

Chapter 1 : Institutional Change and Economic Behaviour : Janos Kornai :

Institutional Change and Economic Behavior. Introduction The Fourteenth World Congress of the International Economic Association took place in.

Corruption, extortion, financial fraud, smuggling, organized crime, and theft of state property are examples of illegal economy activities. Consequences of Noncompliance There is a growing literature expressing concern about the prevalence of illegal activities and their corrosive effects. However, Leitzel in this volume reminds us that the consequences of various noncompliant behaviors depend critically on the nature of the rules being violated. The violation of "bad" rules, "those that prohibit voluntary exchanges" in the absence of negative third party effects," may actually have positive economic consequences. Similar arguments can be found in Leff, , and Huntington, De Soto argues that noncompliant behaviors that circumvent onerous regulations in developing countries effectively reduce transaction costs and therefore should be encouraged and legitimated. The evasion, circumvention, and violation of "good" rules"those that prohibit and regulate coercive behaviors"are likely to make society worse off. In the parlance of institutional analysis, whenever noncompliance increases uncertainty and the costs of measuring and monitoring behavior, it raises transaction costs and is likely to have damaging social consequences. Indeed, the weight of the evidence appears to be shifting in the direction of uncovering the long-term damage that results from pervasive noncompliance, particularly in the form of corruption and organized crime see Benham and Benham [in this volume] on the role of the Sicilian mafia. Bribery and corruption often encourage the bureaucracy simply to create additional artificial administrative hurdles in order to receive side payments for their removal. At the same time, organized crime and corruption are seen as a growing menace to new business establishments and as a major barrier discouraging foreign capital investments. The extent of noncompliance is also an important factor when threshold effects dominate the dynamics of institutional change. Low levels of noncompliance with bad rules might provide a useful buffer against the negative effects of the bad rules, but widespread noncompliance can undermine the social fabric, thereby jeopardizing the fundamental principle of the rule of law. There is now an ongoing debate concerning the consequences of various types of noncompliant behaviors see Grossman, ; de Soto, ; Klitgaard, ; Leitzel et al. *Transforming Post-Communist Political Economies*. The National Academies Press. Analysis of noncompliance under the Soviet regime suggests that the circumvention of price and production controls contributed to a more efficient system and served to buffer some of the most costly consequences of allocation by administrative control. The buffer function may have extended the lifetime of the Soviet regime by ameliorating some of the costs of misallocation. But, as discussed below, the pervasiveness of noncompliance under the Soviet regime has had a pernicious effect on subsequent economic reforms. The Legacy of Noncompliance If we are to understand the severe adjustment costs sustained during the transition process, particularly in the NIS, we must examine the institutional structure of the earlier Soviet regime and the legacy of noncompliant "second-economy" behaviors induced by its perverse incentive systems Grossman, Despite heavy penalties, however, noncompliance with the formal laws was the rule rather than the exception. A shortage economy with state-controlled prices well below black market prices created significant incentives for internal arbitrage and speculation. Similar gaps between world prices of tradeables and controlled domestic prices encouraged international smuggling. The prevalence of amorphous property rights and lax controls over state assets made the theft of state assets a pervasive predatory activity. Low administrative salaries combined with powerful governmental authority created rent-generating opportunities for bribery and corruption to flourish. In short, the economic incentives to engage in economic crimes were substantial, but so were the penalties. Fedbrugge describes how the formal legal system treated economic crimes. Economic activities regarded as normal in market economies not only were prohibited under Soviet law, but also carried heavy penalties. Private enterprise and commercial middleman activities carried a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison, while speculation drew a 7-year term. Despite this stiff menu of punishments, these activities were common-place, and indeed virtually necessary to maintain minimum living standards. In fact, economic crimes were broadly tolerated by the Soviet regime.

They served to buffer the economy from the misallocation failures of the Page 28 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Tacit permission to engage in economic crimes served as a means to reward the nomenklatura and its clients, while the arbitrary threat of enforcing the law provided a means to maintain strict control over political dissent. Noncompliance with the rules was so pervasive that illegal activities comprised a vast underground economy known as the "second economy" Grossman, Virtually every citizen was a de facto criminal by dint of engaging in one or more common economic crimes. Citizens were reinforced in the expectation that no punishment would be exacted if one complied with the strict codes for appropriate political behavior. These included informal conventions signaling the extent to which different levels of the political hierarchy could dip into the pot of forbidden economic riches. Permitting a pervasive underground economy served as a means of controlling political dissension, rewarding elites, and buffering the hardships imposed by the inefficiencies of central planning. The resulting regime of arbitrary discretion was the antithesis of the rule of law. The Rule of Law and the Regime of Arbitrary Discretion Under the rule of law, conduct is governed by formal statutes and judicial agencies that offer and deliver access and equal protection to all citizens. Institutional control is exercised by the even-handed application of formal rules. The norm for behavior is compliance with the rules. When the rules are violated, a credible system of effective punishment of violators comes into play. Thus control is based on " the application of the law. The norm of behavior was noncompliance with the rules. Penalties were assessed only rarely, and then only at the discretion or whim of the privileged elite that held effective power. Control was based on infringement of the rules, and involved both the carrot and the stick. The carrot consisted of granting the nomenklatura use rights over scarce resources, whereas the stick consisted of the threat to exact punishment for the commission of economic crimes. Implications of the Legacy of Noncompliance The regime of arbitrary discretion was the legacy and operative institution 1 In describing the prereform Hungarian system, Gabor distinguishes between "control based on the application of rules" and "control based on the infringement of rules. Polishchuk in this volume ascribes some of the lack of progress in Russian reforms to the "institutional void" characterized by "missing markets. Rent-seeking and rent-creating activities were pervasive. In the transition period, policymakers hoped that "organic growth" would produce the political and economic institutions needed to support market activities, essentially leaving the market to create the market. But this policy of benign neglect failed to produce the desired rule of law. This was due not only to the lack of a broad constituency for building market-supporting institutions, but also to the inertia of the informal norms of noncompliance. When reforms did occur, they often legitimated the system of noncompliance that was already in place. World Bank estimates of unofficial activities suggest that in a sample of Central and Eastern European countries, the underground economy increased from 18 to 22 percent between and For a sample of NIS countries, the underground economy appeared to grow from 12 to 37 percent during the same period. Increased noncompliance was associated with weakened political controls, higher tax rates, and incomplete liberalization. Liberalization served to legitimate the pervasive black markets by legalizing behaviors associated with speculation and arbitrage. The freeing up of prices conferred marketable value on many of the inventories accumulated as illegitimate wealth stocks under the Soviet regime. The creation of internal and external ruble convertibility and the liberalization permitting the accumulation of cocirculating foreign currencies legitimated illegal stores of monetary wealth. Thus the reforms simply lent legitimacy to much of the behavior that had already existed in the pretransition period. In this sphere, the revolution was less than revolutionary and proved to be highly path dependent. Privatization legitimated the personal appropriation of state property by placing previously amorphous property rights to state assets directly in the hands of private actors. Privatization created the opportunity for privileged elites with information and network advantages to convert limited de facto use and income rights into more valuable de jure alienable rights. Not only did privatization legitimize de facto property rights, but it offered a huge incentive to allocate resources to protective and acquisitive activities. The preference for predation over production was tied to the opportunity to capitalize long-term income streams by obtaining de jure alienation rights. The uncertainty associated with tentative property rights also encourages appropriation of state property and discourages the type of productive investment that would normally be associated with longer economic horizons. The expected rewards from rent-seeking activities simply dwarf the expected returns from

productive activities. The legacy of noncompliance inherited from the pretransition period was accompanied by a pervasive distrust of government. A history of policy reversals and arbitrary confiscations had destroyed the credibility of government pronouncements and policies. Thus, the informal norm of distrusting government policy militates against every effort to establish the formal rule of law. In the absence of effective state institutions that can protect and enforce newly created property rights, these rights will remain uncertain, and their exercise will involve high transaction costs. In this effectively stateless environment, organized crime can provide a locus of authority for contract enforcement and the adjudication of contested property rights. Thus, organized crime performs a substitute enforcement service that reduces uncertainty, albeit at a high social cost. Unfortunately, the economies of scale that normally accrue to legitimate governmental institutions now accrue to the mafia. Those public officials who retain the bureaucratic power to assign remaining public-domain property rights will continue to exploit their authority, reinforcing the legacy of corruption. Although tax evasion existed in the pretransition period, most taxes were collected implicitly by paying labor less than the value of its marginal product and by limiting the consumption of goods and services. In market-oriented economies, resources are paid the value of their marginal product, and taxes are subsequently collected explicitly on resource earnings. When liberalization eliminated price controls for goods and factors, the implicit tax revenue collection mechanisms collapsed, and the state suffered a significant loss of revenue, which in turn bloated budget deficits. These deficits could be financed either by creating money or by borrowing from the public. Printing money to finance the deficit simply fueled inflation and compounded the disruptive effects of the transition. It eroded the fixed incomes of the working poor and pensioners, and disguised the relative price signals of the fledgling market economy with shocks to the general price level. The legacy of distrust of government also precluded the government from financing its deficit with the sale of public debt. In desperation, the government embraced the same informal convention of nonpayment that had been adopted by large firms. Nonpayment by firms created interindustry arrears. When the government refused to make payments for wages and pensions, it effectively forced an unwilling public to accept government debt in the form of government expenditure arrears. The final legacy of the prereform system was a highly skewed distribution of wealth and information. Although incomes were distributed quite equitably, differential access to state resources and selective opportunities for illegal wealth accumulation created a highly unequal distribution of de facto property rights. The opportunity to convert these de facto rights into de jure rights

Page 31 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Corruption is perhaps the most troubling legacy of the pretransition period, and it threatens the dynamic stability of the transition process. Corruption occurs at the juncture where public and private sectors meet. When public officials are granted authority to licence, prohibit, tax, or subsidize economic activities; allocate favorable exchange rates; enforce trade restrictions or price controls; and distribute valuable property rights and natural resource endowments—monopoly powers are created in the public domain. The extent of noncompliance will depend upon the size of the expected gains and penalties. According to Klitgaard, these will be determined by the monopoly power to be exploited, the extent of discretion granted the agent s of the government, and the degree to which the agent is held accountable. However, the economic cost of corruption depends not only on its extent, but also on its nature. Shleifer and Vishny present an industrial organization model of corruption that shows that corruption is less costly when it is controlled by an effective cartel, like that of the Communist Party during the Soviet period. In this case, the payment of a bribe is sufficient to assure the predictable transfer of scarce property rights and the bribe price is kept in check. The most costly form of corruption occurs when independent monopolists vie for bribes.

Chapter 2 : The Informal Environment of Institutions | New Institutional Economics

This book explores institutional change and economic behaviour through examining the transition process in the eight former socialist countries that became members of the EU in , looking at the phenomenal growth that has been taking place in China in the last three decades, offering a historical perspective on the causes of economic underdevelopment in the Middle East, and discussing just.

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Chapter 3 : Institutionalist Economics | Exploring Economics

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Wolfram Elsner Thanks to Dr. Core elements Institutional economics denotes a variety of traditions in economics that are concerned with the social institutions linked to the production, distribution and consumption of goods Hodgson , as well as the corresponding social relations. As such it has a very broad scope of inquiry and has close ties with other disciplines, like economic sociology and economic history, but also with psychology, political science, anthropology, business and management studies, and biology, physical science, and nowadays also cognitive, neuro and brain sciences. Therefore, in the following we will focus mostly on the set of theories and analyses that have been elaborated by the German Historical School s and the Original Institutional Economics OIE , which is also known as American Institutionalism, Radical Institutionalism, Old Institutionalism, Institutional Political Economy or evolutionary-institutional economic. As will be shown later section 1 below and section 8 this definition of institutionalism differs strongly with the New Institutional Economics and its emphasis of the individual. Hence, when we will talk below about institutional economics or institutionalism it is the mostly OIE perspective we are referring to. It is also important to note that other strands of Institutionalism have emerged outside of the realm of Economics, such as Historical Institutionalism and Discursive Institutionalism. Those will be dealt with in Section 7. Most institutional economists understand the economy as a system of formal and informal social organization related to the production, distribution and consumption of goods, or, in a traditional institutionalist wording: Rather than presupposing certain universal features rooted in human nature, the crucial insight is that the concrete characteristics of societies and forms of economic organisation considerably vary across space and time. Pursuing this view of the economy, institutional economists attempt to understand the concrete socio-historical factors that shape the functioning of the economy. One key feature for understanding the social and historical nature of economic organization is to identify social institutions. The loose definition of institutions allows for the analysis of factors as varied as behavioral consumption and production patterns on the one hand and belief systems, on the other. Furthermore, patterns of state regulation or technology application as well as the complex arrangement of such factors in the socio-economy are investigated. Given this openness, all sorts of economic phenomena can serve as objects of investigation, which enables institutional economists to pose a wide range of different questions. The knowledge of the changing nature of institutions implies also that many scholars develop a critical attitude towards the necessary existence of the status quo, since this might easily change. Institutional scholars attempt to understand how certain economic phenomena emerge and develop over time for the systematic of institutional research questions, see e. Examples would be the transformation of capitalism from Fordist to Post-Fordist production over time or the relative stability of certain behavioral regularities e. Comparative scholars set out to understand differences or similarities between entities and their institutional arrangements Elsner , for example, the GDP differential between so-called developed and developing economies or organizational convergence between companies in different locations, and the different multi-dimensionality of economic development in general. Institutional economists, thus, also reject the use of deductively derived assumptions and models and instead often produce very detailed and contextualized accounts that attempt to do justice to the specificity of the situation. Different strands of institutionalist economics were amongst the leading economic traditions from the late 19th century until the Second World War with Germany and the United States being the strongholds of institutionalist theorizing. In the s and s, renewed interest in economic institutions was sparked by the contributions of the mainstream marginalist New Institutional Economics NIE and its comparison with OIE Elsner Researchers in the NIE field have especially focused on themes such as transaction costs and game theoretic interactions amongst individuals and organizations within a constant or comparative-static rather than evolutionary institutional environment. However, more macro-oriented institutional topics like the emergence and

development of capitalism have also been the subject of NIE e. Although NIE and OIE as well as the German Historical School, as treated here, share some elements and research interests, NIE is primarily based on the neoclassical conception of rational short-run maximizing economic behaviour for a critical assessment of NIE, see Samuels , and Groenewegen et al. As a consequence, contributions by NIE will be dealt with shortly in section 8 below, but the emphasis of this site will rest on the works of the OIE, the German Historical School and to a lesser extent the socio-economic tradition that is associated with Max Weber amongst others. The German Historical School can be considered to have started in with the publication of the Grundriss by Wilhelm Roscher and its presence in academia ended with the death of Werner Sombart in , even though the ideas of historicists have been rediscovered and expanded on since Hodgson , Going a little beyond the view of institutions as patterned behaviour, we might specify them as social rules that structure social interaction Hodgson , Only shared understandings of learned social rules allow, for instance, stock or horse traders to conclude contracts by hand signs, and only shared social rules allow for the teaching in a classroom to work as the teacher and the students act according to their roles. As a consequence, apart from enabling social action, institutions also restrict certain forms of behaviour. Different ways of how to conceptualize institutions are also provided in Box 1. It is possible to delineate various types of institutions. On the one hand, there are formal institutions that are specified, codified and whose violation is often sanctioned explicitly. Examples of such formal institutions are contracts, organizational statutes or legal regulations. Formal institutions are complemented, and often underpinned and substantiated, by informal institutions, which are more emergent and diffuse. Even though informal institutions can be observable, they are often taken for granted, and thus are not recognized by participants, who might even consider them as natural or given. Another way of separating between formal and informal institutions is by treating the former as binding and the latter as non-binding rules Khalil , For informal institutions another distinction becomes important, namely between beliefs and regular practices. Beliefs can be further differentiated into normative beliefs i. The former can be conceived of, for example, as answers to the questions: What ought to be done? How is the world? Why do things happen? Loose money causes inflation. Beliefs can be distinguished from regular practices, such as habits, customs or routines. Habits are tendencies or psychological propensities dispositions to engage in a previously adopted or acquired form of action Camic , , quoted in Hodgson , Habits unlike institutions refer to the individual. They are non-deliberative dispositions for repeated actions performed by individuals. Yet, habits can be consciously acquired as in the case of learning a particular work technique, which rests on a particular practice and know-how. According to Thorstein Veblen, shared habits and the process of increasing habituation will lead to the creation of institutions on the societal level. Routines, by contrast, relate to a group e. An example of a routine would be the routine of how a team of workers organizes the operation of a machine and achieves a truce among conflicting interests e. They will arrange the inputs of the production process in a certain spatial way and distribute the tasks amongst the workers as well as the sequence when to perform which task. The nightshift might arrange these things differently than the day shift. Hence they engage in different routines. These positive instincts are contrasted by predatory instincts that induce a minority to exploit the labour of others and dedicate themselves to war, religion, and wasteful consumption. For Veblen both classes of instincts have some trans-historical validity, even though they manifest themselves in different ways depending on the historical context. Institutionalist economists apply these and other concepts to economic phenomena. Examples of the latter are both legal codes and cultural norms. Again, it is noteworthy that the historical specificity of these institutions is emphasised. This also implies that the boundary between economic and non-economic phenomena is often transgressed in practice. As a matter of fact, institutional accounts have to analyze their subject matter as a complex arrangement of economic, political and cultural factors. Institutionalists like Thorstein Veblen and later Clarence E. Fagg Foster and P. Bush have referred to this double role of institutions as the dichotomy between instrumental and ceremonial institutions Elsner ; Reuter , â€” See also ceremonial encapsulation in section 7 below. Ontology Institutionalists subscribe to a social ontology that understands humans as social beings who derive preferences and value orientations from the social context they are embedded in as well as from direct interactions with other people. Those interactions do not fall within the category of market-price interactions

between suppliers and demanders. Thus, rather than taking the individual and certain universal predispositions as the ultimate starting point of explanations, emphasis is given to the system dimension. Historically, institutionalist scholars have made reference to a population-based phylogenetic evolutionary ontology and methodological holism, whereas more recent scholarship has further developed a more nuanced relationship between individual actors and the structure in which they are situated. In this view, institutions are understood as social entities and thus understood as emergent social structure. This, however, does not mean that they are the results of purposeful or strategic action or even reducible to individual human actors altogether. Institutions are not merely seen as an instrument used by individuals to achieve their goals. Rather institutions are understood as existing at least potentially independently of individual humans who have generated them. They are therefore crucial factors shaping the economy in their own right and stand in the center of attention Reuter , As a consequence, research is mostly centered on emergent meso- and macro-level phenomena, rather than on individual action Elsner , This does not mean that institutions and actors are understood as independent from one another. Hence, institutions shape the context in which actors operate, yet at the same time actors reproduce and change “ intentionally or not ” the institutional context they inhabit Samuels , This implies that, rather than pursuing static analysis of a specific institutional setting, most institutionalist economists understand economic phenomena as processes situated in time and space and attribute great importance to the questions of stability, change and differential replication in populations i. Consistent with the emphasis of historical specificity, institutional change is not geared towards any final or teleological ideal or equilibrium state. Instead, it is dependent on the contingent interdependencies and the evolutionary processes that occur at a specific time and space. Although institutions are by their very nature understood as relatively durable and thus relatively stable over time, understanding change and the processes by which it occurs is a central preoccupation of institutionalists Samuels , Their theory of institutional change Elsner ; Bush looks closely at those interdependent dynamics between instrumental and ceremonial institutions and their justifications. Against this background institutional analysis does not provide a simplistic monolithic view of human nature, but rather a historicized understanding of human nature. It thus rejects reductionist understandings of human actors and emphasizes the role of context in shaping human action. Nevertheless, this does not mean that there is no view on human nature at all. Rather, humans are perceived as cultural beings that live, work and consume in communities, which imbues them with a sense of purpose and meaning. This historicized understanding of both humans and institutions makes, as said, the development over time both in terms of stability or change one of the central topics of institutionalist economics. Yet institutionalist scholars have also often focused on power and dominance related to the degeneration and abuse of institutions in order to formalize power imbalances and inequalities Reuter , Indeed, power has been a major focus of the work of the famous institutionalist John Commons, reflected in his analyses of the distributions of specific rights and duties in transactions. Hodgson , and uncertainty e. Hodgson , 70–71 have featured in analyses of scholars associated with the institutional perspective. However, institutionalist scholars such as Clarence Ayres and John Commons have virulently denied scarcity as an ontological given and have treated resources and thus scarcity as a function of culture and technology as well. Reuter , ; Peach , “ Epistemology Institutional Economics is an object-driven as opposed to theory- or method-driven research program that tries to understand social institutions and their implications in so far as they relate to the economy Hodgson , 2. Hence, the work of institutionalist economists attempts to understand the complexities associated with concrete time-space-bound phenomena. As such there is less of a preoccupation with theory but instead a search for patterns. Nevertheless, this does not mean that institutional economists are a-theoretical. Rather, they aspire to a medium degree of generalization in the form of so called mid-range theories.

Chapter 4 : Institution - Wikipedia

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As a result, the Russian economy developed an acute imbalance between its capital stock and technological potential, on the one hand, and the available institutional environment on the other Rapaczynski, Since allocation decisions under central planning were based largely on the political preferences of the ruling communist elites, cost structures, output mixes, and inter-sectoral proportions were divorced from market demand, rendering them unsustainable in the new economic environment. Few analysts were surprised that institutional restructuring featured prominently on reform agendas across the former Soviet Bloc. What was not always properly appreciated, however, was the degree of variation in the depth of these structural distortions from one country to another. While structural dis proportions are usually listed among the relevant "initial conditions" affecting the progress of reform see, e. It was not generally recognized that policies or the lack thereof targeted at the micro level of the economy, particularly those designed to reallocate economic resources in order to compensate for or correct inherited mismatches, would underpin the success or provoke the failure of macroeconomic stabilization, and thereby the entire reform effort. The extent and nature of prereform structural distortions in the post-communist countries depended on a number of factors, including the duration of centralized control over the economy, the political and economic role of the country in the former Soviet Bloc, and the scope of the tolerated nonstate sector. In Poland, agriculture and many services remained private throughout the period of communist control, and the economic system remained relatively less centralized than those of its neighbors. A substantial degree of decentralization was also characteristic of the Hungarian economy, which had been drifting away from communist economic orthodoxy and experimenting with reform for 20 years. The Czech Republic entered its period of communist rule with an advanced industrialized economy, shaped by market forces, already in place. The industrial structure of that economy displayed a great deal of inertia and was more or less preserved under the facade of central planning. It is also important to recognize that within the framework of Comecon, all three of these countries specialized in the production of consumer goods. This meant that although none of the three completely escaped the structural "birthmarks" of central planning e. Implications for Economic Behavior and Institutional Change. Transforming Post-Communist Political Economies. The National Academies Press. As a direct result, the scope of restructuring was much less daunting. Others suffered from far more severe "birth defects. Slovakia, the disproportionately agrarian sector of the former Czechoslovakia, experienced the impact of Soviet-style industrialization to a much greater extent than did the neighboring Czech Republic, and consequently took longer to embark on a path of economic growth. Russia found itself in a particularly disadvantageous position at the start of its reform effort. This "division of labor" meant that heavy industry, and military industry in particular, experienced hypertropic development in Russia at the direct expense of industries producing for consumer needs. Russia also suffered distortions in other critical areas. The share of the labor force employed in industry in Russia was double that in Western industrialized economies, while employment in services was, proportionately, less than 50 percent of Western levels. Russian firms frequently consumed several times the quantity of inputs characteristic of similar enterprises in market-driven economies. Almost every enterprise featured formidable levels of overemployment. The endemic "value subtraction" that was a salient characteristic of production in the Soviet-era Russian economy made restructuring not just one of the highest priorities of reform, but a necessary precondition for the successful introduction of a market economy. But market returns were impossible unless restructuring freed factors of production to move among firms, industries, and regions on an unprecedented scale. Unfortunately, the embryonic state of the input markets, particularly the labor market, meant that such movement was scarcely possible. While input markets in all the reforming economies were characterized by serious deficiencies, the barriers to the movement of factors of production in Russia were particularly high. Although geography played a role, this was primarily the result of

institutional deficiencies and lacunae. The development of a vitally necessary Russia-wide labor market was stifled by the deep territorial segmentation of real estate markets, the persistence of administrative barriers to population movement, and the absence of a universally available safety net and publicly provided services. As the central government has abdicated its role as the provider of a safety net and basic social services, industrial firms and, to a lesser extent, regional authorities have emerged as their almost exclusive source see, e. The nonwage benefits traditionally provided by employers have become vital lifelines supporting workers and their families through the throes of transition. This "lifeline," however, compels workers to remain with their current employers despite nonpayment of wages and regardless of market conditions. Paltry and poorly administered unemployment benefits, as well as the loss of employer-provided housing, child care, and health benefits, make the decision to quit a job an extremely hazardous endeavor. As a result, "workers [are] retaining state jobs, where feasible, as basic insurance" Commander et al. Whatever labor mobility does occur is largely within the confines of particular cities and metropolitan areas. While some of the obstacles to interregional migration are the result of policies imposed by local authorities, the deep differentiation in the cost of housing plays a greater and more pervasive role. With mortgages practically unavailable until recently because of inflation and without established standards for secured lending, housing costs must be paid in full and in advance. Not only do these costs vary widely across the country, but they are also positively correlated with economic opportunities. This makes it almost impossible for workers from depressed regions to move to areas with better labor market conditions. As a result, the spatial disproportions of population and labor created by decades of decisions based on nonmarket principles continue to be sustained during the transition. In short, "the Russian labor market remains characterized by low interregional labor mobility, significant inefficiencies in labor allocation, and a large employment overhang" Commander et al. To assess fully the opportunity costs imposed by these barriers to labor mobility, one must first recognize that, as a result of Soviet policies imposing unified standards on education and broad aspects of social and economic life, Russian society is characterized by unusually high levels of social homogeneity, and hence "potentially high professional and territorial mobility. Regrettably, these potentially advantageous social prerequisites for rapid restructuring are foreclosed by the institutional roadblocks discussed above. The Russian capital market remains underdeveloped and heavily depressed for a number of reasons, including inadequate protection of property Page 89 Share Cite Suggested Citation: In addition, corporate governance is dominated by insiders, and, for reasons discussed below, the market for corporate control fails to function properly. Most of the structural change that has taken place to date in the Russian economy has occurred through attrition. Loss-generating firms and industries have withered away in terms of output, if not yet in terms of labor stocks , but the major investments needed to ensure that new businesses will take their place are not being made see Kommersant, In addition, the link between the financial and "real" sectors of the Russian economy has been undermined, first by high inflation, and later, after inflation was brought under some measure of control, by political instability and the failure of the government to provide adequate safeguards for property rights and enforcement of contracts. As a result, the fairly substantial pool of private savings that does exist in Russia is prevented from being transformed into investment capital. Blocked channels for the reallocation of economic resources, in combination with the deep structural distortions that pervade the Russian economy, have produced vast efficiency losses and, perhaps even more critically, had a profoundly distorting impact on the patterns of economic behavior emerging in transitional Russia. In addition, some of the main benefits of a market economyâ€”as a source of efficiency-enhancing incentives and informationâ€”have been missed, and "when some markets are missing. Because prereform structural distortions did not provide for such combinations, there is a need for massive reallocation of factors of production through the input marketsâ€”in other words, for broad restructuring. However, if the markets for production inputs, and in particular for labor and capital, are not functional, such restructuring is forestalled. As a result, human resources are not properly matched with complementary inputs and earn poor market returns. Extra-market redistribution also demands far fewer complementary inputs than does production, enabling it to provide an income stream whether other factors of production are available or not. Therefore, as I have argued elsewhere Polishchuk, , sustained structural distortions promote widespread redistributive activities and subsistence production at the expense

of the productive use of human resources. A substantial body of empirical evidence, including household surveys, corroborates these conclusions. Gorin notes that once the gains from trade in previously stockpiled commodities had been exhausted, human resources sought a different extra-market cushion against the shocks of economic liberalization rather than shifting into productive channels. As was also anticipated above, human resources continued to be engaged in harvesting small private plots of land, almost entirely for consumption within the household. Nonfunctional input markets inflict three kinds of damage on an economy. First, there are the direct efficiency losses due to the persistent misallocation of factors of production, and it should be recognized that this harm goes well beyond simple mismatches between inelastically supplied human resources and other production inputs. Second, there is the diminishing aggregate supply of human resources available for productive use, as these resources are broadly absorbed in nonproductive and subsistence activities. Third, even those who have access to the required combinations of human resources and complementary inputs confront reduced incentives to produce. This follows from the threats of extra-market expropriation of facilities and output by governments, corrupt competitors, or theft, as well as the pressure to join the redistributive "rat race." Since these lucrative opportunities will be lost once the uncertainties of the transition period are past, a "make hay while the sun shines" mentality is in the ascendant. Apart from these industries, only trade, finance, and a few other services are doing well in Russia. Subsistence production, where available, is providing minimal levels of nourishment for many in the short term, but it is incapable of maintaining acceptable living standards in a post-industrial society. The resort to these extra-market mechanisms by a large contingent of the Russian labor force should be recognized not simply as a matter of rational choice based on a cost-benefit analysis of alternative activities, but as a requisite for economic survival. To summarize the argument to this point, the institutional void in the Russian economy is responsible for the fact that massive extra-market redistribution of the national product is taking place instead of the badly needed market reallocation of factors of production. This redistribution, or rent seeking, is typically accomplished in Russia by either criminal or political means, and the two are closely intertwined. The result has been widespread concern about "mafias" gaining control of the country. While many fear that a tidal wave of organized crime is flooding the Russian economy, criminal methods of obtaining extra-market redistributive gains remain secondary to, and often feed upon, political mechanisms. Ironically the state, which reformers anticipated would withdraw from the economy, and in particular would refrain from making allocative decisions to the maximum extent possible, has reasserted itself and become the hub of what Russians term the "bureaucratic market" see, e. The "currency" of the "bureaucratic market" is lobbying and corruption. Both were widespread in the prereform Soviet economy and hinged on informal bargaining arrangements between different units of the state and economic bureaucracies. Reform, however, has unexpectedly provided a major boost to lobbying activities. That came as a surprise to many, as common wisdom suggested the opposite:

Chapter 5 : From organizational to institutional change

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Yet the scientific and engineering mindset of the 20th century has too often led us to try to manage complex situations linearly. And sometimes, linear approaches make a lot of sense. Each time we fly in an airplane we should be thankful that engineers work linearly. However, to protect us from terrorist attack, security systems must function differently. They need to be able to sense the unexpected and to make insightful interpretations from a mass of messy data. The development sector seems to be embracing the complexity idea The Broker 9. Understanding institutions is central to grasping the complexity and dynamics of social change. What makes social systems complex is the multitude of interacting institutions, combined, of course, with the often unpredictable nature of human behaviour. Policy makers and practitioners must understand two points. First, no one has consciously designed the institutional frameworks of our societies. They have evolved, over long periods of time, by adapting and responding to all sorts of experiments, new ideas, power plays and external shocks. Second, changing institutional arrangements is no simple task. The results are often unpredictable, with some expected outcomes not occurring and other unplanned changes happening instead. The Cynefin Framework Complexity thinking can help people better understand how to intervene with systems in a structured yet nonlinear way. One emerging practical application is the Cynefin framework. David Snowden, former director of the IBM Institute for Knowledge Management, developed the framework to help managers and leaders better understand the implications of complexity for strategy. The framework can help identify the types of leadership patterns, learning processes and intervention strategies that are appropriate for different levels of complexity. This differentiation recognizes that not everything we want to achieve in development is complex. However, it also points out that applying approaches that work for simple and complicated situations to complex and chaotic situations will fail. Yet, so often this is exactly what development agencies value and demand. Linear planning, and with it much scientific analysis, is based on establishing clear cause-effect relationships and then using this knowledge to predict the outcome of a design or an intervention. In complex and chaotic contexts, cause-effect relationships either do not exist or cannot be assessed ahead of time. In chaotic or crisis situations, high turbulence requires acting to restore some degree of order with little time or information for analysis. Much, but not all, institutional innovation involves engaging with the complex context. And when we talk of failed states we are often in a chaotic context. Yet much development planning and many policy processes focused on institutional transformation operate as if the context is complicated or simple, rather than complex or chaotic. Institutional Innovation and the Aid Game Thinking more deeply about institutions and complexity raises major dilemmas for development interventions. On the one hand, tackling poverty, achieving social justice and protecting the environment clearly require institutional transformation. On the other, institutions cannot be effectively changed in a neatly planned, top-down manner, and there is a limited role for outsiders. What we have at the moment is an aid system trying to focus increasingly on achieving specific predetermined results. This expectation does not fit the realities of how institutions evolve. Maintaining this approach could lead aid to revert to a focus on easily seen and measured tangibles – infrastructure, health clinics, technology and humanitarian relief. But these interventions alone, though valuable, do not create the conditions for development. But sweeping these problems under the carpet is not an option. Consider the potentially devastating impacts of climate change, the fundamental realignments being driven by the emerging economies or the increasingly interdependent nature of the world economy. Avoiding the potentially disastrous consequences of these risks requires an unprecedented level of institutional innovation that is globally coordinated and without the luxury of slow evolution. An institutional and complexity perspective offers no straightforward solutions, but has several principle-based implications. First, a deeper practical understanding of institutional innovation and the link to complexity is needed by development practitioners and policy makers. The current chasm between theory and practice on this issue must be bridged. Second, aid must focus not on short-term concrete results but on long term capacities and

processes that enable societies to be learning-oriented and highly adaptive. Development trends, such as generic budget support, fail to value the role of civil society as part of the critical conscience that triggers institutional innovation. As Ulrich Beck notes: Third, those engaged in development need to distinguish between the simple, complicated, complex and chaotic, and recognize that each requires very different ways of intervening. If investments only focus on sure bets, evolution and transformation is stifled. Most mutations in nature are deleterious, but some mutations lead to highly successful innovations. This is not an anything and everything goes approach. Critically, it requires careful monitoring and learning, not against predetermined indicators, but by drawing on the experiences and observations of those directly involved. The insights and lessons from such learning-oriented monitoring and evaluation are then used to scale up investments in successes and scale down or close off investment in failure. Clearly we must remain deeply concerned about the results and impacts of development. Yet the evolutionary design principles that make impact possible, while commonsense to field workers, often remain an anathema to the linear logic of policy mechanisms of development planning. Overcoming the current scepticism about aid and development is going to require a much bigger investment in capacities and processes for institutional innovation. Towards a Theory of Reflexive Modernization. Random House Business Books. Journal of Economic Issues. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. World Bank World Development Report: Building Institutions for Markets. Photo credit main picture:

Chapter 6 : Online Institutional Change And Economic Behaviour (International Economic Association)

This book explores institutional change and economic behaviour through examining the transition process in the eight former socialist countries that became members of the EU in , looking at the phenomenal growth that has been taking place in China in the last three decades, offering a historical perspective on the causes of economic.

Art and culture See also: However, these institutions may be considered private or autonomous, whilst organised religion and family life certainly pre-date the advent of the nation state. The Neo-Marxist thought of Antonio Gramsci , for instance, distinguishes between institutions of political society police, the army, legal system, etc. For example, in *Schenck v. United States* , the circumstance of which made that speech case special Informal institutions[edit] Informal institutions have been largely overlooked in comparative politics, but in many countries it is the informal institutions and rules that govern the political landscape. To understand the political behaviour in a country it is important to look at how that behaviour is enabled or constrained by informal institutions, and how this affects how formal institutions are run. For example, if there are high levels of extrajudicial killings in a country, it might be that while it is prohibited by the state the police are actually enabled to carry out such killings and informally encouraged to prop up an inefficient formal state police institution. An informal institution tends to have socially shared rules, which are unwritten and yet are often known by all inhabitants of a certain country, as such they are often referred to as being an inherent part of the culture of a given country. Informal practices are often referred to as "cultural", for example clientelism or corruption is sometimes stated as a part of the political culture in a certain place, but an informal institution itself is not cultural, it may be shaped by culture or behaviour of a given political landscape, but they should be looked at in the same way as formal institutions to understand their role in a given country. Informal institutions might be particularly used to pursue a political agenda, or a course of action that might not be publicly popular, or even legal, and can be seen as an effective way of making up for lack of efficiency in a formal institution. For example, in countries where formal institutions are particularly inefficient, an informal institution may be the most cost effective way or actually carrying out a given task, and this ensures that there is little pressure on the formal institutions to become more efficient. The relationship between formal and informal institutions is often closely aligned and informal institutions step in to prop up inefficient institutions. However, because they do not have a centre, which directs and coordinates their actions, changing informal institutions is a slow and lengthy process. Social science perspectives[edit] While institutions tend to appear to people in society as part of the natural, unchanging landscape of their lives, study of institutions by the social sciences tends to reveal the nature of institutions as social constructions , artifacts of a particular time, culture and society, produced by collective human choice, though not directly by individual intention. Sociology traditionally analyzed social institutions in terms of interlocking social roles and expectations. Social institutions created and were composed of groups of roles, or expected behaviors. The social function of the institution was executed by the fulfillment of roles. Institutions can be seen as "naturally" arising from, and conforming to, human natureâ€”a fundamentally conservative viewâ€”or institutions can be seen as artificial, almost accidental, and in need of architectural redesign, informed by expert social analysis, to better serve human needsâ€”a fundamentally progressive view. Adam Smith anchored his economics in the supposed human "propensity to truck, barter and exchange". Modern feminists have criticized traditional marriage and other institutions as element of an oppressive and obsolete patriarchy. Economics, in recent years, has used game theory to study institutions from two perspectives. Firstly, how do institutions survive and evolve? In this perspective, institutions arise from Nash equilibria of games. For example, whenever people pass each other in a corridor or thoroughfare, there is a need for customs, which avoid collisions. Such a custom might call for each party to keep to their own right or leftâ€”such a choice is arbitrary, it is only necessary that the choice be uniform and consistent. Such customs may be supposed to be the origin of rules, such as the rule, adopted in many countries, which requires driving automobiles on the right side of the road. Secondly, how do institutions affect behaviour? In this perspective, the focus is on behaviour arising from a given set of institutional rules. In these models, institutions determine the rules i. Douglass North argues, the

very emergence of an institution reflects behavioral adaptations through his application of increasing returns. For example, the Cournot duopoly model is based on an institution involving an auctioneer who sells all goods at the market-clearing price. While it is always possible to analyze behaviour with the institutions-as-equilibria approach instead, it is much more complicated. A " memetic institutionalism " has been proposed, suggesting that institutions provide selection environments for political action, whereby differentiated retention arises and thereby a Darwinian evolution of institutions over time. Public choice theory , another branch of economics with a close relationship to political science, considers how government policy choices are made, and seeks to determine what the policy outputs are likely to be, given a particular political decision-making process and context. Credibility thesis purports that institutions emerge from intentional institution-building but never in the originally intended form. In history, a distinction between eras or periods, implies a major and fundamental change in the system of institutions governing a society. Political and military events are judged to be of historical significance to the extent that they are associated with changes in institutions. In European history, particular significance is attached to the long transition from the feudal institutions of the Middle Ages to the modern institutions, which govern contemporary life. Theories of institutional change[edit] In order to understand why some institutions persist and other institutions only appear in certain contexts, it is important to understand what drives institutional change. Acemoglu, Johnson and Robinson assert that institutional change is endogenous. They posit a framework for institutional change that is rooted in the distribution of resources across society and preexisting political institutions. These entrepreneurs weigh the expected costs of altering the institutional framework against the benefits they can derive from the change. Lipsky argues that patterns of institutional change vary according to underlying characteristics of issue areas, such as network effects. This produces a phenomenon called path dependence, which states that institutional patterns are persistent and endure over time. Once a choice is made during a critical juncture, it becomes progressively difficult to return to the initial point where the choice was made. James Mahoney studies path dependence in the context of national regime change in Central America and finds that liberal policy choices of Central American leaders in the 19th century was the critical juncture that led to the divergent levels of development that we see in these countries today. Though institutions are persistent, North states that paths can change course when external forces weaken the power of an existing organization. This allows other entrepreneurs to affect change in the institutional framework. This change can also occur as a result of gridlock between political actors produced by a lack of mediating institutions and an inability to reach a bargain. North, Wallis, and Weingast divide societies into different social orders: Open access orders and limited access orders differ fundamentally in the way power and influence is distributed. As a result, open access institutions placed in limited access orders face limited success and are often coopted by the powerful elite for self-enrichment. Transition to more democratic institutions is not created simply by transplanting these institutions into new contexts, but happens when it is in the interest of the dominant coalition to widen access. This can eventually lead to institutions becoming stuck on local maxima , such that for the institution to improve any further, it would first need to decrease its overall fitness score e. The tendency to get stuck on local maxima can explain why certain types of institutions may continue to have policies that are harmful to its members or to the institution itself, even when members and leadership are all aware of the faults of these policies. Under this analysis, says Ian Lustick, Japan was stuck on a "local maxima", which it arrived at through gradual increases in its fitness level, set by the economic landscape of the s and 80s. Without an accompanying change in institutional flexibility, Japan was unable to adapt to changing conditions, and even though experts may have known which changes the country needed, they would have been virtually powerless to enact those changes without instituting unpopular policies that would have been harmful in the short-term. For example, Lustick observes that any politician who hopes to run for elected office stands very little to no chance if they enact policies that show no short-term results. Unfortunately, there is a mismatch between policies that bring about short-term benefits with minimal sacrifice, and those that bring about long-lasting change by encouraging institution-level adaptations. Lustick himself notes that identifying the inability of institutions to adapt as a symptom of being stuck on a local maxima within a fitness landscape does nothing to solve the problem. At the very least, however, it might add credibility to the idea that truly beneficial change might require

short-term harm to institutions and their members. David Sloan Wilson notes that Lustick needs to more carefully distinguish between two concepts: This may be relatively simple in evaluating the economic prosperity of a society, for example, but it is difficult to see how objectively a measure can be applied to the amount of freedom of a society, or the quality of life of the individuals within. Institutionalisation The term "institutionalization" is widely used in social theory to refer to the process of embedding something for example a concept, a social role, a particular value or mode of behavior within an organization, social system, or society as a whole. The term may also be used to refer to committing a particular individual to an institution, such as a mental institution. To this extent, "institutionalization" may carry negative connotations regarding the treatment of, and damage caused to, vulnerable human beings by the oppressive or corrupt application of inflexible systems of social, medical, or legal controls by publicly owned, private or not-for-profit organizations. The term "institutionalization" may also be used in a political sense to apply to the creation or organization of governmental institutions or particular bodies responsible for overseeing or implementing policy, for example in welfare or development.

Chapter 7 : Institutional and Behavioral Economics

This book explores institutional change and economic behaviour by examining the transition process in the former socialist countries that joined the EU in , looking at the growth occurring in.

There is a variety of ways to make sure that all parties involved in transactions keep their promises and deliver what they have agreed to do. People do business in an institutional environment, which consists of rules, formal and informal, which have impact on behaviour in economic transactions. The first definition of institutions is the one introduced by North. Van Den Berg, , bls. These institutions influence behaviour and are meant to provide certain safeguards before entering into a transaction. Consequently, transactions can run smoothly. Institutions can take many different forms, ranging from very accurate beliefs among people about how to treat each other, to practical rules about the use of currencies and quality standards. They also range from mutual understandings and acknowledged agreements between business partners or between an employer and employee, to clearly defined rules enacted by the government. Language, customs, norms, manners, legal rules and standards, such as systems of weights and measures, are thus all considered to be institutions J. They consist of established, durable and stable rules, and vary from social values through norms to laws with ensuing specific rules. Institutions are systems, in which the rules are positioned in a hierarchical way: In new institutional economics NIE institutions are usually divided into formal institutions and informal ones. In this essay on the other hand, the focus will be set on the informal environment of institutions; the informal institutions. These informal rules are divided into subcategories. When the actors in a society agree about the informal institutions and they all consider these institutions as functioning in their own interest, they will spontaneously support those values, norms and conventions. They have internalized them into their own values on behaviour, with expectations that other members of the society have done the same. However, that is not always the case. In society, different values can exist that are supported by different interest groups. In the interest of society as a whole, there can be that a specific norm of behaviour is necessary, but a large part of the population considers the norm not to be in their interest and choose not to follow it. In such cases, formal laws and formal sanctions are needed to further structure of behaviour of the members of society J. Informal and formal institutions are all interrelated hierarchically. They are arranged from more general to more specific, and from spontaneous adherence to formal sanctions. As can be seen in the figure below, values are the basis for norms, and norms are the basis for conventions, laws and the resulting particular rules. NIE is concerned with designing institutions that are effective and efficient to structure behaviour in a way so the system performs well. Institutions can be interrelated and change over time and are subject to processes of valuations J. Institutional environment influences behaviour, and as the figure below illustrates it consequently has an impact on the performance of the economy in terms of economic growth, level of innovation, level of transaction costs and so on J. An example of how informal institutions led to a declining performance of the economy is the financial crisis of The improper assessment of risks resulted in banking assets being valued too highly. Once this was discovered, the ratio between debts and assets became worse. Nobody knew the extent of this valuation problem so the banks were unable to estimate the true value of their assets. This led to problems of confidence among the public. Fear rose that people would stop trusting their banks and withdraw their savings and investments, which could lead to a collapse of one bank after another. Lendings were reduced and alongside lower confidence it had a negative influence on investments. Private consumption decreased significantly which lead to increasing unemployment J. Institutions define what actors can do and what is expected from them. In that way they give stability and predictability to economic interaction. The general public expected the banks to have accurate assessments of the risks and once these informal institutions changed, the stability of the economic system was shattered. As a result of the financial crisis the informal environment in Iceland changed. Traditions, values, customs, norms etc. People trusted the markets before the financial crisis and government interference was at best at minimum. Various committees saw daylight to figure out what had gone wrong; e. Shared believes and norms have influence on the process of institutional change. Usually informal rules change slowly but following the crisis they changed more rapidly

and values and norms concerning our government especially. Icelanders were different, courageous entrepreneurs that were risk seeking and their economy obeyed different laws and different economic models. Such talk filled the population with pride and entrepreneurs believed that nothing was too big for them to take on. Such arrogance gradually led to people taking too many risks concerning investments. After the crisis of , Iceland is still recovering and today many ethical protocols are being established in various divisions in governance structure. Informal institutions can affect governance structure which can lead to changes in the performance and stability of an economy. Institutional Economics; an Introduction. Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance. Trust, Institutions and Entrepreneurial Behaviour.

Chapter 8 : Shaping behaviour / Articles - The Broker

Institutions, Behavior and Economic Performance; Comments on Institutional Analysis by James D. Shaffer. Introduction. The relationships between and among institutions, participant's behavior and economic performance are important in several academic disciplines, in the practical affairs of governments, and in the decisions of firms, households and individuals.

Institutional change, at its deepest level, refers to changes in the ideas that govern institutions. Halal argues that three changes are foundational to the future. First is e-organization or the virtualization of organizations. This digital transformation is accompanied by self-organization or the breaking of large hierarchies into smaller units wherein boundaries are far more fluid. Teams organize around particular issues and visions and then de-organize. The organization maintains its vitality through this malleability. Last is stakeholder collaboration wherein organizations perform more effectively through inclusion. Not just are stakeholders included but the notion of stakeholder is broadened not just management but employees, employer, community, the environment and owners and their views are deepened, understanding the worldviews and myths behind their behavior. The future thus is far less about forecasting and more about creating desired futures. The taxonomy I use to understand this notion of the future is based on the following. This is not about getting the future strategy right but ensuring that the organization has the capacity to maneuver. This is central in creating institutional change as it allows for experimentation. The rigidity of past structures are broken up. Organizations may use digital technologies as part of their strategy but capacity developments allows this notion to spread. It is through memes that organizational change leads to institutional change. Memes are ideas that self-replicate because they meet some foundational need of the organization. They also have the capacity to change institutions and society in the long run. A meme that has emerged in the last ten years is that of learning organization. With health becoming far more important personal health, the health of the environment, issues around bullying, and spiritual health, the learning and healing organization may be a future meme. An organization that is too ordered is unlikely to move to this level. It will remain focused on strategy, and to some extent education. An organization that is too chaotic as well overly focused on the freedom of the individual or always questioning its vision, mission, products and processes, as with many nongovernmental global organizations is unlikely as well to move to this next level. Meme change along with emergence can lead to the next phase. This is based on P. They can be used for change. While one may reject the science here, the argument is that institutional change has a spiritual dimension to it to. Social change is not merely the ideas that govern institutions but the spiritual reality behind the ideas. Microvita, through different thoughts and different quality of consciousness attempts to change the ground of thought and action. While to some extent developmental, there is considerable movement up and down the six stages. The developmental-vertical nature is based on what is easiest to accept for organization, what is most palatable to them at first blush. Organizations desire tools and methods to better understand the future. In terms of organizational entry, the educational is the easiest first step. However, more than education, organizations desire to enhance their organizational strategic thinking, at the level of the entire system as well as of all employees, but particularly senior managers. This leads to level three, or capacity building. Capacity development leads not only to internal change but to external change. Questions associated with meaning and the nature of organizational change lead to meme change. The particular change does not seem idiosyncratic or inappropriate everyone is doing it. An example is triple bottom line. Once the meme is present, then lobbying for it to become organizational policy becomes easier. Once this is done, then institutional change is possible. It becomes part of policy and becomes part of the conscious and unconscious dimension of the organization. New memes can break apart traditional meanings and processes of the organization, and lead to the creation of new networks and associations. Instead of rigid plans, the organization, or at least parts of it, self-organize around crucial issues, indeed, creating a living adaptive organism. A living organization without inspiration or microvita does not last employee burn out, fatigue, loss of purpose. Microvita is a mysterious ingredient. It helps in moving the organization from data to information to knowledge to wisdom, and most

importantly is a trigger to create an organization in which members can experience transcendence. The outcome of this mapping is often novel strategies for transformation. This inner, deeper dimension, however, to successfully lead to long term measurable and observable outcomes must be linked to the litany of the organization its official self-image , the system of the organization what it does, how it rewards, its subsystems its worldview its culture and the ideologies of stakeholders , and finally its unconscious myths. Thus the deeper story, or myth, guiding metaphor needs to link to its more superficial dimensions. The method I use to systemically uncover myths and link them to other aspects of the organization is Causal Layered Analysis CLA , a social science method which seeks to unpack the future, and systematically bring in the voice and vision of stakeholders. At this first level, events and trends appear disconnected. Change occurs through interventions by others, generally government. The second is the systemic social, economic, political, technological, environmental , where change is seen as created through the interaction of numerous systems. Thus, institutional change is difficult since not only do organizations resist but subsystems have evolved to resist change especially that which challenges them. This systemic view is, however, nested in worldviews. These are deeper paradigms of how stakeholders, ideologies construct issues. And these ideologies are based on foundational myths. To move from individual change to organization to institutional and then to societal, all four levels must be activated. Causal layered analysis explores these multiple levels of the future, ensuring that the future, first, is seen as layered; second, that it is seen as complex; third, that social change can be entered through multiple spaces and; fourth, the future is seen not as given but as constituted by various levels of reality. Causal layered analysis layers the litany of a particular future by nesting it in systems, worldviews and myths. The deconstructed future thus can be reconstructed by switching to an alternative system, worldview or myth. Causal layered analysis has multiple uses. First, stakeholders are systematically brought in to create strategy, desired futures. The litany, the official policy, or the systemic, are seen as constituted by the third level. By ordering knowledge and policy in this way, institutional change is possible since stakeholders are brought in. Stakeholders are crucial for a variety of reasons. By including their perspectives, buy-in of the process of organizational change is possible. However, for there to be institutional change, it is not just the stakeholder but their deeply held perspectives. They were clear about their strategy but wanted to explore future directions. In the futures workshop section on deepening the future, I asked about their metaphors of the future. They were often in command, though one or two were passengers, in an excellent airline goal directed with a clear beginning and departure. When we discussed collective metaphors, the story of the hare and the tortoise had the most currency. Directors felt that they were the hare, moving rapidly and leaving competitors behind. This led to the issue of the company soul. It then became clear that the tortoise was crucial for the health of the company. Along with clear directions, the company needed time to reflect on its journey, it needed to integrate its soulful dimension [10] with its profit dimension. Once the story was pushed, it also became clear that ultimately the hare did not win the race. From this discussion, scenarios, strategies and action learning experiments emerged. The result was the beginning of not just a different organizational strategy, but organizational redirection at a deep level. Also relevant was individuals rethinking their lives. Reflection the their company metaphor thus led to a questioning of the dominant myth and an exploration of alternative futures. The obvious solution was more firewalls, protective measures. The social and economic reasons were the nature of technology, allowing generally anonymity for hackers, the low costs attributed to hacking. Costs and technology made it possible. Solutions at this level was to increase the costs minimum sentencing, for example for hacking. At the discourse level and the myth level, groups saw the issue quite differently. They represented the right and might of government, and hackers were evil villains, and alternatively spoiled children bad overly permissive parenting. Representatives from civil society saw the hackers not as evil, but as bothersome, increasing their costs to maintain their computer systems. For them, the self-expression-graffiti discourse was most relevant. Seeing the other as evil leads to one variable technocratic solutions while seeing the other as living a different story leads to better understanding and the possibility of dialogue. However, the sense in the room was: I suggested that while we are formally finished, something was not quite right. This immediately led to a discussion that a formal plan was not crucial, what was needed were real steps each person could take. The group then self-organized into subgroups with individuals taking

responsibility to realize the vision. Through self-organization, vitality was enhanced as individuals were able to express their desires. Taking stakeholder participation even further can lead to institutional change. The hope is that this extensive futures work can enhance the capacity of managers and citizens so that the council becomes more innovation and future oriented. Thus, individuals desire to be an organization that is both facilitative and a learning organization area 4 but the reality is that the institutional weights are such that the structure remains feudal area 3. While nations such as Singapore are able to legislate creativity area 2 or at least hope to do so, that is, to keep the strong male leader and create an innovate self-learning organization, this is far more difficult in democracy.