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How to overcome the EU- and global- crisis?

After the big, dangerous shock of 2008-2009 world financial crisis and large banks supporting bail-out therapy (maybe leading to hyperinflation) we hear currently that world economy is already on the path of the recovery (G20 Toronto 2010). But in this same time we also hear that we in Europe are on the beginning of the new kind of crisis – the state-debt crisis.

There are two different proposals for overcoming this new form of European crisis. The first one: to rebuild and sustain economy growth by continuation - for some time yet - economy growth stimulating bail-out policy. It means to go with such new stimulus into larger state-debts - at the cost of not only future generations. The second proposal: to eliminate state-deficit by means of cutting budget deficits austerity measures i.e. cuts in social programs, pensions and wages.

In both cases such form of European therapy will lead to new, more danger phase of crisis together *inter alia* with:

- lower level of European consumption,
- higher level of unemployment,
- lower level of China export to Europe, as well as
- more severe social protests.

From a long time I analyze (with development cybernetics methods) essence of global crisis - recognized by authors of Report „Limits to Growth” (Meadows 1972, 1992, 2004ab) - as well as conditions of sustainable development of the world society. This systems research I am doing with the help of conceptual model of reality: *System of Life*, created by me in an axiomatic way (Michnowski 1994, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009a).

As a result of above analysis I propose to treat current crises - financial, state-debt, social (growing unemployment), hunger – as open elements of above global crisis. These crises are effect of false, egoistic, short-sighted defense strategy of overcoming this global crisis. This false strategy is based on conviction, that the main cause of global

crisis is Earth overpopulation, that leads to exhausting global life-resources (Forrester 1971/95, fig. 8, Meadows *Euronatur*, 2009)¹.

Evident proof of reality of this global crisis lies in the continuously progressing and ruthless depreciation (with current patterns of consumption and production) of the life-supporting natural environment and the increasing use of accessible natural resources at a faster pace than their alternatives can be found. Moreover, access to these valuable resources is fast becoming the object of battle (even if fought with modern-day means).

In the light of my systems research this crisis is the result of world society's not adjustment to life in State of Change and Risk, in other words in a qualitatively new situation mainly created by the rapid development of science and technology as well as big organizational inertia of nowadays social systems. In the State of Change and Risk (SCR) - instead of Earth overpopulation – **the Obsolete (Moral) Destruction (life-forms not adapted to new life-conditions) is the Main Life Destruction Factor.**

To eliminate, in SCR, negative obsolete (moral) destruction effects – Feedforward Control System and more and more Wisdom (including common good ethics) creative activity is essential.

Feedforward Control System is based on information about future life-conditions, life-needs, and complex consequences of policy own and others. It allows to predict approaching dangers and eliminate them in anticipatory, pre-emptive way.

In order to overcome global crisis world society will have to achieve Sustainable Development – i.e. development without cyclically returning disasters and the short-sighted construction of new forms of social and economic life on the ruins of former life-forms. Sustainable Development - which in sustained way combines social development

¹ (1) *We desperately need for population, energy use, material use, and pollution streams to be reduced,*(Meadows *Euronatur*);

(2) *If you want everyone to have the full potential of mobility, adequate food and self-development, then it is 1 or 2 billion.* (Meadows 2009).

with ecosocially useful economic growth and environmental protection (United Nations 2002).

This will require human coexistence models that are qualitatively different from the present ones. Instead of global death rivalry, we need informationally efficient (Michnowski 2006, 2009b), win-win global cooperation (Hu Jinbao 2010, G20 Toronto 2010). With this cooperation, world society intellectual and manufacturing potential large activation and science-technology development - we ought to change properly patterns of consumption and production, and get access to sources of currently deficit and/or new resources, as well as clean environment.

The emergence of these new social models will be *inter alia* pre-condition of the transformation of the rapid economic and civilizational growth of big societies - like China and India - which until recently were behind in their development into a driving force of world society's sustainable development.

Of prime importance in overcoming the global crisis is the rejection of today's dominating selfishness and individualism in favour of eco-humanism.

Eco-humanism means partnership-based cooperation for the common good/common interest of all people (rich and poor, from countries highly developed and behind in development), their descendants, and natural environment - commonly supported by science and high technology, as well as information culture.

Partnership-based cooperation along "development together with the environment (social and/or natural)" principle will require universal access to knowledge about the complex effects of human activity, including those which take place over time and space.

Eco-humanism is a condition for access to knowledge/information (currently usually in egoistic way used) and building with it an information basis for sustainable development policy and economy. Such a basis will allow the formation of a qualitatively new, sustainable development economy guided by common good - common interest, in their broadest sense. Such an economy must be founded on a complex benefit-cost account embracing its social and environmental aspects, it should also show preference to ecosocially useful creativity.

The eco-humanistic reconstruction of the global economic system will also be necessary for the replacement of today's ecosocially highly costly globalization (Pernicious Globalization) by an eco-humanistic globalization (Inclusive Globalization, fair globalization, globalization with human face (Merkel 2007) model. Such a new, information efficient, common good-oriented form of globalization will be crucial for overcoming the global crisis and creating world society's sustainable development.

Thus, in reshaping the global economic system, eco-humanism will allow world society's strongest players to cease securing access to rare resources (fuel, natural, environmental, intellectual) through the physical elimination of rivals to these resources. In place of the social-Darwinistic deprivation of weaker societies of vital resources, access to them will be ensured by the partnership-based cooperation of an adequately educated world society aided by science and information technology.

Building a sustainable development economy will also be crucial for eliminating the defensive terrorism practiced by societies endangered by the present pathological globalization model and for global demographic control.

Above mentioned proposal is generally opposed for pathological "zero growth" method for overcoming global crisis inter alia by means of decreasing world population to 1-2 bn (Forrester 1971/95, fig. 8, Merkel 2007, Meadows Euronatur, 2009).

In light of my systems research there are: **no limits for Wisdom based growth and sustainable development of Human society.**

For limits to growth developmental crossing we have to build - in backcasting (Michnowski 2003, Jablonowski 2009), multi stage way, continuously under development, commonly accessible - worldwide (net and GRID) sustainable development information system for:

- dynamic monitoring,
- long range forecasting, and
- measurable evaluation of policy, economy, work and other changes in the life-conditions (of human-beings and nature in general) effects.

Dynamic monitoring (of set: society-environment life-process) is: collecting dates, that reflect this process, and computer simulation (System Dynamics) transforming them into information about its quality, dynamics, and future, as

well as predicted dangers (early warning) under condition any intervention intruded of this monitored process.

To change globalization and achieve sustainable development we need to create *inter alia* subsidiarity principle based **UN Development Council** (Merkel 2009, Benedict XVI 2009, p. 67) with World Sustainable Development Strategy Center, including UN Information Center for Sustainable Development Strategy (Michnowski 2006, 2009b).

The main task of such global governance are:

- dynamic monitor and predict dangers (Utsumi 2010), and
- design and disseminate methods of overcoming them.

In European Union we ought to oblige EUROSTAT to dynamic monitoring activity.

Eco-humanism and complex knowledge about the future preconditions the developmental crossing of limits to growth, which is the fundament of overcoming the global crisis and achieving the sustainable development of world society. Without creation - with help of eco-humanistic global governance – information bases of sustainable development policy and economy it is impossible to base policy and economy on common good principle, and therefore eliminate speculative capitalism, poverty, unemployment, and excessive growth of world human population - also realize Millennium Development Goals. It is impossible then to avoid global catastrophe

To overcome European Union debt-crisis and avoid global catastrophe we need to overthrow – with help of information culture (Forrester 1971/95, 2007, Haliniak 2009, Michnowski 2009b) - social-Darwinistic social relations for eco-humanistic ones.

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