

EQUITERRE – A BALANCED WORLD FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Von Team EJBW-Sommerakademie
EJBW-Sommerakademie, Weimar, Deutschland

Scenario: No taking over of responsibility but an increase in the ability of global thinking

The main actors of this scenario, lets call them hedomats, want to have fun, they are thinking and acting globally but their global view is restricted to their hedonistic and materialistic way of life:

- Travelling worldwide for holidays several times a year
- Use of internet for games and chats with players all over the world
- Downloading music and movies and e-buying trendy products

Beside having fun, they like everything that is cool and it's important for them to be up to date. The existing infrastructure as well as public services are taken for granted. As the market economy always pushes new trendy products and interesting offers for leisure time, this group is occupied to follow and consume these offers.

There is little participation in social life in the community and immediate neighbourhood. No adherence to political parties or non governmental organizations. Local voting and all what is going on in UNO, UNESCO and several world conferences regarding global challenges is out of focus for a cool hedonistic materialist.

The tobin tax (a charge of one-tenth of a percent on the gigantic global financial transactions) gets increasingly support from NGOs and some governments and becomes a topic in World Bank, World Trade Organization and World Economic Forum. There is a lot of speculation and confusion of what tobin tax would mean. Suddenly, rumors spread that tobin tax first of all impacts on internet gaming and all services sold globally over internet. The hedonists become interested and start to realize that there are a lot of global networks outside of their hedomat-world.

The crisis between Japan and China regarding Japan's role in last century's wars and history in South East Asia complicated the economical and cultural exchange in this region. At the peak of the Crisis, China threatened to apply import restrictions on Japanese products. On the World Economic Forum in 2012, Japan and China come together and agree to edit a common history book for primary schools in both countries.

Thanks to new computer aided translation methods, the edition of the new history book can be conceded to mixed teams from both Japan and China. Dozens of bilateral teams are working each in a town of historical importance in South East Asia. Soon, first drafts are published in mass media and on the internet and the initiative receives a great echo worldwide.

Hedomats in Japan become fascinated about the history book's reviewing process because it is now open for everyone via internet. In contrast, traditional parties in Japan, Korea and China fight against the history book process. They insist on national student books and block the introduction of the first edition of an Asian history book. The Japanese hedomats are challenged by this fact and it becomes very trendy to spread the new Asian history book in the hedo world.

Hedomats start an internet chatroom about common values in Asian countries. Very quickly, it becomes popular also among students.

Under the lead of Hiroshima, five cities introduce history lessons based on the book that was rejected in parliament. Traditional parties are upset, the hedomat circle is enlightened. The Asian internet pilot schools increase in number and introduce lessons on common philosophical and ethical principles. The responsibility for the next generation is recognized to be the most important duty for all countries in Asia. Improved translation technology enables students from Malasia to Korea to follow Asian online lessons in their native language.

A new Nobel prize "Equiterre" was created in order to honour the most promising action plan for reaching a balanced economical wealth and a healthy environment for everyone living today and in future.

In 2015, the action plan TobinPlus is awarded with the first Nobel prize "Equiterre". TobinPlus was worked out by 5 NGOs and the ideas were forged to a usable instrument by highly reputed economic institutes in the USA and Europe. For 3 years, TobinPlus was tested in a simulation that runs world economy firstly with and secondly without it. The financial world was stumbled how close the simulation met the real world's situation.

The method TobinPlus comprises two elements:

- The first element addresses global economy and establishes a tax for global financial transactions (tobin tax) and a tax for airborne global transport of people and goods.
- The second element addresses all young people worldwide. It consists of an easy method to determine an ecological footprint and a life quality value that can be used in all schools. TobinPlus proposes to establish partnerships of two young persons. Each partnership consists of two pupils from different countries of the North, South, East or West. The pairs of youngsters can constitute themselves, the sum of the ecological footprint and the life quality value of both partners are summed up. The sum must be near the optimal value, that is the value of two persons when assuming that world is already in equilibrium. With today's disparity, two young people with very different values will come together. Their task is to find out why their situation is so different and then to search for a way out of this disparity.

In the European Union and the USA, only Great Britain is in favour to apply TobinPlus immediately. The proposal is categorically rejected by the largest global finance institutes.

Most people of the former tiger states live in congested megatowns where life quality has decreased a lot in the past decade. As many citizens participated in Asian online schools, they realize that improving their poor life quality is a common challenge exceeding the borders of their nations. An Asian authority, able to coordinate and put through measures for better life quality, is the vision objective of a new community. They want to put TobinPlus in practise.

This shall be the first task of the United Asian Community. In all Asian nations, initiatives to build this United Asian Community are launched very quickly.

The constitution preamble says:

“As a balanced world for today and tomorrow requires the united power of all nations, we create this constitution.”