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WHO WE ARE?

We are in a historical time when our civilization needs to address many relevant issues as global society: things like ecosystemic degradation, a lack of well-being for billions of people, incessant warfare scenarios, constant epidemiological threats, the uncertain impacts of technology, among many other multidimensional problems. Also, at the same time, the opportunities that we have as a civilization are immense, maybe more than ever we have great possibilities of positive social transformation; specially thanks to the development of technology, the advancements in social science, the results of cultural and moral historical improvements, and many other developments that we have thanks to previous generations and a lot of luck.

Given this, every one of us has the possibility to think and act through this current historical circumstances; we have the responsibility and duty to try to contribute to make this world at least a little better for present and future generations and other species. Being conscious that billions could be doing the same, but due to negative structural reasons that possibility is being severed for them.

In that sense, we are some of those people privileged and lucky enough to dedicate quite some time and energy into thinking and acting towards trying to contribute to these activities. And following this possibility as a pathway of life, we met together a long time ago, and through time we have formed a working team, and shared many things, perspectives and moments.

THE PEOPLE

As an international multi-disciplinary digital-physical team of researchers and activists dedicated to work and collaborate for a better more equal and sustainable future, we believe that collaboration and inter-organizational projects its the way to go.

Of main focus is on the synergy in between social sciences and technology, combining deep socio-political theory with the last technological knowledge and developments around.

The historical perspective behind that we have in common beyond action, is that we thing that for going towards a protopian future we need to engage with different ideas, organizations, practices, and beyond anything more to be open to internal participation and common ways for understating.

The labrats



Diego Galvalisi

I consider myself a social activist for equality and sustainability. I'm originally from Uruguay, and my background is on political sciences, with focus on the topics like Theory of Change (ToC), social innovation, and future studies. My intrest areas go around new alternative governance and economic proposals, political strategies, and geopolitics.

I was born in Kosovo, and studied Political Science in the United States. For the past decade i been researching and exploring different projects at the nexus of politics, economics, enterprise development, and technology. As a political activist, my aims are to contribute to co-develop democratic enterprises.



Alban Geci



Charlotte Fradet

I'm devoted to fostering an evolutionary coherent future. Delved deep in the eco-village world for the past decade. Focused on constructconscious co-living spaces and impactful events dedicated to personal development, cultural experimentation and the advancement of positive social imaginaries.

Born and raised in Pristina, Kosovo. Later I went to the United States to develop some technology related enterprises. My general focus is on researching about technology and economics, oriented towards finding actionable improvements and solutions around socially-centered and collective-based alternatives.



Riley Johns

OUR VALUES

- The Earth belongs to all living beings, and is not exclusive to just us humans. We will take all the necessary steps to fulfill that by minimizing our footprint drastically over time — by means of increasing technological efficiency.
- We believe in equality of all people; irrespective of their skin-color, gender, identity, beliefs, origin, status, or wealth. After all, we are an [eight billion strong family](#).
- A brighter *protopic* future is possible, and that we present humans will eventually kick-off such a transition. The potential for radical change is here, and it's just a matter of unlocking the floodgates.
- We believe that people's-ruling and democracy is long overdue for an upgrade in this present era, one that would be open, participatory, and deliberative.
- Believe that we need to catalyze the shift in emphasis away from ownership towards sharing and access.
- *Capitalism* is not the end-stage best-possibility as a socioeconomic meta-system for our time. It needs to be strategically and gradually replaced over time by a *post-capitalist* democratic-participative, internationally cooperative, and eco-friendly alternative.

AREAS OF INTREST

Alternative economics, socio-political theory, technology, intentional-communities, activism, participative governance; meta-modernism

ONGOING PROJECTS

The logo for 'Things!' features the word 'Things!' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a small, 3D isometric cube with orange and brown faces.

Things!. It's a project that has the mission of being the first alternative digital-retail platform-network in the west, a sector that is being captured by private mega-corporations. The platform is structured as a not-for-profit user-owned e-commerce store and logistics system, thus going beyond private ownership and the for-profit motive. With the objective of empowering the alternative economy producers and communities, that want to sell their products outside traditional e-commerce platforms. More info at things.express

The logo for 'Protopian Convergence' features the words 'PROTOPIAN' and 'CONVERGENCE' in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. Between the two words is a stylized, geometric, golden-yellow hexagonal shape with internal lines.

Protopian convergence. It's a multi-date international event dedicated to build an immersive experience for changemakers to collaborate, mastermind and prototype solutions to the world's most critical issues. You are invited to explore with us new models for economy and society that are equitable and regenerative so that all life on Earth can flourish. More info at protopianconvergence.org

The logo for 'Rat Park Costa Rica' features the words 'RAT PARK' in a large, green, blocky font with black outlines. Below 'RAT PARK' is the word 'COSTA RICA' in a smaller, blue and red font with black outlines.

Ratpark. It is an intentional activist community placed in the jungles of Costa Rica, that has the objective to function as a co-developing space oriented to alternative social and technological innovation. In that sense, it is a place in which community, activism, technology, and nature merge; towards collaboration in trying to contribute to create a better society. More information at ratpark.org

DEDICATION

This organization is in honor to all the laboratory rats that have passed away for us, animals which we have build up our civilization on.

Gratefully thanks,
Labrats collective.