

What will be? The analysis of frames and streams of development.

The analysis of the events from 2010 to the end 2011 justifies the year as turning process. What is turning? We use the four frames of world society's mental mapping and we look on the streams of events moving between these frames – mental maps of global society.

In 2011 the stream of events leads away from frame I to II and partially to III. Frame IV is not targeted (see graph).

I – One World and Floodlight: The liberal and market economy, the world as „flat arenas”, remain the strongest force and a main vector shaping their developments. It determinates the other frames and streams: Domesticating World, the sharing of power, its impact on borders and on the definition of Own World, on the role of Civil World, the implementation of civil values, and the effects on Negotiating World, the games of transnational discussions and common actions among the various players.

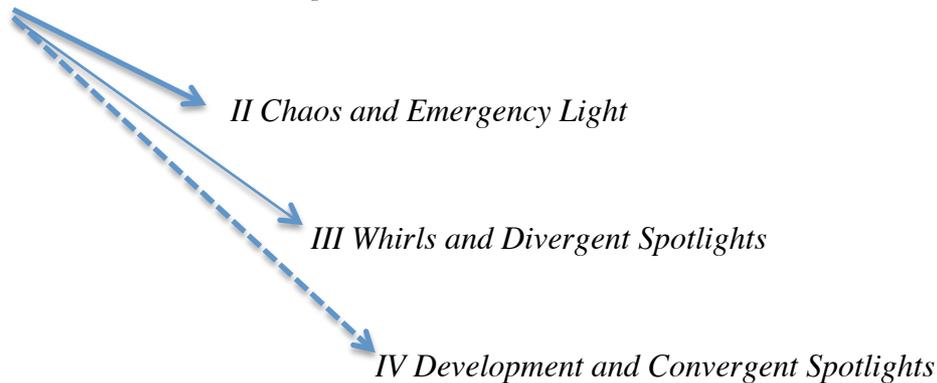
II – Chaos and Emergency Light: The emanation of One World is fading; the global economy, its flat arenas, generate crises, are confusing, global governance is collapsing. The other frames and streams of events are disturbed. What does mean „civil” under such conditions? Own values and identities are challenged by such changes since the trust to global frames of economy or society has weakened. Negotiations are palavers, skating exhibitions of former or new players. The trust to the global governance makes place to the Emergency Light: orientation and acting within the limited but smaller arenas facilitating actions.

III – Whirls and Divergent Spotlights: The common frames of world society are replaced by antidromic streams, orientations and actions, which become autonomous and particular. Own worlds claim the frame for perceiving and

treating the economic, societal and cultural issues. The self-consciousness of the various regions and parts of world society increase and are explicitly articulated. Negotiations are self-reliant, the delegation of power to transnational actors and mega-projects is reduced or rejected. The concept and decision of what does mean a civil, negotiating or domesticating order is anchored in the own direction on local, national and transnational regional levels.

IV – Development and Convergent Spotlights: The critical trends of the planetary society and of its parts need the facilities of negotiating power: it overcomes the particular power of the singular players and contributes to the survival of the earth and its societal body as a community, of local economies as well as of the global one. The concept and stream of events rooted in the own worlds converge: the shape of a civil society, of sharing the power, the various spotlights are overlapping and create a plural order of the global society basing on the capacity of compromises, that means negotiations.

I One World and Floodlight



Thereby, the pessimistic shadows stem mainly from the One World stream, the Smith conception of reality and evolution. It increased since 2008 primarily in the rich world, the upper strata of global society. The pessimism has not yet disturbed the Civil World, the Kantian conception, which is still active but in various forms reflecting the intentions of newcomers and their values of what does mean “civil” in

the regional contexts. This will be a major challenge in 2012. Additionally the new face of Domesticating World, the global sharing of power is affected. Is it a multipolar competition, a going back to status quo ante, an emergence of new power constellations? The role of Own World is one of the urgent question marks in 2012. It impacts on the power of Negotiating World, the capacities to create corporate actions for the common fate of world society expressed by the frame and streams towards IV - Development and Convergent Spotlights.