LOCALIZATION BIBLIOGRAPHY

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PREMISE

Localization assumes that high-consuming, growth-dependent societies will (a) soon be operating on much less energy and material, (b) need to rapidly transition to a sustainable state, and (c) be less affluent, although function with higher levels of psychological well-being. The energy descent may be more than 90% this century, a shift without precedent. Energy is a key driver that the readings discuss but do not dwell on. For a more detailed premise see: https://localizationpapers.org/localization-premise

PRIMARY TEXT


ISBN-10: 026251687X

All royalties are allocated to two community organizations that exemplify localization. Growing Hope is an organization dedicated to helping people improve their lives and communities through gardening and local food security (www.growinghope.net) and People’s Food Co-op has long sought to feed a community with wholesome food and good work (www.peoplesfood.coop).

USEFUL LINKS

The Localization Papers: https://localizationpapers.org
Definition of localization: https://localizationpapers.org/localization-a-brief-definition/
Premise of localization: https://localizationpapers.org/localization-premise
Seminar documents: https://localizationpapers.org/course/
INTRODUCTION TO CATEGORIES

1. **Context** – Understanding the challenge presented by peak oil, peak everything, over-consumption, and global climate disruption. Alternate scenarios have been proposed. Durable solutions must be compatible with human behavior, social needs, and ecological constraints. Localization is a robust solution, more than anti-globalization, providing for foundational sustainability. It requires and supports human engagement, supports social needs, and is ecologically viable.

2. **Systems** – A reasonable solution must provide for basic needs in an ecologically sustainable manner. These include food, water, sewage, roads, energy, housing, health care and the accessibility to these. The focus here primarily is on tangible, material systems provided within a local geographical context.

3. **Integration** – The focus here is on cross-cutting processes and social structures. These include principles, metaphors, institutions, instruments, and procedures, along with ethics, worldviews and notions of integrative wellness. Finding or creating these are needed to plan for, provide, and maintain the fundamental systems of a localized society.

4. **Transition** – Human societies were once organized locally, but this is no longer the dominant paradigm. Changing to a different paradigm is possible but requires effective adaptation and strategic management wherever possible. Transition is aided by pre-familiarization techniques—e.g., storytelling, envisioning, conceptualizing, simulating, etc. Once transitioned, stabilization within the new reality benefits from ongoing dialog and perspective.

CONTEXT

**Context: History**


Context: Scenarios


**Context: Behavior**


Context: Barriers and avenues


**Context: Fiction**


**SYSTEMS**

**Systems: Food**


Fact sheets – Food


Case studies – Food


Systems: Water

Barlow, Maude (2008) Our political leaders are to blame in world water crisis (Pp. 1-4).

Glennon, Robert (2002) Chapter 1 – The worth of water in the United States (Pp. 13-22) and

Gutierrez, David (2008) At least 36 U.S. states face water shortage (P. 1) Alter Net:


Satterthwaite, David & Gordon McGranaham (2007) Chapter 2 – Providing clean water and


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**Fact Sheets – Water**

   
   

2. Fact Sheets from the Center for Sustainable Systems, University of Michigan

   
   http://css.snre.umich.edu/css_doc/CSS05-17.pdf

   
Case studies – Water


   - Chapter 4 – The price of incompetence: Atlanta, Georgia (Pp. 65-84)
   - Chapter 2 – Hardball vs. the high road, Stockton, California (Pp. 25-48)
   - Chapter 8 – When Nestle’ comes: Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin (Pp. 143-166)
   - Chapter 9 – To quench a thirst: Mecosta County, Michigan (Pp. 167-194)


Systems: Energy


Koehler.


Fact Sheets – Energy

     http://www.worldwatch.org/node/5666
     http://www.worldwatch.org/node/5634

2. Fact Sheets from the Center for Sustainable Systems, University of Michigan.
     http://css.snre.umich.edu/css_doc/CSS07-08.pdf
     http://css.snre.umich.edu/css_doc/CSS07-09.pdf

Case studies – Energy


Systems: Goods and Services


http://www.newrules.org/resources/PlaceMattersReport.pdf


Case studies – Goods and Services


Systems: Accessibility


Fact Sheets – Accessibility


2. Fact Sheets from the Center for Sustainable Systems, University of Michigan.

Case studies – Accessibility


5. Vallicelli, Liana (2008) Curitiba: Innovative urban planning can make a real difference in tackling climate change. Presented March 17 & 18, 2008 CIFAL Findhorn seminar, Urban Planning and Regeneration: Key to Tackling Climate Change, held in Dundee, Scotland in partnership with Sustainable Scotland Network.
   http://www.cifalfindhorn.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=39&Itemid=0

Systems: Housing


Fact Sheets – Housing


2. Fact Sheets from the Center for Sustainable Systems, University of Michigan.
Case studies – Housing


INTEGRATION

Integration: Intentional Planning & Land Use


Case studies – Intentional Planning and Land Use


Integration: Ecological Design


**Case studies – Ecological Design**


**Integration: Economic (Re-)organizing**


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**Case studies – Economic (Re-)organizing**


Integration: Deliberative Democracy


Case studies – Deliberative Democracy and Administration

1. Porto Allegre, Brazil
2. Burlington, Vermont
3. Sustainable Seattle, history including elements of NGO (Sustainable Seattle and sustainability indicators), Office in city government (Seattle government web site) and neighborhood level planning (American Association of Planning journal article)
4. Hamilton, Ontario Canada (history of development in regional and city governments and its citizen constituency with failure to develop a local NGO, political reversal and challenging citizen advocacy organization)

Integration: Wellness and Fulfillment


Carmichael, Matt (2008) Radical rest: In addressing tiredness we address the problem of unsustainability. Resurgence. 248 (May/June): 34-36.


**Case studies – Wellness and Fulfillment**


2. Candle night summer solstice (8:00-10:00 pm, June 21-July 7, 2008) http://www.candle-night.org


**Integration: New Ethics**


King, Martin Luther, Jr. (1967) Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? Boston, MA: Beacon Press.


Case studies – New Ethic


2. Papua New Guinea Tribal Charter
   http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/resources/esd_in_practice

3. San Jose Municipality, Costa Rica
   http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/resources/esd_in_practice
4. The Engineering Profession’s Application of the Charter
   http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/resources/esd_in_practice

5. Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, Canada
   http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/resources/esd_in_practice

TRANSITION

Transition: Change and Stabilization


**Transition: Next Steps**


Face of Climate Change. Switzerland: Springer.


