special concern is put on generating the process of consciousness raising, organizing mutual support and social participation which will be embedded within the social economic activities.

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5. Macro planning

I evaluate to what extent the city/country's planning and public policies will facilitate the desirable changes, what kind of effective strategies can be designed to promote and advocate for institutional recognition and support.

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## 6. The World

I desire to learn the new knowledge of relating, knowing and being. It is a new relationship with the World, through renaming society, economy, ecology, justice, fairness, care, development, capitalism, exploitation, monopoly, violence, alternative, abundance, poverty, happiness, cooperation, peace, love...

Utopia as a reflection on the Dialectics  
Working within the tension of  
Idealism and Pragmatism

*You*  
*Be the Change,*  
*Bring the Change Together*

**END**