How could a commons-centric society and economy look like?

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The Place of the Commons in Human Evolution

- One of four modes of exchange: Communal Shareholding, Equality Matching, Authority Ranking, Market Pricing (Alan Page Fiske)
- Historical modes of dominance (Kojin Karatini)
- Different commons for different periods: natural commons / social commons / knowledge commons / urban commons / material production commons
- Peer production today
Emergence of urban commons-based peer production

- Historical recurrence of mutualization in times of crisis (Mark Whitaker)
- 3 aspects: mutualization of knowledge, infrastructure, relocalization of production
- Current organizational model of new digital and urban commons: productive community, entredonnerzial coalition, for-benefit association
Premises of Social Change Theory

● Seed forms exemplifying new successor logic precede transitions
● New forms are both immanent and transcendent
● New exodus-driven social subjects are important agents of change
● New forms are new combinations with new dominant attractor
Generative vs. Extractive Models

EMERGENT P2P UNDER COGNITIVE CAPITALISM

- Peer Production
  - Creation of value
- Netarchicial Corporate Platform
  - Capture of value
- Exclusionary Financialization

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Three Ontologies Are Struggling: Leviathan, Mammon or the Commons
Institutional Design for Commons-Market Cooperation

- Internal 'Value Sovereignty' within the open productive community: open and contributive accounting practices
- Reciprocity-licensing and shared supply chains within the generative 'entre-donneurial' coalition
- Multi-stakeholder governance in infrastructural for-benefit associations
- Transvestment Strategies are Vital
The Commons Transition Plan in Ghent: Institutional Design for Commons-Public Interaction

- City of 300k inhabitants, center-left coalition, engaged functionaries
- 500 urban commons were identified
- Active in every field of human provisioning
- The advantages of mutualized distributed energy vs individualized distributed energy (commons vs markets)
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