Towards Radical Transformation

Visions & Practices of Equity, Justice, Sustainability

Global Tapestry of Alternatives
Systemic alternatives include resistance ... (to capitalism, state domination, patriarchy, human-centredness, etc)

... other ways of being, knowing, doing, dreaming
Constructive alternatives across the world
Deccan Development Society, India: conservation, equity, food sovereignty, livelihood security

• Empowering *dalit* women farmers: collectives, land rights
• Reviving traditional agricultural diversity / practices (millets)
• Creating community grain banks
• COVID: contributing to district relief food supplies
Parque de la Papa, Peru: biocultural landscape conservation, food sovereignty, livelihood security

• 5 Quechua indigenous communities governing Andean landscape
• Conserving/using >1300 varieties of potato (in centre of origin)
• Asserting self-determination & direct democracy with gender justice
• COVID: Contributing to food relief in Cusco town
Territories of Life (ICCAs): community-led conservation and sustainable livelihoods
Kurdish Rojava women’s movement

• Autonomy, direct democracy, ecofeminist principles in midst of war zone

Images: courtesy Kurdish Women’s Movement
Solidarity / commons economy, alternative currencies, open software / knowledge commons

Disgraca, social centre, Lisboa

Time-banking at neighbourhood school, Athens, Greece

Beki local currency, Biekerech, Luxembourg

Viome - worker-run factory, Thessoliniki
Eco-swaraj - Flower of transformation:
5 spheres of systemic alternatives

VALUES

Radical democracy
(direct citizens’ power, accountable representative institutions, ecoregional governance, borderless world)

Economic democracy
(producer sovereignty, localised self-reliance, caring/sharing, commons)

Social justice & wellbeing
(justice, equity of genders, ethnicities, castes ...)

Culture & knowledge diversity
(new learning, knowledge commons, celebrating creativity, cultural co-existence, spiritual deepening)

Ecological resilience & wisdom
(rights of nature, conservation)
RADICAL POLITICS, ECONOMICS & JUSTICE

Direct/radical democracy: decisions in hands of people everywhere ("in our village, we are the government"): people’s assemblies, referendums

Localisation & democratisation of economy, self-reliance, caring & sharing, commons, worker-owned production, qualitative indicators of well-being beyond growth and GDP

Social justice and well-being: struggles for human rights - gender equality, castelessness, anti-racism, etc

Cultural / knowledge diversity: decolonial approaches, commons
Re-integrating ourselves within nature, respecting its integrity & rights
Values & principles of transformative alternatives ....

- Diversity and pluralism (of ideas, knowledge, ecologies, economies, ideologies, polities, cultures...)
- Self-reliance for basic needs
  - Self-governance / autonomy
- Cooperation, collectivity, solidarity, commons, conviviality
- Rights with responsibilities of meaningful participation
- Dignity & creativity of labour
- Qualitative pursuit of happiness
- Equity / justice / inclusion
- Simplicity / sufficiency / enoughness
- Rights of nature / respect for all life forms
- Non-violence, peace, harmony
- Reciprocity and interconnectedness
- Fun!

WORLDVIEWS THAT CELEBRATE LIFE!
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Confluences of resistance and alternatives across world

Sharing, exchanges, collaborations

Collective advocacy & solidarity

Collective visioning of a just world ... and how to get there!