In Quest of "Meta-Union"?

Interplay of generic dimensions of any "union of international associations"

Development of the argument in Dynamic Reframing of "Union": implications for the coherence of knowledge, social organization and personal identity (2007)

Commentary

The following table is a (very tentative) exercise in generalizing the significance of "union", "international" and "associations". The upper portion of the table highlights "union" as emergent identity, "inter-" as indicative of a generic form of bonding across boundaries, with "associations" as the content of what might be potentially interrelated by the previous two.

The table highlights the particular features of the strategic initiatives (separately described) that correspond to generic understandings of "union", "inter-" and "associations" -- all such features calling for refinement through a conceptual "tuning" of the 12-fold array. It is possible that the 12 zones of that portion of the table are indicative of 12 "languages" appropriate to sustainable governance -- as an extension of Edward de Bono's metaphorical argument for "6 hats" and "6 shoes" in strategic management dialogue.

The references below the table point to related explorations of these issues -- although other references are indicated as resources on the websites of the four strategic initiatives linked below.

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The above presentation can be usefully extended in a more complex set of tables as a means of exploring the relation of its dimensions to categories (such as problems, values, strategies, etc), to the complex plane, and to traditional patterns of symbols.

In an effort to interrelate the four initiatives in the light of their three-fold attributes, the logo below used on the website of each of them (in distinct orientations) calls for some further comment. [Note that access to the websites of each initiative can be achieved by clicking (Disabled) on the corresponding coloured circle -- as is the case from each of those websites]
The image has the merit of holding the 4 contrasting initiatives, each indicated in a 3-fold manner. Arguably the circles holding each of the 4 can be associated with the particular understandings of "union" -- with the particular "associations" in the outermost (coloured) smaller circle within, whilst the "inter-" dimension is held by the (uncoloured) inner circle. Faintly circumscribing the whole is a circle indicative of some form of "meta-union". In an effort to focus these concerns on engagement in immediate global challenges, the symbol (derived from the Basque lauburu) was first used in a "playful exploration of ecopsychological embodiment of climate change pathways" (cf. Playfully Changing the Prevailing Climate of Opinion Climate change as focal metaphor of effective global governance, 2005).

Of course such a 2 dimensional image raises interesting questions as to whether an appropriate "roundtable" representative of the 12 "languages" would be more fruitfully represented in 3 dimensions to avoid diminishing (or privileging) the significance of any.

The implications of such a representation have been discussed separately (Union of Intelligible Associations: remembering dynamic identity through a dodecameral mind, 2005) -- notably with respect to its implementation (or recognition) in a virtual environment (Spherical Configuration of Interlocking Roundtables: Internet enhancement of global self-organization through patterns of dialogue, 1998).

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