

Towards Radical Transformation

Visions & Practices of Equity, Justice, Sustainability



Global Tapestry of Alternatives

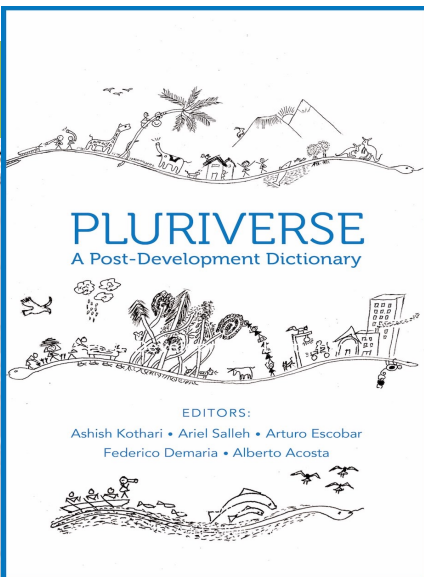
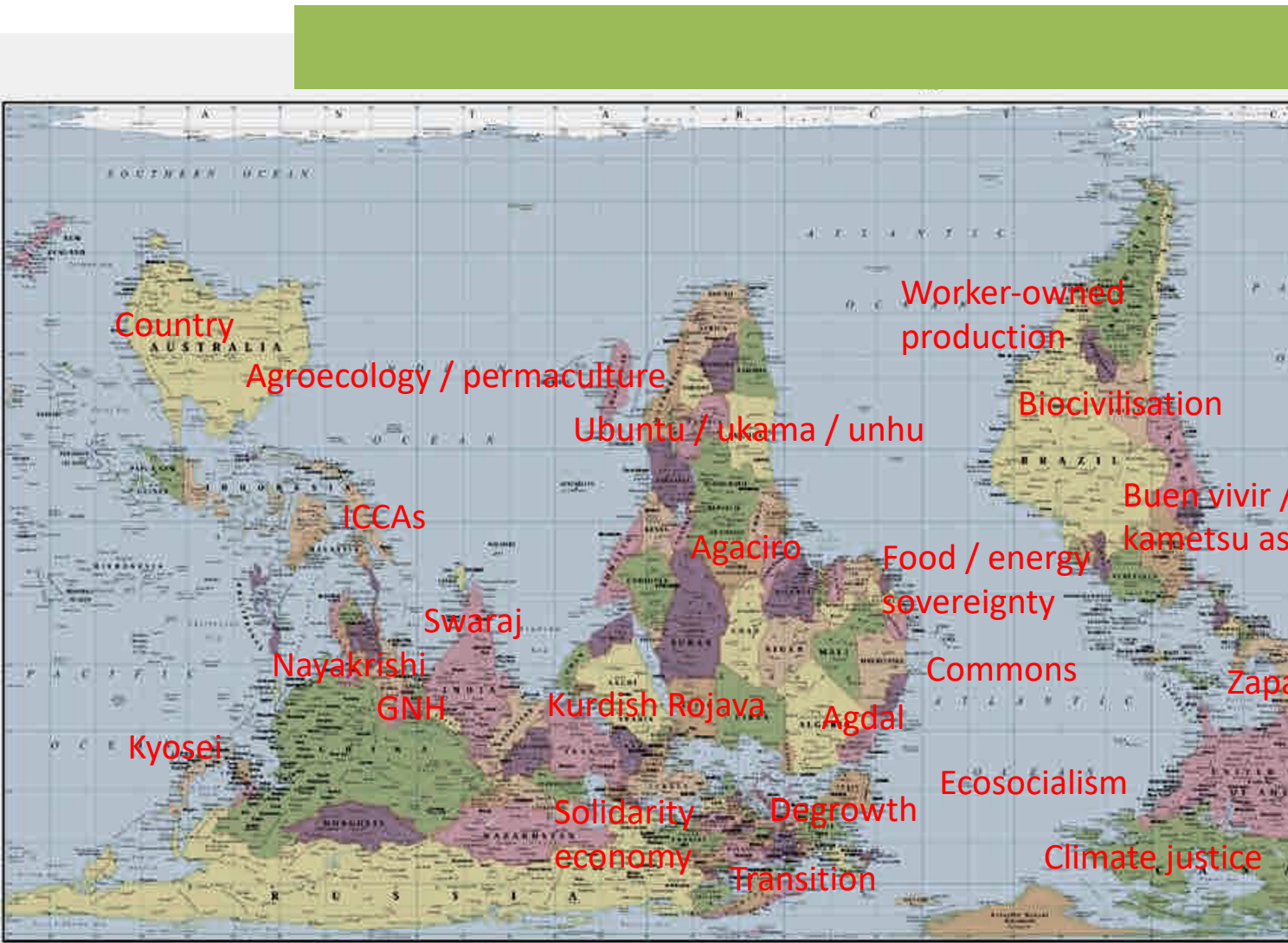
A group of people, including men, women, and children, are standing in a long line across a rocky riverbank. They are holding hands, and their reflections are visible in the water. The scene is set at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and the sky. The background shows a line of trees and hills under a cloudy sky.

Systemic alternatives include
resistance ...

(to capitalism, state domination, patriarchy,
human-centredness, etc)

... other ways of being, knowing, doing,
dreaming

Constructive alternatives across the world



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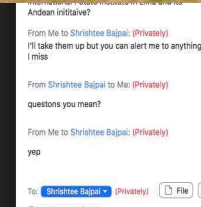
conservation, equity, food sovereignty, livelihood security

- 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



www.iccaconsortium.org

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, Thessolniki

Eco-swaraj - Flower of transformation: 5 spheres of systemic alternatives

**Ecological resilience
& wisdom**

(rights of nature, conservation)

Radical democracy

(direct citizens' power, accountable representative institutions, ecoregional governance, borderless world)

VALUES

Economic democracy

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

**Culture & knowledge
diversity**

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

**Social justice &
wellbeing**

(justice, equity of genders, ethnicities, castes ...)

RADICAL POLITICS, ECONOMICS & JUSTICE

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

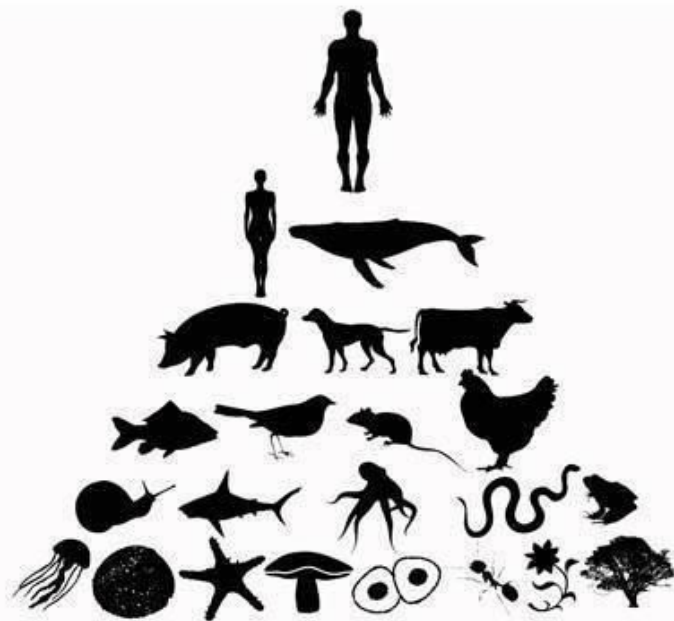
Localisation & democratisation of economy, self-reliance, **caring & sharing**, commons, worker-owned production, qualitative indicators of well-being *beyond growth and GDP*

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

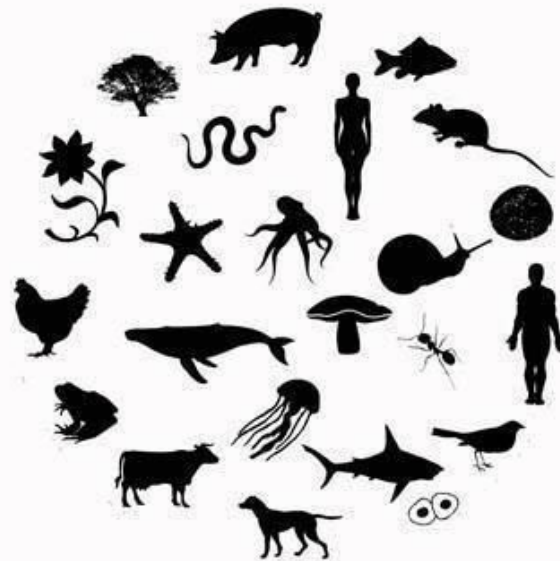
Cultural / knowledge diversity: decolonial approaches, commons

RADICAL ECOLOGY

Re-integrating ourselves within nature, respecting its integrity & rights



EGO



NATURE

Unknown artist

Values & principles of transformative alternatives

- Diversity and pluralism (of ideas, knowledge, ecologies, economies, ideologies, politics, 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!

Global Tapestry of Alternatives

Confluences of resistance and alternatives
across world

Sharing, exchanges, collaborations

Collective advocacy & solidarity

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