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Neoliberal open source?

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Introduction

Open source in developing nations differs from that seen in richer countries. The risks are greater and there is a shallower pool of money, developers, markets.

Technology also makes a difference. So does global warming.

Which takes me back to: What do "we" want?

Contradictions

Q. What is meant by "neoliberalism"?

   Q. Can it work with "open source"? With "Free Software?

Q. Why are neoliberal interventions at issue?

Q. Does neoliberalism counter open source in poor countries?

   Q. What is risked by working on open source? (And how?)

Q. What is preferred? And by whom?

Q. What technologies are at play? Or wanted?

Suggestions

• Work locally? Yes.

* Work openly? Yes.

* Work with existing markets? Yes.

* Articulate with international efforts? Yes.

* But recognize: local risks are higher, markets shallower.