

Institutions Innovation

Building consensus across divisions to shape public goods in win-win-for-all

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Purpose: To build consensus on how institutions in the 21st century can be innovated with benefit and agreement to all affected communities

Request: Connect for a 30-minute call to join our coalition for implementation

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1 | ANALYSIS: INSTITUTIONS IN 21ST CENTURY

"The real problem of humanity is the following: we have Paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions, and god-like technology. And it is terrifically dangerous, and it is now approaching a point of crisis overall."

In the 2020s, institutions in many countries are considered under pressure. Many of our modern institutions still originate from documents that were created centuries ago. At the same time, the speed of technological innovation keeps increasing, and artificial intelligence plays an ever larger role in our lives and governance. Historically, creating or changing institutions has often been chaotic.

We asked the question: through peaceful and democratic means, can we design a process to make it easier for people in affected communities to agree on which changes to institutions benefit everyone fairly? Or, in other words: how to make win-win-for-all "updates" of institutions, through democratic processes?

2 | INNOVATING INSTITUTIONS WITH BENEFIT TO ALL

For this initiative, we are creating three new resources based on interdisciplinary research, building on political science, law, economics, game theory, and more. Each resource is still in early-stage draft development.

1. Institutions Innovation Model

This process model aims to operationalize the insights from the well-known 2012 book, *Why Nations Fail* (Acemoglu & Robinson). It is rooted in political science, aimed at building broad coalitions that, through peaceful and democratic means, create innovations in institutions to make them more efficient in bringing benefit to all stakeholders, according to consensus.

2. New Democracy Model

This model lays out a workflow for new processes in existing democratic systems, to create more cooperation among the research bureaus or think tanks of elected political parties across divides, to assist consensus-building on policies that solve systemic problems with benefit to all.

3. Common Human Framework

This Framework aims to combine several existing social constructs, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Human Development Index, to create a "checklist" that assists the consensus-building process for public goods, in a wide range of multi-stakeholder problems.

Examples of crises and multi-stakeholder problems that these models can apply to in theory, include:

- Artificial intelligence safety
- Real estate systems & rental law
- Placement of data centers
- Resilience of democratic institutions
- Pollution from industry
- Inflation prevention
- Social media algorithms
- Migration crises
- Corruption, integrity, & transparency
- Institutions in emerging economies
- Education inclusion
- Harmful traditional practices

3 | HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

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