

What revolutions to come are about: A systems perspective
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In an age of global challenges there is a growing need for revolutions that address a re-organisation of societal relations that enable and constrain the production and provision of the commons in order to allow for a continuation of the existence of humankind on earth. It is not a surprise that new social movements focus more and more on the commons and pave the way for a new perspective, since it is what Marx had called the “enclosure of the commons” that is the ultimate cause of global challenges. However, the term commons requires a sociological re-definition by a generalisation of its meaning.

In that respect, a critical social systems point of view (as developed by the author) can help substantiate the praxiological issue of revolutions by ontological models of the evolution of social systems and by epistemological ways of thinking in systems. Revolutions taking place today can then be framed as more or less conscious and conscientious decisions in the face of a great bifurcation for a Global Sustainable Information Society and against myopic partial interests.