

General presentation of the different Thematic Working Groups

All possible topics about new thinking and new practices about Economic Activities are not currently addressed by colleagues within a working group organised in relation to PEKEA network, thus we cannot offer information and links for all interesting topics.

And we must recognize that we are very far from an exhaustive coverage. So please don't hesitate to join and to help to make some advance! To display information about a working group, there is a need to have at least two people from two countries and two different backgrounds (practitioner and researcher or researchers from different disciplines) acting as coordinators and accepting to help broad networking within PEKEA.

The whole set has been classified under four topics and each group within one of these topics is sometimes divided into specific sub topics but only when one working group linked to PEKEA is currently addressing it or is in the making.

1. Internal Organisation/Motivation of Teams - Groups, for Activities of Value Creation
2. Exchange and Cooperation between Groups, Communities, Regions, Nations
3. Collective choice and decision making processes
4. New concepts for a new paradigm of knowledge

1. Internal Organisation/Motivation of Teams - Groups, for Activities of Value Creation

-SSE- Social and Solidarity Economy

- A working group is in the making to enhance interaction between numerous teams working in most countries with thousands of concrete experiments that are analysed under different wordings as the **Social and Solidarity Economy**.

Coordinators: Mr Jean Louis Laville, Sociology, France, Mr José Luis Coraggio, Political Economy, Argentinian, Mr Abdou Salam Fall, Sociology, Senegal.

-ME- Moral Economy

- A working group exists on the theme **Moral Economy**

Coordinators: Mr Robert Frouville, Political Economy, France, Ms Kumiko Sakamoto, Social Science, Japan, Mr Deogratias Rutatora, Anthropology, Tanzania.

-EDU- Education

- An international working group is in the making on the topic of **Education**.
(Suggested coordinators: Mr Christian Laval, Sociology, France, Mr Mauricio Langon, Philosophy, Uruguay) Mr Hitoshi Yakushiin, Sociology, Japan

-ESC- Enterprise as a Societal Cell

- A stakeholder Approach of any **Enterprise as a Societal Cell**

(Suggested coordinators for project : Mr Philippe Daudi, Management, Sweden, Ms Meena Galliara, Management, India)

-PF- Participatory firm

-A sub- group is working in France, searching for a new law, allowing advanced participation to more decisions by the workers within any kind of firm. We would call it *participatory firm*.
(Suggested coordinator for extension: Mr Patrick Guiol, Political Science, France)

-PST- Personal and Social Transformation

- A working group exists to search a way how to think links between **Personal and Social Transformation**

(Suggested coordinator for extension: Ms Laurence Baranski, Psychology, France)

2. Exchange and Cooperation between Groups, Communities, Regions, Nations

-LA- Localized Arrangements

- A group is working throughout Brazil with international connections in Latin America to study **Localized Arrangements** in order to enhance creation of value for a community.
(Suggested coordinator for extension: Mr José Cassiolato, Political Economy, Brazil)

-FT- Fair trade

- **Fair trade** is a topic addressed by researchers and activists everywhere in the world. An international interaction is in project linked to PEKEA with a coordinator in India and in France.
(Suggested coordinators : Mr Arun Raste, Activist, India Ms Anne-Françoise Taisne, Activist, France, Mr Koichi Ikegami, Anthropology, Japan, Mr Guy Durand, Political Economy, France.)

-NURR- New Urban-Rural Relationships

- **New Urban Rural Relationships** between city dwellers and rural farmers enhanced through various relationships and for example new forms of direct sales to city-dwellers by local farmers. A working group with French (Breton) and Japanese researchers, activists and farmers is in operation. Coordinators: Ms Hiroko Amemiya, Ethnology, France, Mr Tatsuro Suehara, Anthropology, Japan.

3. Collective choice and decision making processes

-ABR- Access for all to Basic Resources

- Here are potentially World Priorities : **Access for All to Land, Water, Sanitation, Basic Resources** (Suggested coordinators for project : Jean François Huchet, Political Economy, France, Mr Putan Veetil Rajagopal, Activist, India, Mr Loïc Gérard , Activist, France, Mr Farid Eid, Political Economy, Brazil...)

-PDEM- Participatory democracy

- **Participatory democracy/ Democracy of Opinion/ Democratic Process**
(No project under discussion at the moment)

-ISP- International Sharing of Production

- **International Sharing of Production** From a Cut-throat Competition in International Markets - International Division of Labour- to a cooperation for world production and wealth: a nice programme.

An important case in study is for ex. the question of African cotton growers and Exports from a few countries faced to US' and EU's subsidies to their farmers.

(No project under discussion at the moment)

4. New concepts for a new paradigm of knowledge

-NUSS- Non-Utilitarian Social Science

- This group is carrying a research that could enhance the building of a non utilitarian social science
Coordinators: Mr Alain Caillé, Sociology, France, Mr Jacques T. Godbout, Sociology, Canada and Mr Paulo Henrique Martins, Sociology, Brazil.

-FCF- Feasible common feature

- **Feasible common feature** on our Planet Earth

The usual wording is sustainable development: we turned to another one after our Conference in Bangkok (2004) : what common future are we able to built with responsibility towards the others and towards the future generations?

(No project under discussion at the moment)

-LISP- Local Indicators for Societal Progress

- Local indicators for societal progress are a sub-theme from FCF, a feasible common future, adapted to the " local " level in relation to the Club of Local Government.

Coordinators for the project: Mr Michel Renault, Economy, France & Ms Pascale Mériot, Economy, France.

-NTG- New Taxonomy of Goods

- **A New Taxonomy of Goods:** Public or Common Goods / Different Categories of Goods according to different types for the organisation of their production and exchange.

(Suggested coordinators for project : Mr Djilalli Benamrane, Political Economy, France, Pierre Calame, Activist, France)

-LAB- Labour/Activities

- What does really mean Labour/Activities aimed at creating Societal Value?
(No project under discussion at the moment)

-NC- New Curriculum

- **New curriculum** for teaching the analysis of (economic) activities
Coordinator for the project : Mr Jean Louis Perrault, Political Economy, France ...

-NPKB- New Processes of Knowledge Building

- **New Processes of Knowledge Building** by renewed linkages between Researchers and Society (Activists, Citizens and Local Governments)

(No project under discussion at the moment)