

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

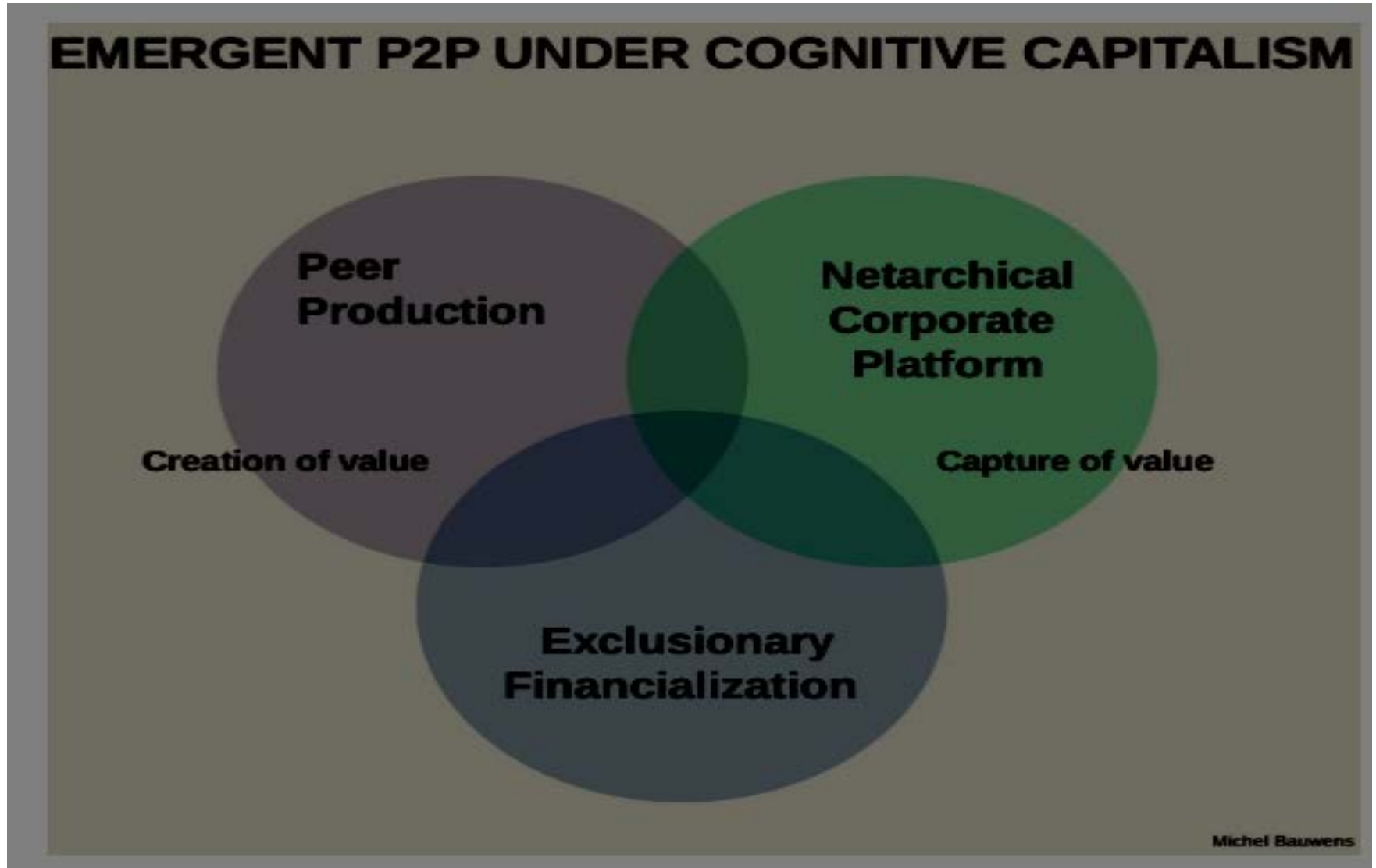
Emergence of urban commons-based peer production

- 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, entredonneurial 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

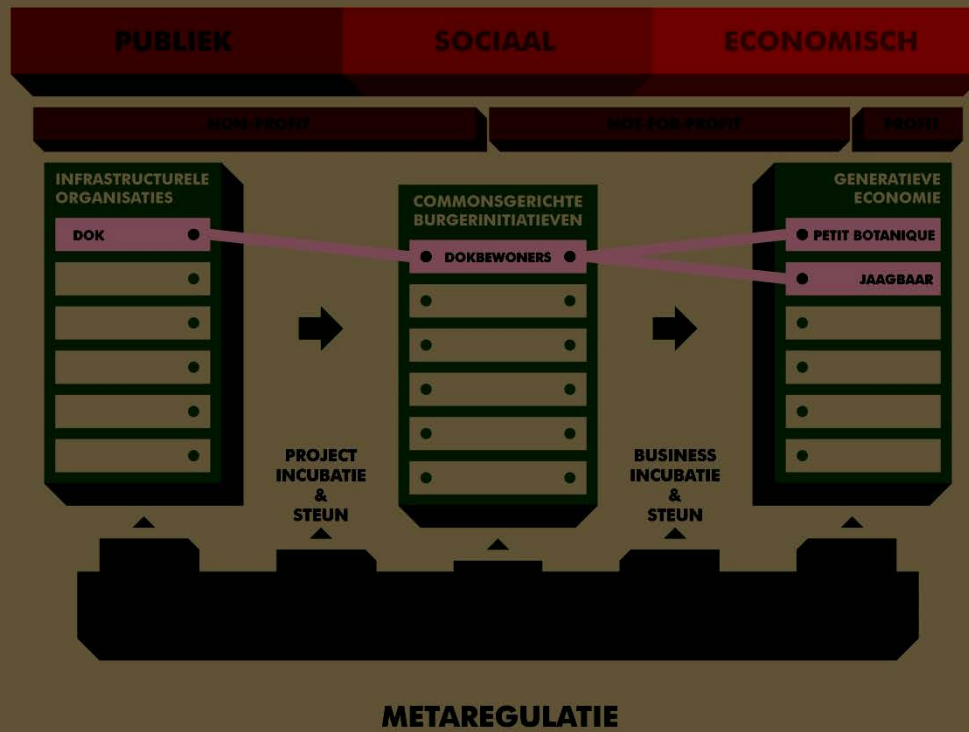
Generative vs. Extractive Models



Three Ontologies Are Struggling: Leviathan, Mammon or the Commons



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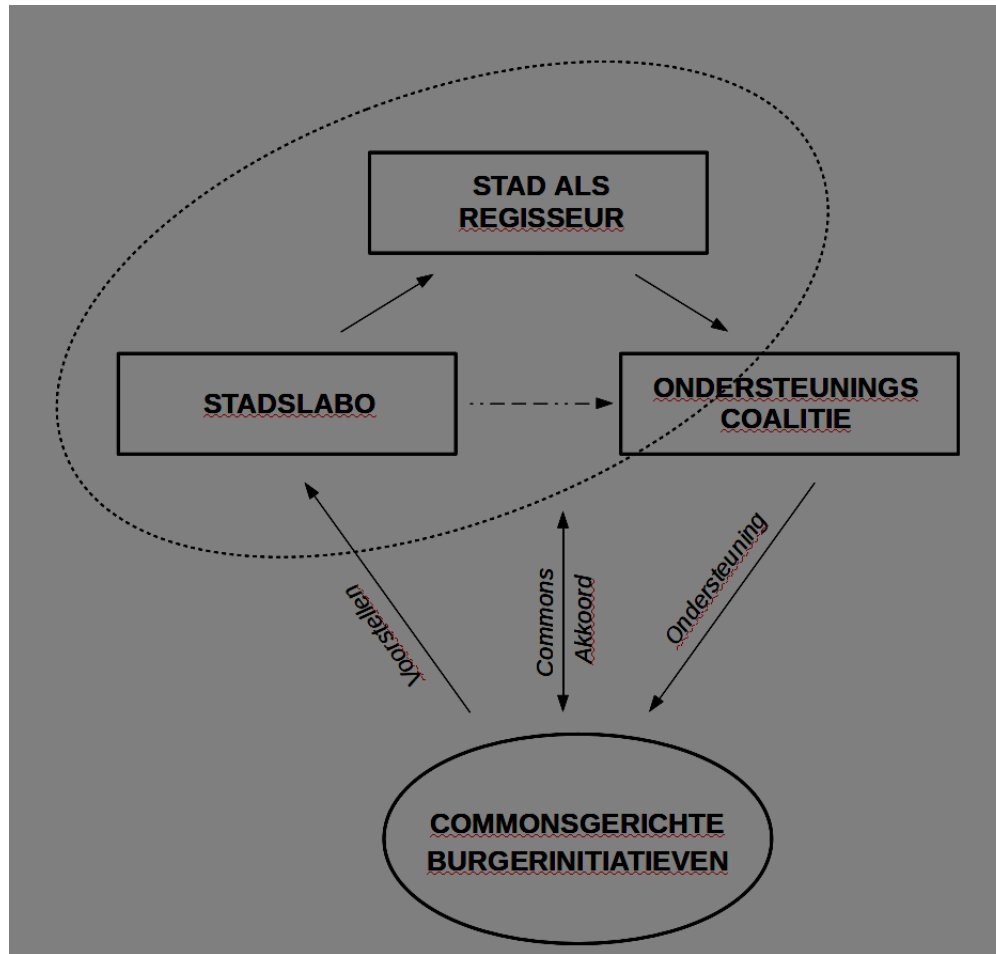


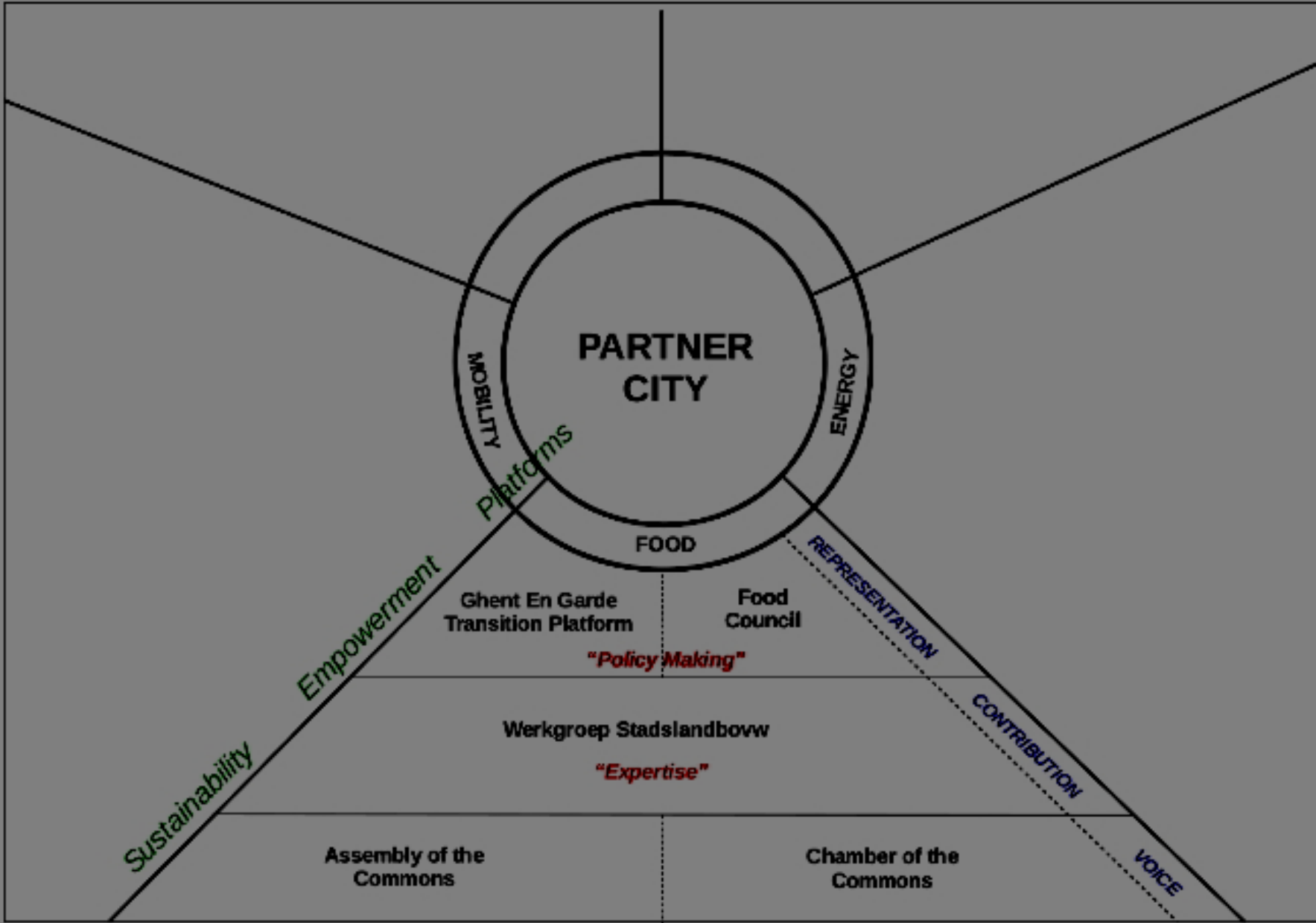
Institutional Design for Commons-Market Cooperation

- 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)





PARTNER CITY

MOBILITY

ENERGY

FOOD

Empowerment

REPRESENTATION

CONTRIBUTION

VOICE

Sustainability

Ghent En Garde
Transition Platform

Food
Council

"Policy Making"

Werkgroep Stadslandbouw

"Expertise"

Assembly of the
Commons

Chamber of the
Commons

