The Labor of Informational Democracy: Towards an LIS Analytical Framework for Socially-Generated Information

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Democracy, LIS, and the Internet

Methodology

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Critical Theory

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Political Economy/ Normative Political Theory

Socially-generated Information

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Yochai Benkler

The Wisdom of the Crowd?

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Socially-generated Information

Benkler- "The Wealth of Networks"

"Non-Market Production"

Karl Polanyi

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Political Economy of Communication/ Librarianship

The Proposed Democratic Framework:

- **Horizon of Access**

- **Horizon of Production**

- **Horizon of Communicative Speech**

Horizon of Access

Material Impediments

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Legal Constraints

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Exogenous Factors

The Commons

Understanding Knowledge As a Commons: From Theory to Practice.

Edited by Charlotte Hess and Elinor Ostrom. 2007.

Horizon of Production

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"THEY SAY IT'S FRIENDSHIP. WE SAY IT'S UNWAGED WORK. WITH EVERY LIKE, CHAT, TAG OR POKE OUR SUBJECTIVITY TURNS THEM A PROFIT. THEY CALL IT SHARING. WE CALL IT STEALING. WE'VE BEEN BOUND BY THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE FAR TOO LONG—IT'S TIME FOR OUR TERMS [caps in original]."

Laurel Ptak, *Wages for Facebook, accessed March 3, 2015, http://wagesforfacebook.com.*

Horizon of Production

Marx – The General Intellect

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Negri/Tronti/Federici – The Social Factory

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Horizon of Production
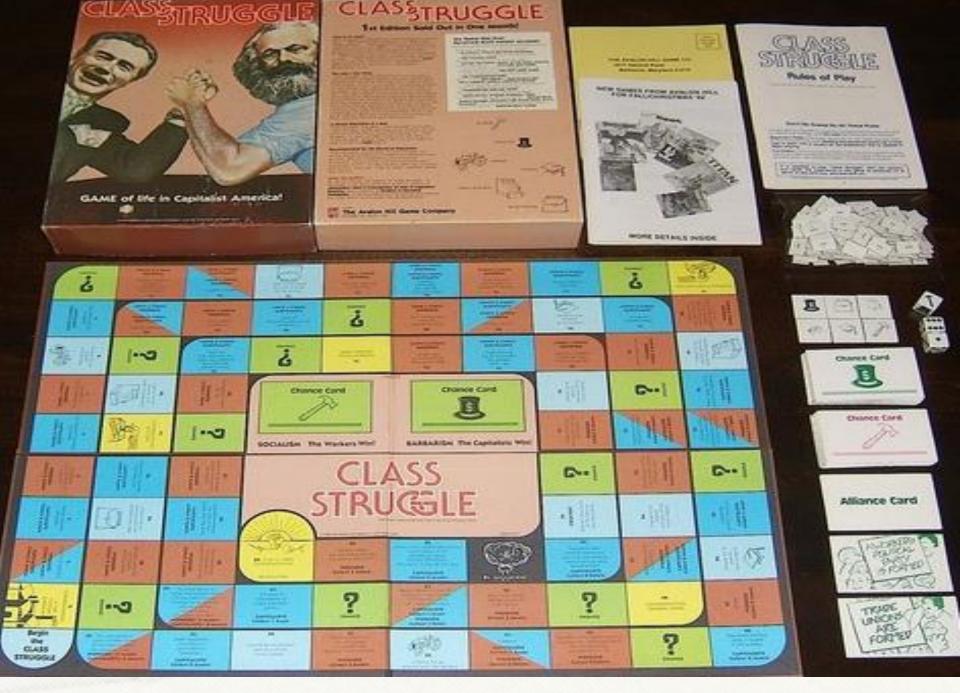
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LIS must ground social factory concept in political economy

Horizon of Communicative Speech

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Habermas – Communication Towards Mutual Understanding

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Normative Ideal

The Framework as a Guide to Action

Contradictions

- Public sphere premised on non-market relations

- What economic polices to produce robust/inclusive public spaces in late capitalist liberal democracies?

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Libraries employ citizens to build public info commons

Research into online communicative exchange

Continue to preserve the local and idiosyncratic

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Expand role in tech access and training

Support universal basic income

Critically examine online initiatives based on systematic debate and reflections about normative democratic goals

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