World netizenship or barbarism

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1 "Populism"

def.= false consciousness

- that is owed to the income/assets divides on fractal scales in the course of the rise of neoliberalism as well as the decline of left-wing forces;
- that offers illusionary political solutions not targeting systemic causes but blaming scapegoats instead by problem shifts through "othering";
- that shows, as mere belief, resistance against rational arguments and facts which makes it doomed to failure;
- and, what is more, that inheres the imminent danger of aggravating conflicts leading to "democratic fascism" (Michael Scharang 1987, 2010) or authoritarian rule like
- TINA as mainstream ideology of liberal democracy/technocracy or
- the "conformist rebellion" of right-wing populism/extremism or the upheaval of fundamentalism/terrorism

2 The commons

- a) the achievement of commons is the systemic synergy effect characteristic of social systems
- b) today the enclosure of the commons has become ubiquitous, which is the ultimate cause of the current crises
- c) what needs to be transformed are those **social relations** that enclose the commons: antagonistic relations need to be transformed into synergistic relations

2.1 "contraria sunt complementa" (N. Bohr)

	social relation	dealing with identity and difference		
universalism			negation of varieties	
particularism	antagonism demanding uniformity	contradictority: conflict of mutually exclusive (op-)positions	imposition of one single variety on any other variety	
relativism	agonism demanding plurality	compossibility: co-existence of (in-)different positions	juxtaposition of every variety in their own right	
integrativism	synergism demanding unity through diversity	complementarity: convergence of mutually supportive (pro-)positions for the common good	composition made up by modified varieties	

3 The third step in anthroposociogenesis

humanity has reached the global level; "populism" hinders the advent of acknowledging the fact and the truth that there can be only one solution (the alternative to which is barbarism)

3 The third step in anthroposociogenesis

anthropo- sociogenesis	co-operativity possibilities	world society?	levels nestedness (integration)
	•	global co- operation 1?	globality?
hunter and gatherer		collective co- operation 2?	collectivity
joint co-operation 1	joint co-operation 2	joint co- operation 3?	jointness
co-operation 1 evolution (differer	<u>-</u>	co- operation 3?	phases

3.1 Requirements of information against false consciousness

	anthropological features		features required for the Great Bifurcation
co-operative information	consensual	collectively intentional (about the goal, the here and now and the way to the goal)	globally conscientious and conscious: commonalist
communicative information	collaborative	consilient (help-, truthful, perspectivist)	globally conversational: all-inclusive
cognitive information	co-ordinative	conceptual (reflexive, able to generalise)	globally concerned: meta-reflexive