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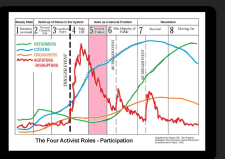
Multiplicity of Roles & Contributions



Movement Capabilities



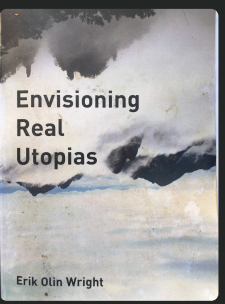
Moyer's Roles



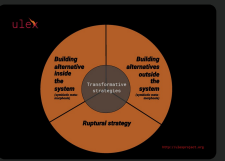
...and Phases

Strategy	Associated actor	Associated role	Associated phase	Associated strategy	Associated outcome
Disruptive	Activist	Disruptor	Phase 1	Disruptive	Disruptive
Organizational	Organizer	Organizer	Phase 2	Organizational	Organizational
Professional	Professional	Professional	Phase 3	Professional	Professional
Resilient	Resilient	Resilient	Phase 4	Resilient	Resilient

Strategy types and associations



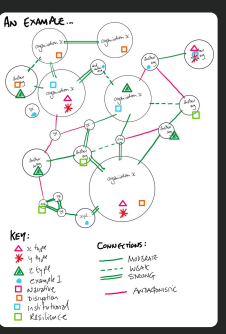
Transformative Strategies



Diversity of strategies



interface with everyday life



mapping relationships



Mapping roles and Strategising about contributions - strengths and weaknesses

Using the ESM framework we can reflect on our contributions, understanding our activities in relationship to others in our movements AND increase our capacity to collaborate, build alliances and coalitions for long term structural transformation

"The crisis consists precisely in the fact that the old is dying but the new cannot yet be born..."
Antonio Gramsci, Prison Notebooks, 1938

Twilight of Neoliberalism - Epochal Pluricrisis - A Time to Contest the Future

"Following an old law of social evolution, resistance confronts domination, empowerment reacts against powerlessness, and alternative projects challenge the logic embedded in the existing order."
David Swartz, 2005

nothing new

"Purposeful collective actions whose outcome, in victory as in defeat, transforms the values and institutions of society."
David Swartz, The Power of Identity, 2006

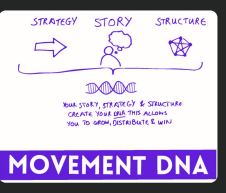
a definition

"A network of informal interactions between a plurality of individuals, groups and/or organizations, engaged in a political or cultural conflict, on the basis of a shared collective identity."
Mario Diari, 1992

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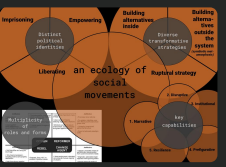
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