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Ecocialism & Commoning: Transdisciplinary Activism in the time of Anthropocene



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The Anthropocene

Anthropocene means “New Human.” (Paul Crutzen 2002, Ozone hole, Nobel Prize winner): a new geological epoch in which humanity has become the main driver of rapid changes in the earth system

Planetary
scale
impact



Forest fire, AP News, September 17, 2019



Deforestation, Digoel Agri oil palm plantation; Jan 2020
Photograph by: PUSAKA

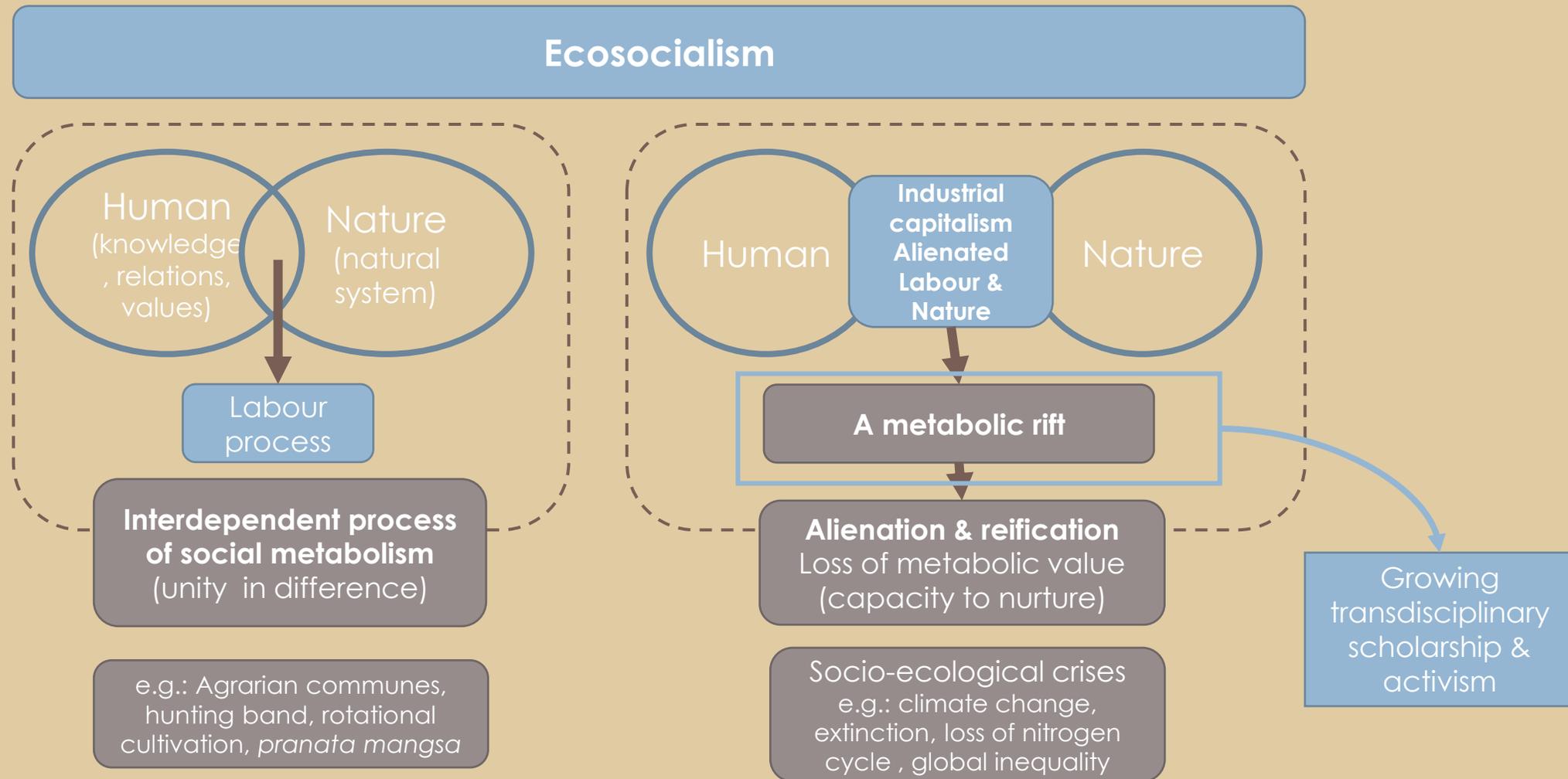


Wawonii nickel mining, China
Dialogue, December 12, 2019



MIFEE, Zenegi, Medco Corp, 2011
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Understanding the problem

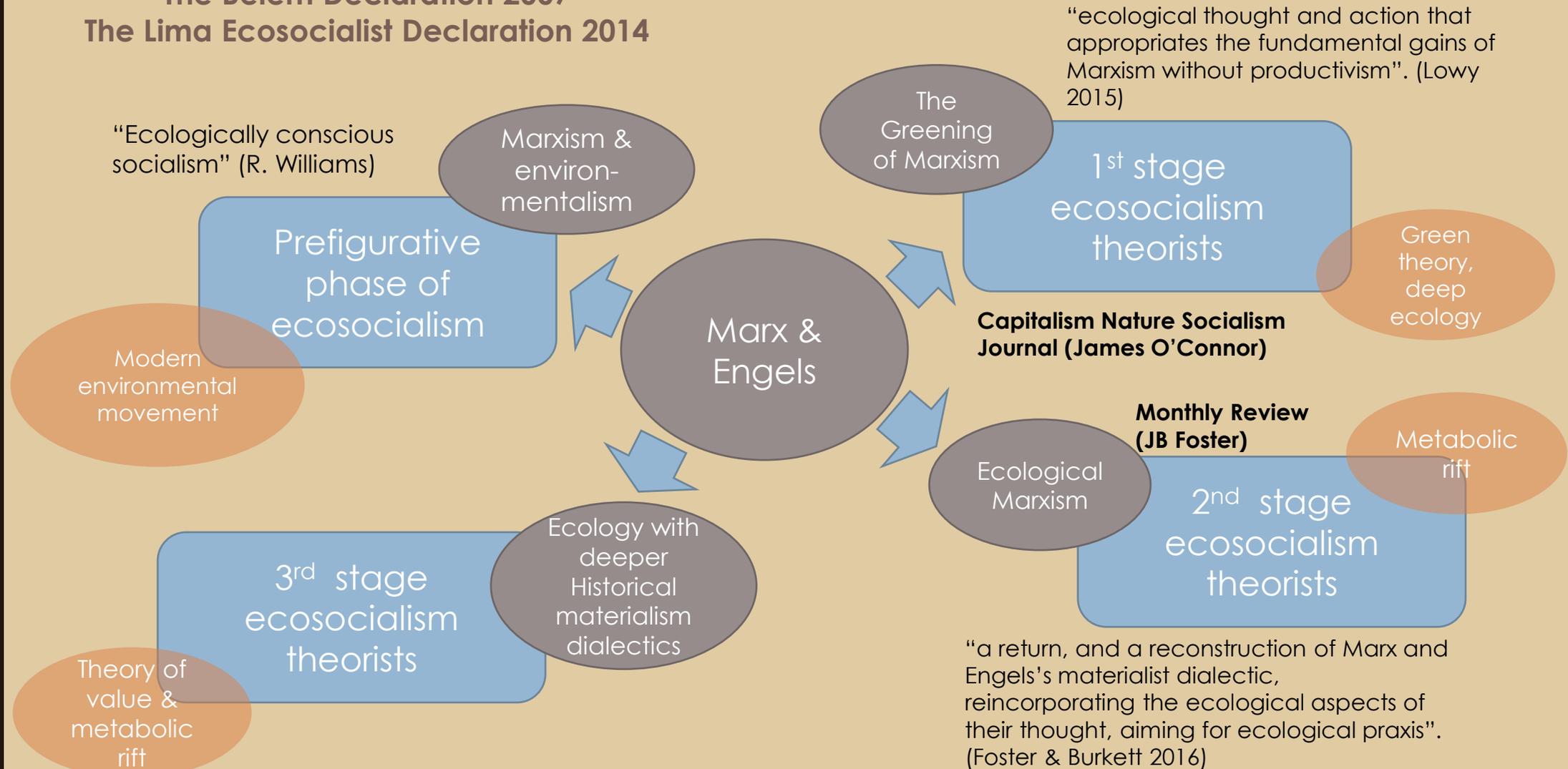


Transdisciplinary scholarship & activism

International Ecosocialist Manifesto 2001

The Belem Declaration 2007

The Lima Ecosocialist Declaration 2014



The rift process

- 'Labor is, first of all, a process between man and nature, a process by which man, through his own actions, mediates, regulates and controls the metabolism between himself and nature' (Marx 1976, 283).

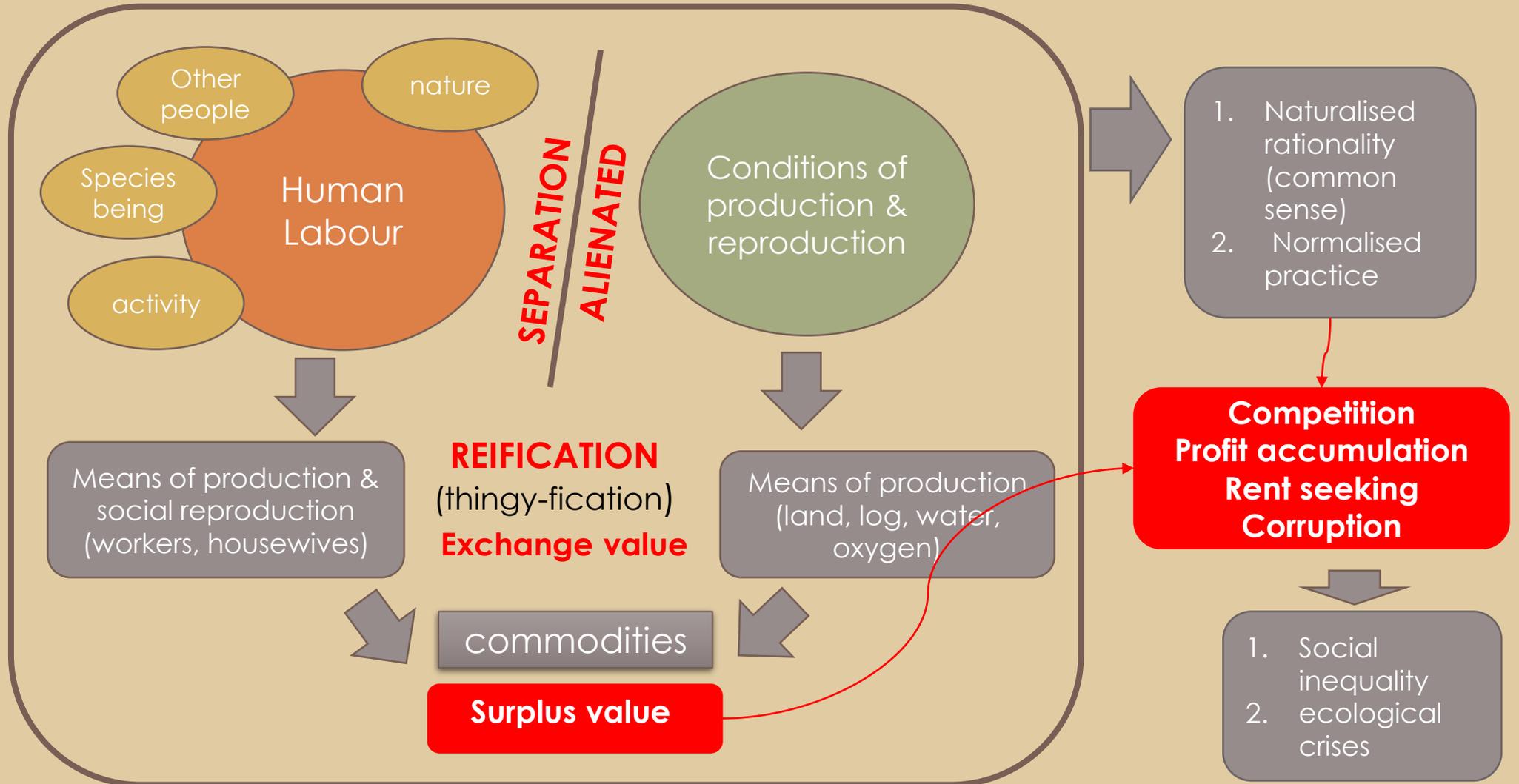
Alienation & reification (separation)

- Modern alienation arising from the total annihilation of the "intimate side" of production, dissolution of original unity of human with the earth

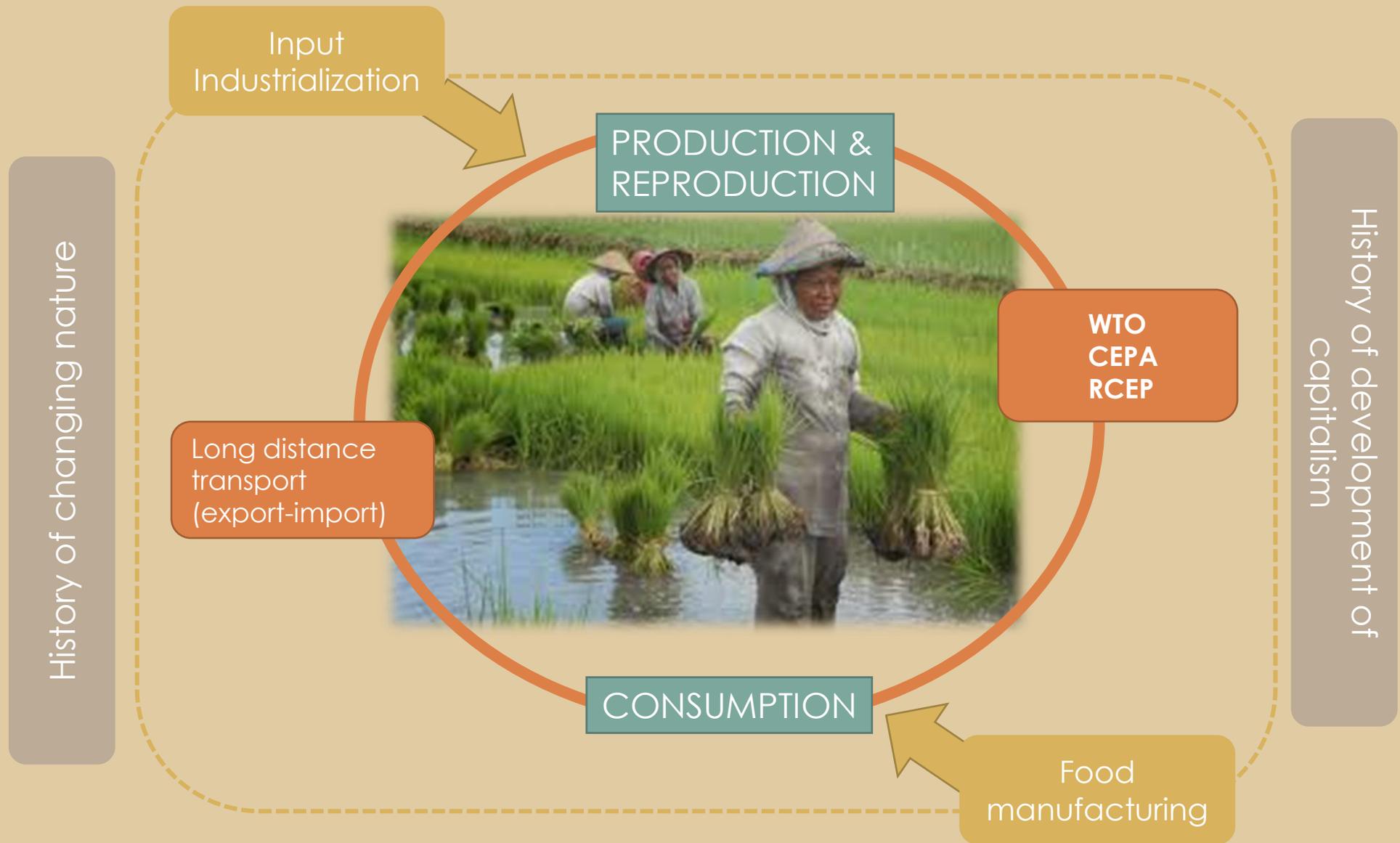


labor functions as a process of loss of reality, impoverishment, dehumanization, and atomization

The rift process: production and reproduction of capitalist relation



Corporate Food Regime: Globalisation Project



Healing the rift: The Commons

- The Commons (Elinor Ostrom)

Economic stance of resource governance, not political

- critique of Garrett Hardin's 'tragedy of the commons' →tragedy of open access
→institutional governing system (social system) of material and immaterial commons
- CPR as social system: type of social relations that operates commons system internally and in relation to other systems outside it.
- Design principles and endogenous force
→management issue

- Social metabolism (Karl Marx)

Power differential in resource access & control

- Rejection to neoliberal globalizing capitalism
- a social systems or of particular types or modes of production that allows social individuals to withdraw resources from their natural environment to fulfil their needs, desires and aspirations

- Reconceptualisation of the Commons (de Angelis 2017:152)
- social systems in which a plurality, a 'community' as circle of affect, by standing in particular relation to the 'things', the 'goods', also reproduces the social relations among the people



Healing the rift: Commoning

- A social doing/social labour to reproduce commons
- Solidarity economy:
 - Money as means not end: not making money for the sake of accumulating money, but for enable necessary consumption
 - Not producing commodities for accumulation, but for sustenance
 - Not buying for selling, but selling for buying
 - Not only a shared-production, but also shared care-works (social reproduction)
- Agroecology: reconnect agriculture and the environment by challenging capitalist and industrial practices in agriculture (localization, deglobalization)
- **'Situated'**: must negotiate its way with the predator capitalist system that tends to enclose the commons, with state system, and ecological system, while creating relations with other commons system.

As transdisciplinary activism

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- Build and bring visibility to the commons movement;
- Initiate and catalyze commons work; and,
- Develop and encourage commons leadership.

[We believe](#) it is possible to foster a commons-based society, which refers to a shift away from our market-based system, through new, collaborative [ways of working](#).

Leadership Team

[Learn more about OTC's leadership team](#): Julie Ristau, Ana Micka, Jay Walljasper, Alexa Bradley, and Camille Gage.

Commons Magazine

Don't miss our [Commons Magazine](#) — a gateway to the latest thinking and action happening right now in the commons movement. You'll find profiles of everyday people who stand up to protect what belongs to us all, groundbreaking ideas that will be useful in your life, and current news examined in fresh ways through a commons perspective.

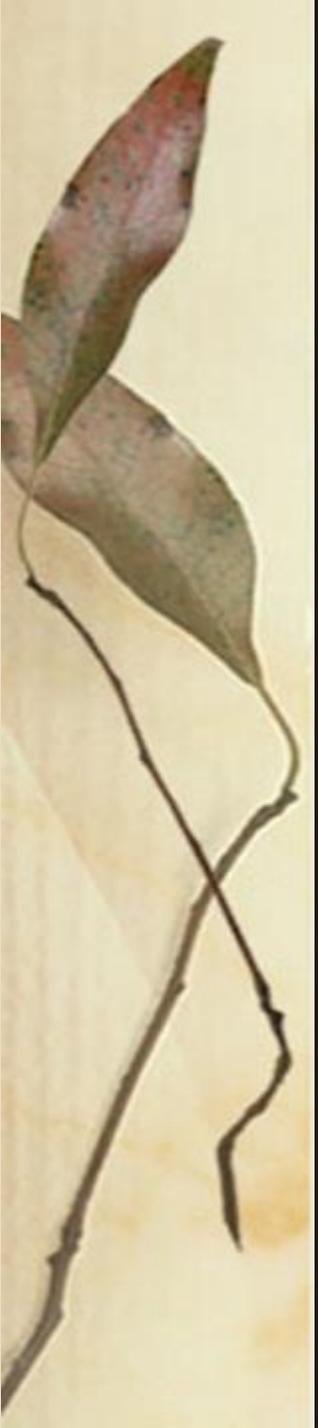
We recently published a book called [All That We Share: A Field Guide to the Commons](#) to expand on the magazine and to help you discover the power of commons-based solutions. The books' contributors regularly visit campuses, congregations, conferences, and communities to promote the commons movement and jump start local commons efforts.

Commons Work

[The Commons Work online resource center](#) is where we highlight our practical, field-based commons work. There, you will learn about our new co-creative initiatives that promote involvement in [commoning](#) — the diverse set of practices that bring the commons

s.org

<http://www.onthecommons.org/about#sthash.fwc2mGfZ.dpbs>



Commons in the Field

TOOLBOX FOR COMMONS IN THE FIELD

Thank Your Local Placemaker

An innovative idea for thanking those who make our neighborhoods great

Jay Walljasper's Speaking Schedule

How to Design Our World for Happiness

Free download of OTC's new book: The Commons Guide to Placemaking and a Convivial Life

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ARTICLES ON COMMONS IN THE FIELD



September 3, 2013

Great Lakes Commons Map is a Tool for Building Awareness

Paul Baines explains his crowdsourced project--and another way folks in Toronto are growing the movement



June 24, 2013

Rehydrating India's Dry Rivers



June 24, 2013

Commoning Flourishes Around the Globe

A list of commons-based efforts from Zaragoza to Berlin and everywhere in between



May 27, 2013

The Sol Collective Sows Seeds for a Brighter Future

How one organization boosts the commons in Sacramento, California



May 27, 2013

A Grassroots Initiative Enlivens the Commons in West Marin

How West Marin Commons has preserved and enhanced the California commons from its charming beginnings

March 27, 2013

Bring On the Commons to Your College Campus or Community

Raising awareness of the commons is crucial for our future



May 24, 2013

Protecting Drinking Water by Preventing Pollution in Upstream Communities

Latin American water leaders discuss commons approach for safe water



April 25, 2013

A Review of Shiney Varghese's "Water Governance for 21st Century"



March 26, 2013

On the Commons Goes to College

Good questions from our recent campus visits



Intercontinental network for the promotion of social solidarity economy

Who we are

What is SSE

WSFTE 2020

Continental networks

Working Area

II International Conference "SSE and the Commons", November 6th – 8th 2019, Lisboa (Portugal)

This post is also available in: [French](#), [Spanish](#)



The second international conference "Social Solidarity Economy and the Commons" will be a meeting point for researchers, activists, public officials and social entrepreneurs involved in social and solidarity economy, governance of the commons and new social movements in different parts of the world.



The Zapatistas exercise self-determination through local and regional governments, and their economic cooperatives organizing the production of goods generate resources to invest back into their communities

ZAPATISTA

The 'Zapatistas' recognises themselves as an 'indigenous peasant movement' constituted by the diverse indigenous communities of Chiapas. They protested against Mexican state neoliberalism and marked their declaration of war on the 1st of January 1994, when NAFTA agreement was signed. Since then, they built an autonomous social-ecological and political system

Commoning



Mama Loretta and the return of sorghum mastery to East Nusa Tenggara

(Source: <https://www.mongabay.co.id/2020/10/08/sorgum-pangan-lokal-ntt-yang-kian-mempesona-bagaimana-pengembangannya-bagian-pertama/>)



Cuban nation-wide organiponics

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2008/apr/04/organics.food>

Agroecology practices- Indonesia Peasants Union (SPI)



DEKLARASI KAWASAN DAULAT PANGAN

Serikat Petani Indonesia (SPI)

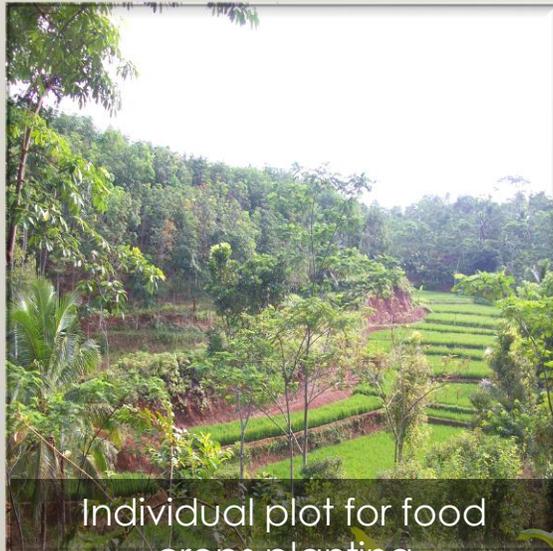
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Commoning



- From plantation manager to rubber tapping workers are cooperative members who hold a plantation concession
- Multicrop planting
- Cultivate their own rubber varieties clones
- Create partnership with rubber farmers around the area
- Centre for rubber processing plant for local rubber gardens
- Direct selling contract with industry
- Zero waste: fertilizer, bio-energy source
- Distributive wealth: 'the poorest' member owns 90 grams of gold saving
- Community health center and social function hall
- Dependent to the state system on land rights regulation



Complexities of commoning

1. State system:
 - Land rights regulation: regulate for privatisation of land rather than redistribution and protection
 - Socialist cooperative system: stigmatized by leftists-phobia and criminalization of 'left ideology'
2. Capitalist system:
 - Global value chain capture: export for industrial goods, import goods consumption
 - Commodification of subsistence: market dependent consumption for daily needs
 - Wage work dependent
3. Socio-economic system:
 - Oligarchic web of relations on control for land and natural resources
 - Private property right as an ultimate desire
 - Regeneration problem
4. Ecological system:
 - Drive for increasing productivity, produce for market only
 - Restoration of nutrient cycle
5. Ideological apparatus
 - Education system
 - Internet of things



Way forward?

- Practice of commoning might be able to deal with complexity better, if it is initiated and departs as political standpoint, not only economy or ecology.
- And therefore, by placing 'political' as a collective strategy, everyday practice may become a conscious arena of power struggle against the capitalistic desires imposed by the state and market system
- The everyday is a key, because creating commons is an effort to make history, a particular history, in which we seek for a 'working existence' of the commons in our own time/space.
- The commons is not a nostalgic romanticism of the past or a hipster lifestyle, but it should be an embodiment of solidarity, a political economy unit with a social-ecological unity. A form of value struggle against capital matrix.
- The commons is only able to stand as a counter-act of capitalism when it is capable to build a democratic-egalitarian social relations, engaging in collective rural-urban sustainable productions and consumptions, construct communal values against capitalism's crimes of individualization and competition.
- In that sense, the commons will vanish when it stands as a noun, but it will live a long life as a verb: commoning, because it is a thread of our everyday life; it is life itself.