



Ecological Balance

PROUT's ecological philosophy seeks a balanced relationship between society, the economy, and the natural world. Humans are not superior to other living beings; they are a part of the larger community of life and live in an interdependent web of living beings. PROUT therefore recognize the Rights of Nature as a constitutional decree.



Integrated Social Change

PROUT theory is not just a tool to analyze and understand the world, but also to change it. Integrated social change means to build a society where every individual can fulfill his or her potential--physical, mental and spiritual. PROUT thus envisions a society where everyone's basic needs and human rights are ensured, where there is coordinated cooperation among individuals and social groups, and where a new model of prosperity based on inner peace and happiness is the true measure of social progress.

For an analysis of the current economic and environmental crises from a PROUT perspective, please visit:

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Commendations for PROUT

"Alternative visions are crucial at this moment in history. PROUT's co-operative model of economic democracy, based on cardinal human values and sharing of the planet for the welfare of everyone, deserves our serious consideration."

Noam Chomsky

Professor of Linguistics at MIT, Autor, Social Critic

"PROUT is very important for grass roots groups and for all who yearn for a liberation which starts from economics and opens to the totality of personal and social human existence."

Leonardo Boff

Founder of Liberation Theology

"[This] theory is far superior to Adam Smith's or that of Karl Marx."

Johan Galtung

Founder UN institute of Peace Studies

"As PROUT advises, the best use of developmental finance is to develop cooperatives."

Jaroslav Vanek

Professor Emeritus, Cornell University and
Author of "The Participatory Economy"

"PROUT is an important contribution to rethinking the disastrous course of the current economy and globalization."

Hazel Henderson

Economist, Author of "Beyond Globalization"

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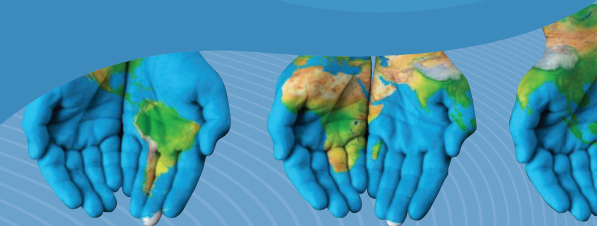
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Need for a new Economy

The data is in, the experts have spoken: the current economic system is unsustainable—both economically and environmentally. Our economic fundamentals have proven to be faulty. We have entered a perfect storm of economic inequality, financial speculation, resource depletion, and environmental destruction. As the Chinese proverb says; if we want to change course, we cannot go in the same direction as we have been going. We must change direction. It's time for economic system change.

The Progressive Utilization Theory (PROUT)

PROUT offers an alternative, socio-economic system that is both people- and planet-centered, both local and global in scope. Rooted in ecology, with a vision of the future beyond both traditional capitalism and socialism, PROUT supports economic democracy, local economies and worker-owned enterprises.

Neo-Humanist Values

The underlying philosophy of PROUT is neo-humanism, a new form of humanism that is inclusive of not only all humans but all living beings. Neo-humanism promotes universal human values, reverence for all life and sees all beings as part of an integrated ecological matrix.

Balance Between Sustainability and Economic Growth

The PROUT economic system focuses on meeting human needs, while at the same time ensuring equity, maintaining long-term resource sustainability and promoting an ever increasing standard of living.

New Economic Structure

This new economy is based on decentralizing and democratizing economic power and a new, three-tiered macro-economy: 1) state or locally owned government industries, 2) worker-owned cooperatives and 3) small scale private enterprises. Economic planning will be decentralized and based on self-sufficiency.

Economic and Political Democracy

Political democracy is not enough. True democracy can only advance where there is local economic control; so PROUT calls for economic democracy. Democracy also requires a well-educated electorate and political leaders with high ethical standards.