MICHEL BAUWENS

Michel Bauwens is the founder of the Foundation for Peer-to-Peer Alternatives (P2P Foundation) http://p2pfoundation.net/ and http://www.scoop.it/t/the-p2p-daily and works in collaboration with a global group of researchers in exploring peer production, peer governance, peer property, the collaborative economy, and the Commons.

He is a world-renowned Peer-to-Peer theorist, academic and a writer, researcher and conference speaker on the subject of new technology, digital media, culture, politics, governance and social and economic innovation. He travels extensively giving master classes and public lectures on the open, free, participatory, sharing and commons-oriented modes of human cooperation and on P2P and the Commons as emergent paradigms and the opportunities they present to move towards a post-capitalist world.

Michel is a member of the Board of the Union of International Associations (Brussels), advisor to Ouishare (Paris) and Shareable magazine (San Francisco), to Zumbara Time Bank (Istanbul) and ShareLex.

He functions as the Chair of the Technology / ICT working group, Hangwa Forum (Beijing, Sichuan), to develop economic policies for long-term resilience, including through distributed manufacturing.

Michel is currently Primavera Research Fellow at the University of Amsterdam and external expert at the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences in the Vatican.

He is also scientific advisor to the "Association Les Rencontres du Mont-Blanc, Forum International des Dirigeants de l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire" and on the Advisory Board for the 'Fourth International Conference on Degrowth for Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity'.

He has taught at Payap University and Dhurakij Pandit University's International College, as well as IBICT, Rio de Janeiro.

Michel writes exclusive editorials for Al Jazeera English and Open Democracy.

He is listed #82, on the Post-Carbon Institute (En)Rich list, http://enrichlist.org/the-list/

In 2014, Michel was Research Director of the FLOK Society 'Social Knowledge Economy' project for the government of Ecuador. This major initiative produced the first integrated Commons Transition Plan with fifteen associated policy papers. One version of the plan is available at http://en.wiki.floksociety.org/w/Research_Plan

In January 2015 CommonsTransition.org was launched and builds on the work of the FLOK Society and features newly revised and updated, non-region specific versions of these policy documents. Commons Transition promotes a society of the Commons that enables a more egalitarian, just, and environmentally stable world.

He is a founding member of the Commons Strategies Group, with Silke Helfrich and David Bollier, organising major global conferences on the commons and economics. http://commonsandeconomics.org

His recent book 'To Save the World - Towards a Post Capitalist Society with P2P' is based on a series of interviews with Jean Lievens, originally published in Dutch in 2014 it has since been translated and published in French with an English language publication expected in the near future.
http://www.samkinsley.com/2015/03/31/to-save-the-world-preface-by-bernard-stiegler-for-michel-bauwens-new-book/

Michel is co-author with Vasilis Kostakis of 'Network Society and Future Scenarios for a Collaborative Economy' published by Palgrave Pivot in 2014.
http://p2pfoundation.net/Network_Society_and_Future_Scenarios_for_a_Collaborative_Economy

He also was the lead writer and researcher for Orange Labs of the major innovation publication 'A Synthetic Overview of the Collaborative Economy'.
http://p2pfoundation.net/Synthetic_Overview_of_the_Collaborative_Economy

In his first business career, Michel worked for USIA, British Petroleum, Riverland Publications, Belgacom, and created two internet start-ups, respectively on intranet / extranets (E-Com) and interactive marketing (KyberCo), which were sold to Alcatel and Tagora Holdings.

Michel currently lives in Chiang Mai, Thailand

For a summary of our P2P approach see here at http://blog.p2pfoundation.net/open-design-communities-entrepreneurial-coalitions-and-the-partner-state/2009/09/04

Michel collaborates with a network of p2p researchers in academia, sharing their findings in the P2P Foundation Wiki, and through 7 conferences since 2006:

- Special focus on research on the "peer production" practices that were pioneered in the free software and open source communities and businesses, i.e. value creation through shared knowledge, shared code, and shared design (open hardware and distributed manufacturing). This is done through a focus on special wiki sections on peer production, peer governance, and peer property (new licensing types) - see research on the governance of open source communities: http://p2pfoundation.net/Category:Governance and http://p2pfoundation.net/Category:Peergovernance; see research on the emerging shared design and making practices: http://p2pfoundation.net/Category:Design and http://p2proundation.net/Category:Manufacturing

- Special focus on research on open business models, collaborative innovation practices (co-creation, co-design) and commons-oriented economic models - see research on open business models in knowledge publishing, free software and open hardware at http://p2pfoundation.net/Category:Business_Models

He focuses on business models that are based on shared code or design, i.e. free software / open business models; on forms of innovation that are based on dialogue with user communities (open innovation, co-creation, co-design), and on business models deriving from user-generated content.

- Special focus on commons-oriented policy making and governance - see research section on the commons at http://p2pfoundation.net/Category:Commons and on policy developments, at http://p2pfoundation.net/Category:Policy

Michel also focuses on establishing a new relationship between state, private sector and civil society, in which new forms of enterprise integrates externalities, and align themselves to communities that become the core of value creation, and new forms of practices for the state and public authorities which "enable and empowers the creation of value by civil society", i..e. a Partner State approach.

See links to Michel Bauwens on-line videos and papers below:

Michel Bauwens' compelling vision of an emerging peer-to-peer, social value, common-ist political economy is outlined in 'Peer to Peer Production and the Coming of the Commons'
http://www.redpepper.org.uk/the-coming-of-the-commons/

Short Video (prezi) presentation on 'Everything Open and Free'
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7XkMYPzsYk&feature=share

Short Video presentation on 'P2P Politics: The Grand Coalition of The Commons'
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tj72CWhK-k

Manifesto (summary) on 'The Political Economy of Peer Production (a Commons-based Political Economy and Civilisation)'
http://www.ctheory.net/articles.aspx?id=499

Essay on 'The Next Buddha Will Be a Collective: Spiritual Expression in the Peer-to-Peer Era'
http://p2pfoundation.net/Next_Buddha_Will_Be_A_Collective

Video of 'Peer to Peer Innovation' presentation to WSA Design School's Global Futures series
http://av.vimeo.com/06474/234/90436608.mp4?token=1344842568_6091aa8dcf45550364ee0ca618a5db3e

Longer Video Conference KeyNote Presentation on 'Open Source Culture'
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=WvcK_Obswdg

Seminal Essay on 'P2P and Human Evolution'
http://62.210.98.10/IMG/P2PandHumanEvolV2.pdfToby