

Research Project “Inclusive Development for a Globalization with Human Dignity”

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Abstract

As part of the "Globalization with Human Dignity" project, a strategic vision for global civil society is to be developed. The research project aims to bring together the spheres of science, politics and business. There is already a joint think tank with Peru and Mexico, where the topic is being addressed under the headings "Inclusivity Index" and "Inclusive Development".

Description of the project

To live peacefully and sustainably in this world, we must consider economic, social, ecological, and ethical aspects together. The different areas are currently working on their own, with their own metrics, goals, and debates. But Globalization with Human Dignity must be thought in interdisciplinary terms. This is where the "magic square of the great transformation", which we are working on, applies.

Originally, the "magic square" comes from economics and refers to "zero inflation, zero unemployment, balance in foreign trade and stable growth". However, economic criteria alone are not enough today.

Therefore, we came up with the idea of using existing indices from the economic, social, ecological, and ethical fields, which are ideally surveyed for at least 180 countries. We have filtered out the most important ones from a large number of indices and used them to compile country profiles. There are a whole series of very interesting methodological challenges that inspire us.

At the same time, the approach unites science, economics, and politics and paths of action can be drawn from the country profiles. Therefore, we provide an empirical basis based on measured variables. In this way, we achieve an analytically transparent country profile. This in turn is the basis for normative conclusions in the sense that alternative political action and development paths can be developed for each country. From this, a "social strategy" can be developed for civil society. We are testing this procedure for a few selected countries. We already have profiles for some countries and are working on others. A detailed discussion of methods will also follow regarding the indices. Their significance naturally varies and is also open to debate. Ultimately, the project combines "Weltethos"/ Global Ethic and "Social Strategy" because we want to develop analyses and proposals for the development of our country and other selected countries (e.g. Peru and Mexico).

We will also strive to further connect with international institutions. For international development cooperation, it would be an incomparable step forward if we had a new set of criteria for political action at hand. After all, we are talking about an instrument that is developed in close cooperation with the global

South and should therefore avoid the well-known asymmetries of power that characterize the world today.

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