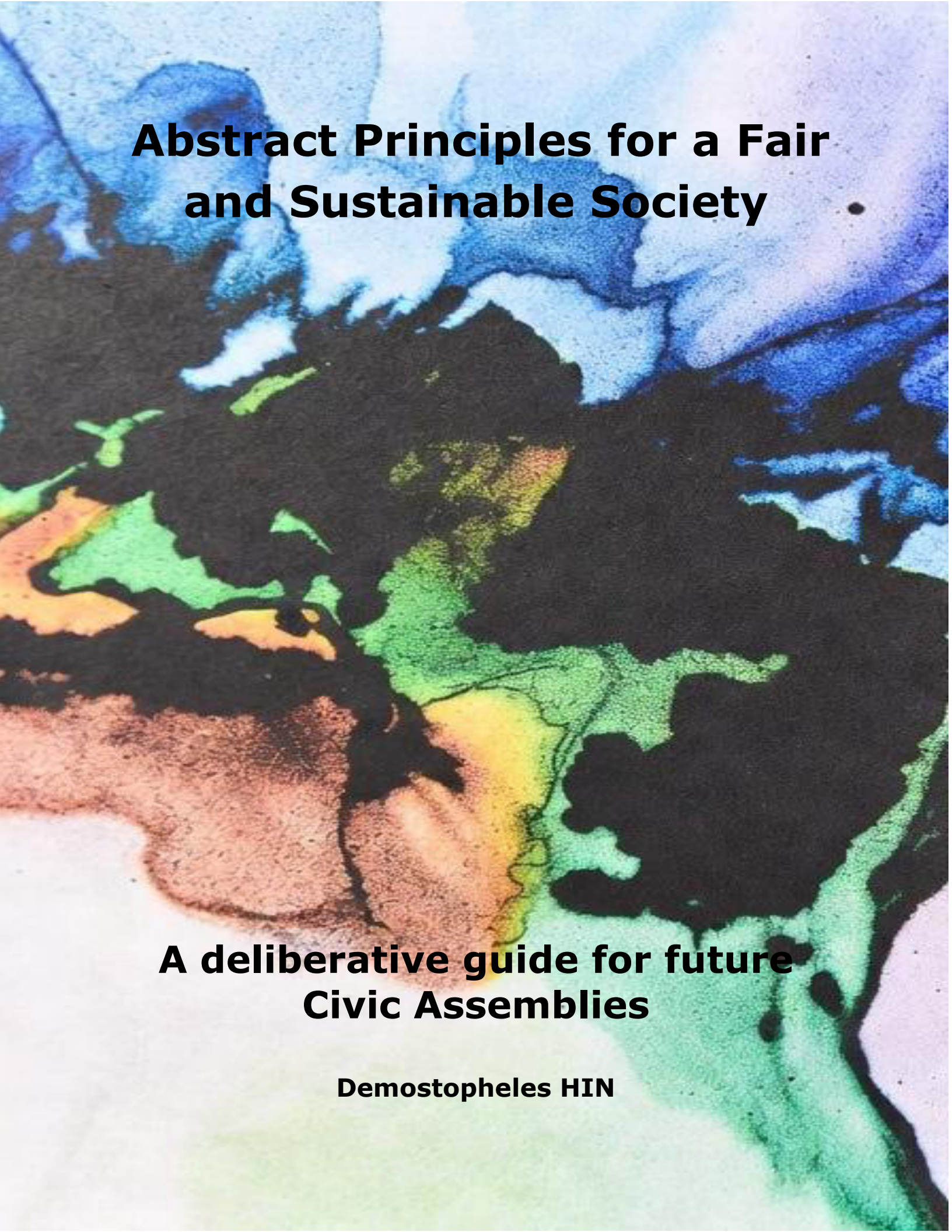


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Abstract / Overview

This treatise sets forth an axiomatic and coherent set of abstract principles, designed to serve as a reflective and deliberative foundation for future Civic Assemblies.

Rather than offering prescriptive policies on isolated domains such as labor, property, or capital accumulation, it establishes a meta-philosophical framework through which such issues can be rigorously deliberated to foster collective well-being.

Operating independently of transient historical or ideological paradigms, these principles are anchored in universal imperatives: systemic equity, intergenerational sustainability, and structural non-domination.

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Introduction: The Purpose of an Axiomatic Vision

Any society that aspires to authentic, sovereign, and participatory self-governance requires an explicit architecture of shared abstract principles. Such principles are neither technocratic recipes nor rigid doctrines; rather, they are logical and ethical lenses designed to orient collective deliberation and structural decision-making.

When randomly selected citizens convene in sortition-based Civic Assemblies to deliberate on fundamental civil issues—the definition of labor, the boundaries of ownership, the role of entrepreneurial initiative, the governance of surplus wealth, and the regulation of concentrated economic power—they require a robust, uncorrupted compass.

This document articulates that foundational compass: a coherent paradigm rooted in universal human rights, temporal equity, and ecological stewardship, deriving definitions designed to avert structural domination, monopolistic capture, and systemic imbalance.

The goal is not to impose pre-packaged solutions, but to equip deliberative bodies with unambiguous categories through which concrete crises can be diagnosed and navigated—whether transnational monopolies extracting value without reciprocity, opaque financial mechanisms eroding sovereignty, or disproportionate capital accumulations subverting democratic integrity.

These principles are intentionally abstract: it is the mandate of sortition assemblies to translate them into localized, adaptable, and living legal frameworks.

Let us begin.

Part I: Foundational Principles – Ethical and Human Roots

1. Human Dignity as an Absolute Bulwark Against Domination

The departure point of any legitimate political order is the inalienable intrinsic worth of every human person. Fundamental human rights—liberty, safety, bodily autonomy, self-determination, and unconditional access to essential commons—are not concessions granted by state authority or market mechanisms; they are the non-negotiable prerequisites of civil legitimacy.

From this follows a structural axiom: **no individual, cartel, corporation, or institutional apparatus may accumulate resources or leverage to an extent that reduces other human beings to dependency, subordination, or institutionalized servitude.**

Whenever Assemblies deliberate upon the boundaries of private property, excessive capital concentration, or the jurisdictional oversight of transnational conglomerates, this criterion must serve as the ultimate benchmark: preventing any dynamic that renders citizens structurally dominated by external forces.

2. Lifespan and Time as the Universal Baseline: Recognizing Invisible Contributions

Time is humanity’s sole uniformly distributed endowment: finite and identical in its daily allocation to every living person. Contemporary economic structures, however, measure and monetize this endowment with profound asymmetry.

Remuneration and status are heavily concentrated around the production of market commodities and capital manipulation. In contrast, those who dedicate substantial portions of their lives to uncommodified pursuits—critical inquiry, civic architecture, philosophical reflection, institutional

reform, or foundational care—remain largely invisible within market metrics, despite generating the indispensable structural conditions for collective progress.

A mature society must recognize this asymmetric sacrifice of life-time for the public good, instituting structural mechanisms to ensure that those who advance systemic well-being are not forced to choose between economic vulnerability and the abandonment of their intellect.

3. Collective Flourishing as the Primary Imperative: Reconciling Autonomy and the Commonweal

The overarching rationale behind every institutional and economic norm must be the shared well-being—physical, psychological, social, and ecological—of both present and future generations.

Individual initiative, ingenuity, and enterprise are vital societal goods, yet their legitimacy remains contingent upon not eroding the collective fabric. When personal advantage clashes with the stability of the common good, the principle of dynamic equilibrium must prevail: the legitimate sphere of an individual's liberty ends where it initiates the structural diminishment of another’s freedom or vital security.

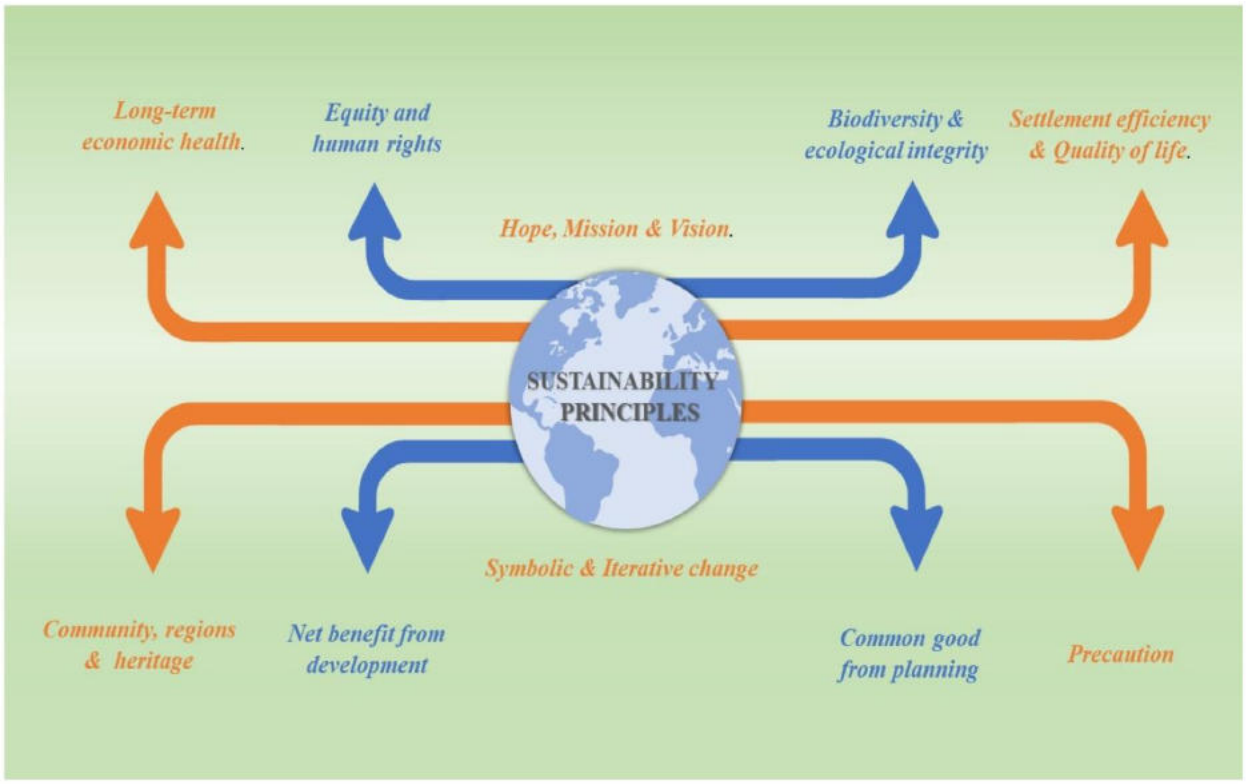
4. Intergenerational Ecology as a Categorical Ethical Constraint

No degree of capital accumulation, private ownership, or commercial operation can be considered legitimate if it compromises the ecological systems necessary to sustain human life across generations.

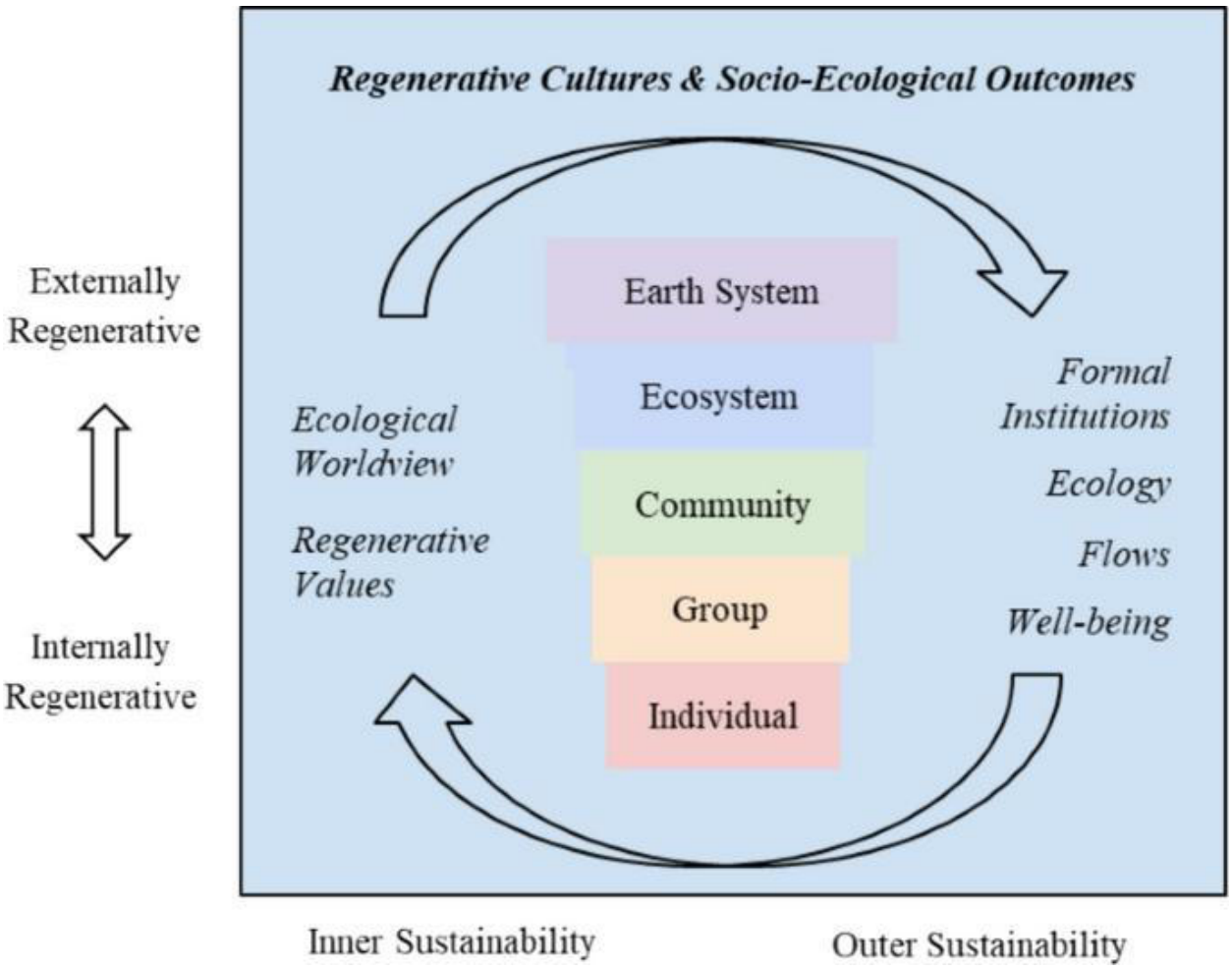
The biosphere cannot be conceptualized as an inert, infinite asset class subject to unconstrained exploitation; it is a complex living substrate of which humanity is an integral part. Every economic mandate governing extraction, production, and property must withstand the test of intergenerational equity: *does this action leave subsequent generations with ecological integrity and optionality equal to or greater than that inherited by the present?*

Part II: Conceptual Redefinitions – Perceptions for an Inclusive Economy

The foundational principles necessitate a fundamental reappraisal of the core categories of economic thought: labor, property, wealth, and enterprise. These redefinitions serve as analytical tools to guide Assemblies in drafting balanced and resilient frameworks.



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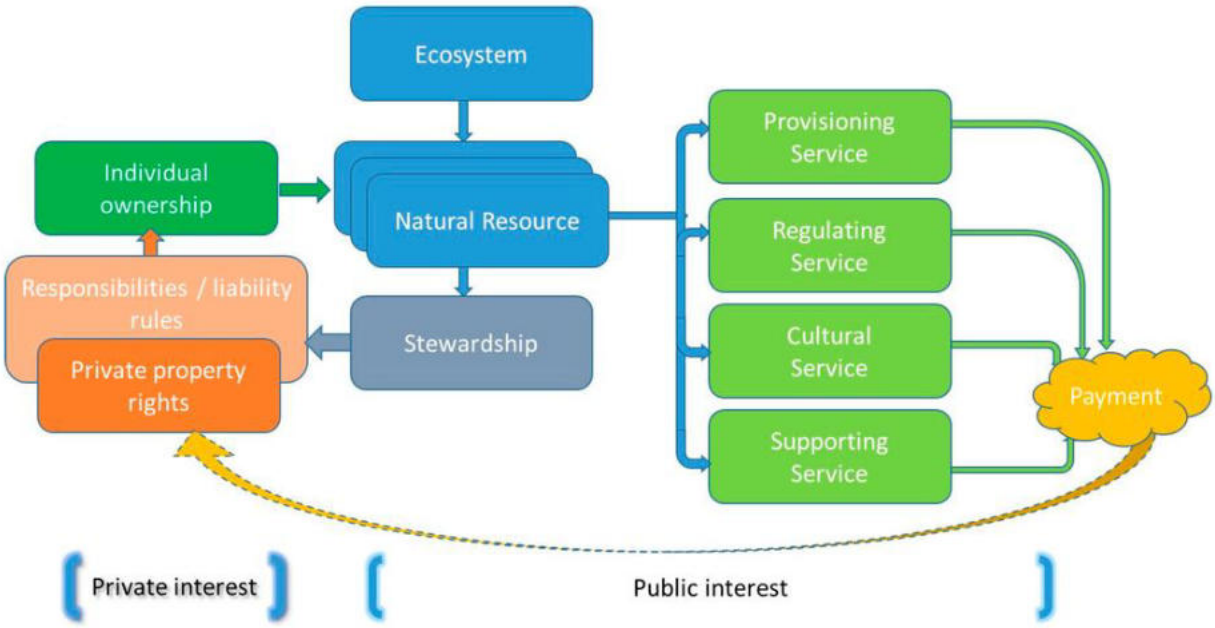
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1. Labor as Regenerative Contribution: Beyond Commodified Output

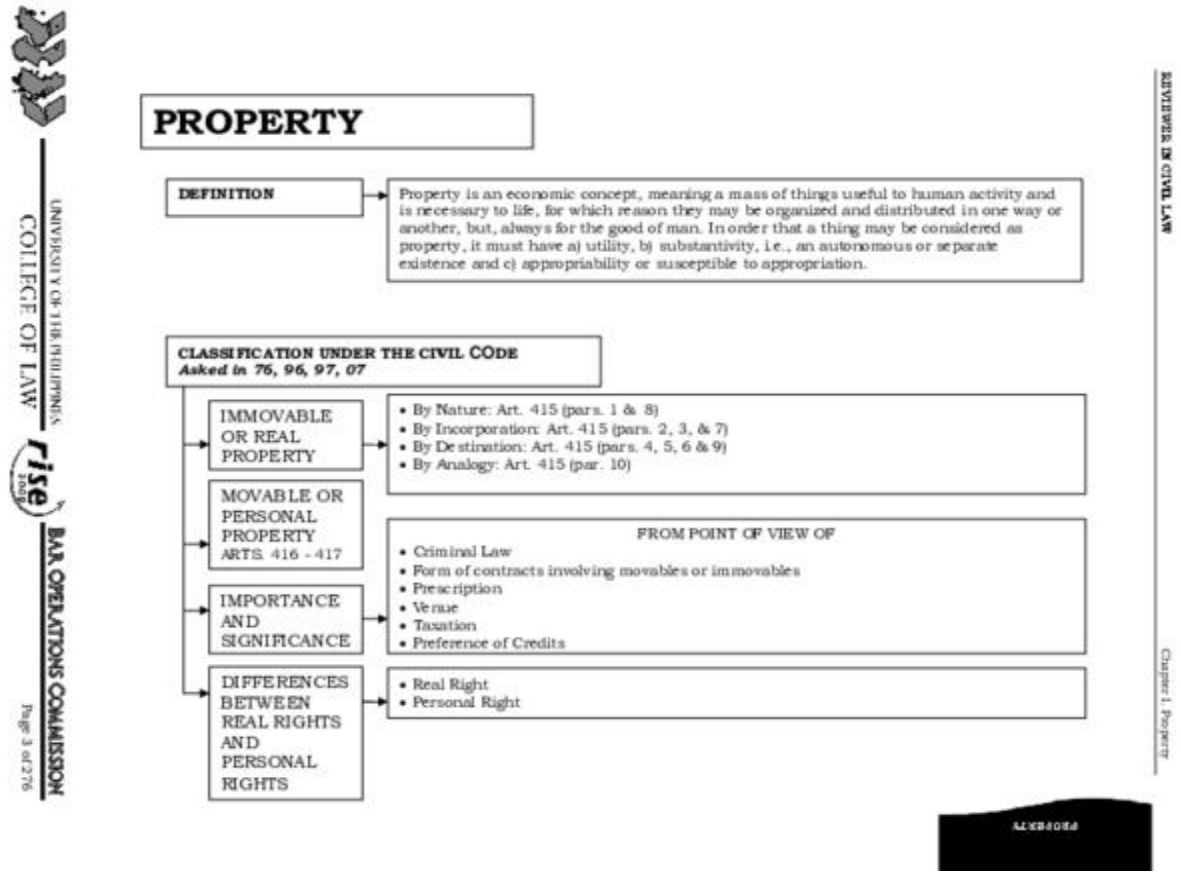
Labor cannot be reduced merely to tasks that yield commodified goods and marketable services. It encompasses every intentional investment of human energy, cognition, and time that generates societal value, including civic, relational, and philosophical pursuits.

Labor is thus redefined as **regenerative contribution**: action that sustains the present while actively restoring and enriching social, cultural, and environmental equilibria. The citizen developing institutional architectures, conducting independent philosophical inquiry, or stewarding community commons performs work as essential to civil survival as any industrial or technical output.

This redefinition legitimizes systemic mechanisms that protect, fund, and validate non-market contributions, preventing society's most creative minds from being absorbed entirely into extractive routines



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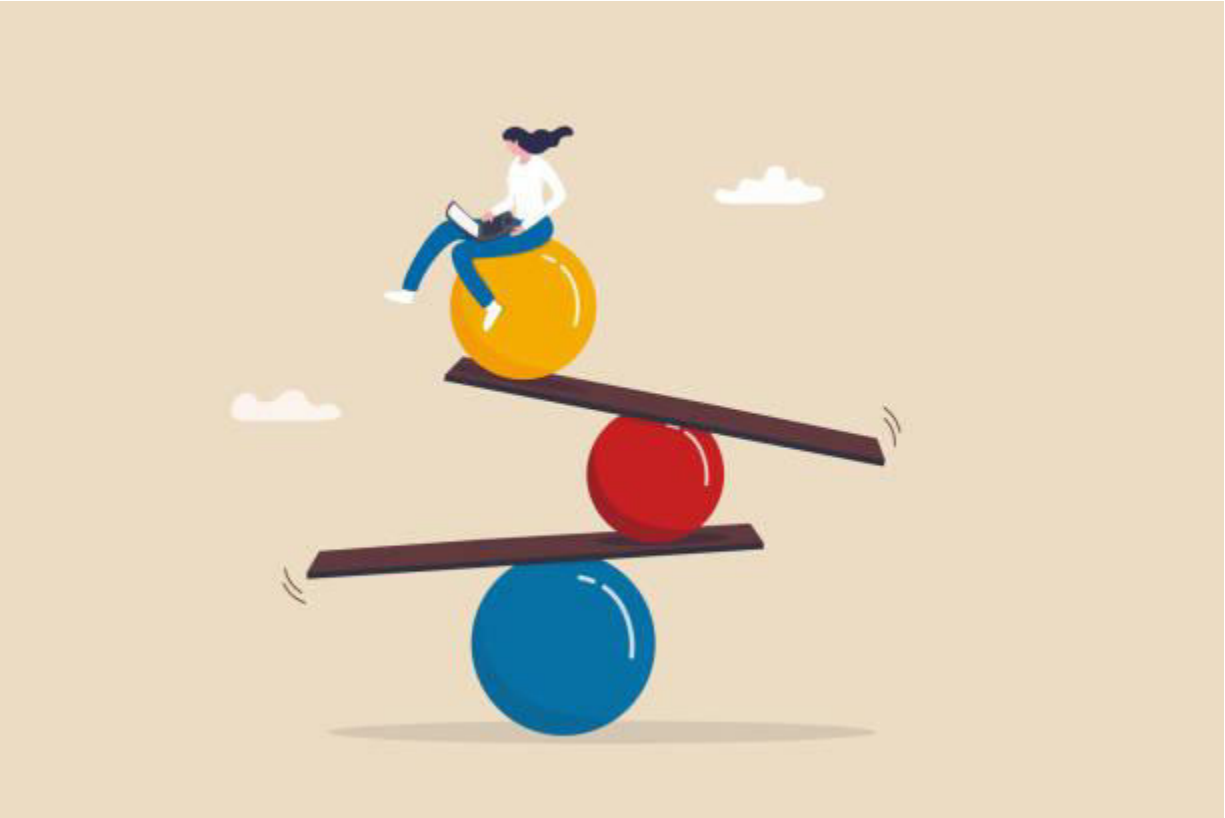
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2. Property as Temporary Stewardship: Absolute Tenure vs. Usufructuary Rights

Property is not an absolute, perpetual entitlement to unilateral exclusion. It is a temporary societal stewardship: a conditional mandate granted by the community to administer specific resources responsibly, subject to revocation should its exercise undermine collective stability, access, or sustainability.

Perpetual, unchecked ownership inevitably concentrates systemic power, excluding the majority from vital resources. By contrast, a model of usufruct and bounded tenure acknowledges that land, technological paradigms, knowledge, and infrastructure are cumulative inheritances built by past generations and the broader commons.

Civic Assemblies are therefore justified in bounding property (addressing monopolistic hold, hereditary land concentrations, or knowledge lock-in) on the grounds of non-domination: private custody is valid only insofar as it does not generate asymmetric leverage over others.



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3. Wealth as Social Co-Creation: Limits, Logic, and Justification

Wealth is rarely an isolated individual triumph; it is the compound yield of a collective ecosystem—public infrastructure, accumulated scientific knowledge, uncompensated societal labor, and shared biophysical resources.

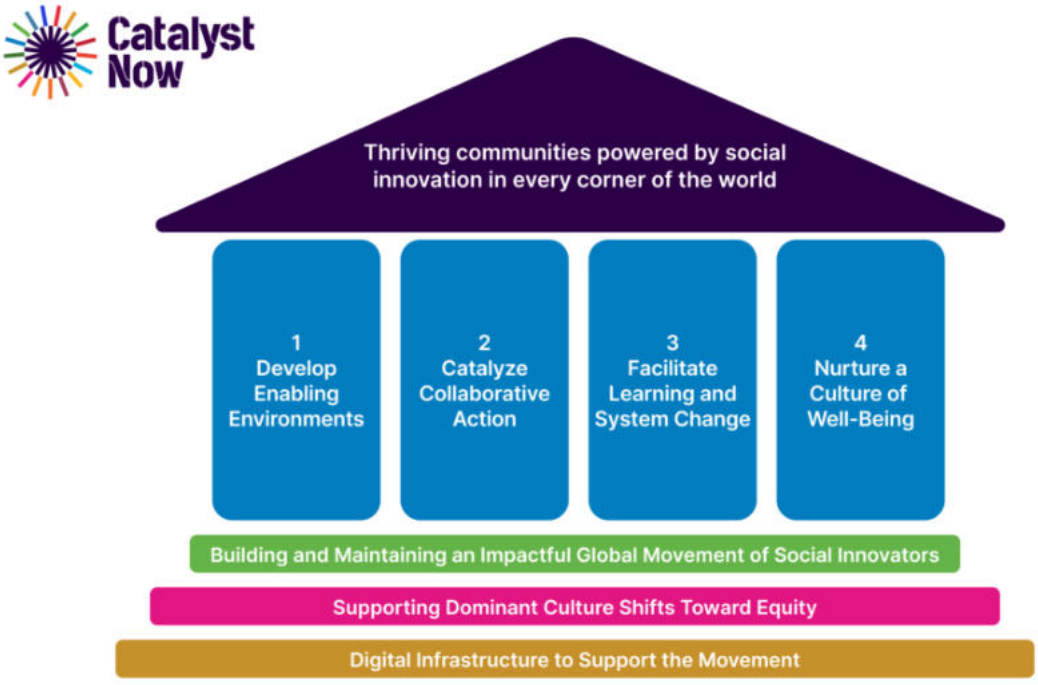
Consequently, private wealth carries intrinsic societal responsibility. Beyond the threshold required for personal autonomy, security, and comfortable self-realization, extreme asset surpluses risk metastasizing into unaccountable private power capable of subverting public institutions, distorting democratic deliberation, and capturing regulatory bodies.

Logical boundaries on excessive wealth (such as progressive structures, estate caps, and anti-consolidation thresholds) do not constitute arbitrary penalization; they represent safeguards designed to maintain an open, uncaptured democratic landscape.



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4. Enterprise as Community Catalyst: Balancing Agency and Equity

Entrepreneurial initiative is an indispensable civil catalyst: it pioneers functional solutions, drives technological breakthroughs, and animates human agency. However, enterprise must never be conflated with unfettered, unilateral extraction.

An inclusive framework views enterprise as a **community catalyst**: the innovator functions as an orchestrator of shared prosperity, bound by an obligation of systemic reciprocity toward the society that fostered the conditions for their success.

Deliberative oversight must support risk-taking and inventive enterprise, while systematically precluding predatory behaviors, rent-seeking, and externalized harms.

Part III: Deliberative Framework for Governance and Decision-Making

Abstract foundations become actionable when Civic Assemblies confront real-world governance dilemmas: regulating concentrated market power, halting systemic value extraction, and defining bounds for collective equity.

1. Addressing Transnational Monopolies and Extractive Practices: Criteria for Non-Domination

Modern corporate conglomerates frequently operate at a scale superseding sovereign states, shaping legislation, controlling resource access, and steering populations without direct democratic accountability.

Deliberation must apply the litmus test of non-domination: **does this institutional structure hold the capacity to exert structural leverage or extract concessions without civic consent?**

Assemblies must scrutinize practices such as aggressive tax erosion, regulatory capture, coercive lobbying, and unreciprocated local resource extraction through this preventive lens, restoring civic sovereignty over capital flows.

2. Rationales for Boundaries on Capital and Property

Property and wealth are not metaphysical ends; they are functional means to foster individual security and collective vitality. Once they exceed thresholds that engender oligarchy or deprive others of basic existence, their unchecked growth becomes socially destabilizing.

Assemblies establish boundaries along two clear rationales:

- **Structural Non-Domination:** Preventing private capital concentrations from acquiring informal veto power over collective political decisions.

- **Universal Well-Being:** Reallocating bounded and finite resources (land, ecological sinks, raw materials, infrastructural access) to optimize real baseline opportunities across the population rather than compounding elite insulation.

Deliberative assemblies should arrive at these boundaries through empirical assessment of societal impact, completely free from partisan dogma.

3. Regulating Enterprise and Innovation: Rewarding Value, Precluding Rent-Seeking

Genuine innovation must be vigorously defended, yet distinguished sharply from predatory capture. Assemblies should structure environments that:

- Provide robust protections, resources, and upside for early-stage experimentation, bold risk, and functional problem-solving.
- Mandate structured societal return proportionate to scaled success, acknowledging the civil infrastructure that made such enterprise viable.

The principle remains transparent: initiative is fully autonomous when generating regenerative outcomes; it becomes subject to restructuring when it converts social commons into closed, extractive monopolies.

4. Addressing National Drain: Logic to Safeguard Resilience

Practices that destabilize a commonwealth—predatory capital offshoring, speculative asset stripping, hyper-financialization, and institutionalized graft—extract core value without re-investing in the socio-civic substrate.

Assemblies must evaluate all systemic economic practices against the metric of **collective resilience**: *does this institutional mechanism strengthen or compromise the society's capacity to protect and elevate its members during systemic shocks?*

Capital controls, mandatory transaction transparency, and local reinvestment quotas are legitimate preventive instruments to safeguard democratic resilience and dignity.

Part IV: Transition and Implementation – From First Principles to Collective Action

The transition from existing orthodoxies toward a sortition-guided, regenerative framework requires a phased and empirical trajectory.

1. A Phased Transition for Assemblies: Hybridity and Iteration

Radical, instantaneous disruption frequently induces instability and institutional collapse. The optimal path is an evolutionary, hybrid model, preserving operational efficiencies while embedding democratic sortition:

- **Foundational Phase:** Cultivating widespread civic literacy centered on non-domination, temporal equity, and systemic design.
- **Localized Experimentation:** Instituting sortition-based Civic Assemblies with defined charters (e.g., land stewardship, urban architecture, ecological mandates) to calibrate collective decision-making without disrupting critical systems.
- **Progressive Scaling:** Gradually transferring deliberative and regulatory oversight to broader civic bodies, anchored by continuous audit and feedback mechanisms.

Hybrid models accommodate diverse structures: private initiative operates alongside common-pool assets and civic governance, iteratively balancing freedom and systemic health.

2. Structural Enablers: Universal Basic Income and Civic Dividends

To liberate human time from survival traps and validate invisible civic labor, structural guarantees are required.

An unconditional baseline (such as a Universal Basic Income or civic contribution dividends) decouples essential survival from pure

commodification. It provides the vital temporal margin required for civic deliberation, rigorous study, and cultural stewardship.

When a society supports the citizens who analyze, design, and safeguard the common good, it broadens its collective intelligence, closing the systemic gap between speculative accumulation and invisible civic contribution.

3. Institutional Defense Against Rent-Seeking and Free-Riding

Any complex socio-economic model must protect against predatory parasitism: the unilateral extraction of wealth without societal reciprocity, whether occurring through unearned speculative windfalls or systemic systemic inefficiencies.

Resilience is built upon strict transparency, open governance, and structured reciprocity:

- **The Reciprocity Criterion:** Entities and individuals extracting disproportionate benefits from public assets and social stability must contribute proportionally back to the commons via reinvestment, transparent taxation, or open knowledge sharing.

This safeguard preserves productive success while categorically barring that success from consolidating into oligarchic domination.

Conclusion: Toward a Coherent Society

The principles detailed in this framework make no claim to dogma or finality. They constitute an open, logically coherent scaffolding intended to be tested, adapted, refined, or superseded through the lived practice of citizen deliberation.

Their unifying premise is simple yet transformative: **a society is just and legitimate solely to the degree that it eliminates systemic domination, honors human time as an unrepeatable life endowment, and directs all civic, economic, and institutional mechanisms toward durable, regenerative flourishing.**

When everyday citizens, chosen by sortition to represent the whole of the human spectrum, convene to deliberate upon the limits of property, the accountability of industry, the stewardship of wealth, or the support of uncommodified intellect, they will possess clean analytical categories:

- **Time and lifespan are the ultimate metric of human value.**
- **Property is provisional stewardship, never absolute dominion.**
- **Wealth is a shared social co-creation, demanding structural accountability.**
- **Enterprise is an inspiring social catalyst, never a license for unilateral extraction.**
- **All governance must pass the dual criteria of universal flourishing and non-domination.**

This paradigm does not erase friction; it strips away rhetorical deception, turning social debates into rigorous, transparent deliberations oriented around systemic well-being rather than partisan dogma.

The future remains unwritten. It falls to present and forthcoming generations to convert these abstract principles into dynamic civic institutions.

When a commonwealth learns to safeguard the time dedicated to collective progress, balance private dynamism with structural equity, and prevent domination without suffocating initiative, it takes an irreversible step toward authentic democratic maturity.

Coherence is not a luxury. It is the very condition of freedom.

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