

# Deeper City

## and the synergistic pathways from smart to wise

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On a small fragile planet, with climate change and expanding cities and social turbulence, in a complex inter-connected world, old solutions don't seem to work. We need a rethink on how to organize our cities and economies and societies. There's an urgent call for a next-generation operating system or social contract.

This book starts on that journey, with new ways of mapping complex problems, with a Deeper City mind. The key is to grow the collective intelligence – the 'cognitive capital' of human systems, economic or social or political. One kind of collective intelligence is a jungle, a 'smart' city where the 'winner-takes-all'. Another leads towards a civilization, a 'wise' city where 'winners-are-all'. So how to get 'from smart to wise'?

This book explores the potential of the Deeper City mind. It sets out the pathways 'from smart to wise'. Each is a combination of 'mode-III' synergistic finance, technology, eco-innovation, social enterprise and so on. The result is a visionary and practical resource library, with 44 synergistic mappings based on a 'mode-III' collective intelligence: -

- **Cities-III** is about spatial structures from local to global, based on self-organizing cognitive complexity, for pathways 'from smart cities to wise'.
- **Economies-III**: 'from evolutionary to co-evolutionary': with local-onomics, circulo-nomics, business and finance pathways.
- **Ecologies-III**: 'from ecosystems services to socio-ecosystem communities': with pathways for eco-cities, food, climate change.
- **Technologies-III**: 'from smart platforms to wise communities': with digital, education and science pathways.
- **Politics-III**: 'from structures of power to networks of collaboration': pathways for organizations, public services, political economy.
- **Pathways-III**: putting it all together, for communities and societies: from 'smarter development to wiser co-evolution'.
- **Mind-Games-III** follows with a unique (fictional) experiment, a graphic storyline, in which the Pathways are put to the test, and the results take off on a wild tangent...

With pictures and conversations, a field manual and examples, this book aims to build bridges between vision, theory and practice. Deeper City is for those seeking a sustainable future, from local to global – researchers and policy-makers, inventors and investors, students and teachers, analysts and activists – anyone who could use a route map for the perils and promises ahead.

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*Prologue: Outlooks: Toolkits: Cities: Economies: Ecologies: Tech-works: Politics: Insights: Pathways: Mind-Games*

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