Natural Economy in an Unnatural World

A presentation on self-sustaining systems of community based intergenerational wealth creation

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The Unnatural World of Neoliberal Capitalism and Corporate Globalization

- Post Colonial Wealth & Power is Global and Unregulated.
- Power of Global Corporate Markets Transcends the Nation State
- Corporate Coup D’état of “Inverted Totalitarianism”
The Impacts of Unregulated Corporate Globalization

- Ecological Disaster – Ultimate Example of a Deferred Externalized Market Cost
- Increasing Inequality – Global Caste System of Wealth Inequality
- Unsustainable Social Economy & Markets
Death of the American Dream

- Democratic Promise of a Middle Class Societal Franchise
- Civic and Political Freedom of a Liberal Democracy Subsumed by Unregulated Market Power
- Distorted & Unnatural Political Economy – Marketization of the “Commons”
Life on the Shire... A Return to Systems of Local Natural Economy

- Community Values and Cooperation
- Localized Systems of Economy
- Partnership and Sustainability
How is Sustainable Intergenerational Community Wealth Created?

- Wealth – Not Income
- Integrated Community Systems
- Local Economic Solutions & Markets
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The Urban Shire

- The Urban Village
- Collaborative Systems of Local Economy
- Partnership and Sustainability
Interdisciplinary Research

- Traditional Immigrant Communities
- New Systems of ‘Green’ Economy
- Classic Urban Social Services Models
- Business Development & Entrepreneurial Systems
- Binding Agency – Community “Spirit”
Research Questions

- Are there common elements of success?
- Are they portable to other groups?
- What are the institutional structural systems of government, community and social networks at work?
- What creates binding agency in community?
- How is Natural Economy formed?
Natural Market Economy

- Requires the Presence of Local Community as a Regulatory Force on Market Economy
- Enables & Sustains Participation in the “Commons” of Human Life
- Renews the Social Franchise – Sustainable and Equitable
- Returns the “Market” to Being a Part of Human Life
Thank You

References

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