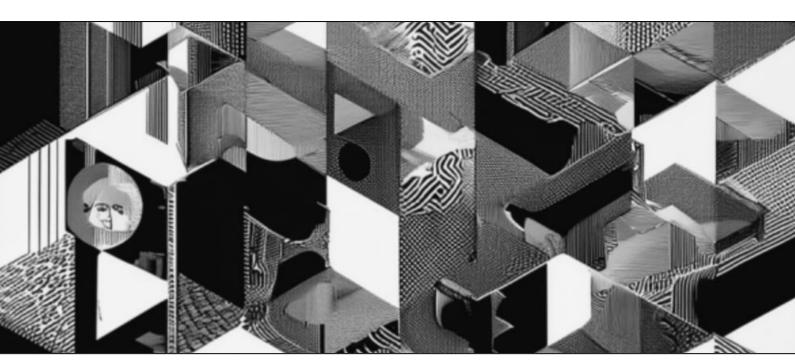# EXPLORING COORDI-NATIONS & NETWORK SOVEREIGNTIES

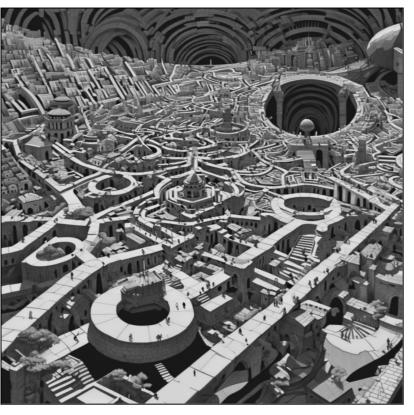## RESEARCH WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC CONFERENCE

17-27 JUNE 2024
HEALDSBURG, CA

The traditional concept of "sovereignty," once seen as a quality exclusive to nation-states, is changing. Thanks to advancements in digital technology, particularly in new decentralized technologies, we are moving towards more dynamic, inclusive, and network-driven governance models. This shift has been referred to as the emergence of Network Sovereignties, which include innovative concepts like Network States and Coordi-nations.

From 17-27 June 2024, a group of thinkers and practitioners will convene in Healdsburg, CA, for an intensive workshop exploring how commons-based approaches can be applied to the development of Coordi-nations. The workshop will be held in the framework of Edge Esmeralda, a month-long pop-up village dedicated to exploring the intersection of cutting-edge technologies and new regenerative ways of living. This initiative is organized by Edge City, an organization born out of the Zuzalu ecosystem that convenes people working at the frontiers of tech, science, and society in popup villages across the globe.

WHAT ARE COORDI-NATIONS?

Coordi-nations are network sovereignties that enhance global collaboration and self-governance through information and communication technologies. Contrary to other examples of network sovereignties, such as Network States, Coordi-nations don't seek to replace nation-states. Rather, they prioritize participatory governance and decentralized decision-making in a self-contained domain that exists **parallel** to the state. This approach reimagines "nations" in a digital context and leverages modern tech to reimagine sovereignty beyond the confines of the monopoly of the use of force over delimited territories.

GOALS OF THE EVENT

The **workshop's goal** is to cement a **community of practice** among innovative thinkers and builders who aspire to redefine sovereignty in the digital age. This workshop will be the breeding ground for a collaborative ecosystem where collective strategies are developed to prototype and implement Coordi-nations. Each session will come with a moderator, timekeeper, and notetaker. We encourage participants to adopt the "yes, and…." communication strategy.

Participants will build on the learnings and insights gathered during the **first edition of the Coordi-nations workshop** at Zuzalu in May 2023 and the research conducted on the topic in the year since.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Analyzing the networks of communities that emerged from Zuzalu, including Edge City.

2. Elaborating an operational framework and plan for turning the Zuzalu "archipelago" into a Coordi-nation. This includes developing a strategic and tactical approach to mutualize resources and engage in collective action amongst the different spin-offs.

3. Implementing the insights at the event's next edition, which will take place in Thailand from October to November 2024.

How is the workshop structured?

The workshop will gather 20-30 selected participants, including "residents" of Edge Esmeralda and "visitors" traveling solely for this event, some of whom also participated in the first edition of the Coordi-nations workshop.

The main event is divided into a series of sub-events, including:
- 1 day-long onboarding session
- 3-days intensive workshop
- 1 weekend of fun and leisure activities
- 1 day-long public conference
- 1 day-long public workshop for collective scheming
- 2-day-long internal session for debriefing and documentation

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

JUNE 16	ARRIVAL
JUNE 17-20	**INTERNAL WORKSHOP**
JUNE 17	**ONBOARDING SESSION** Review the Coordi-Nations and Network Sovereignties theoretical frameworks developed in May 2023 at Zuzalu. • Identify the operational requirements for implementing Coordi-nations: technical tools, legal frameworks, and governance structures. • Distribution of Network Sovereignties survey
19:00 - 21:00	**EVENING HANG OUT @ GOVERNANCE GAMES HQ** 332 East Street
JUNE 18	**TECHNICAL TOOLS** Identification of existing or required solutions for: • Identity management • Treasury management • Resource mutualization • Interweaving of networks
19:00 - 21:00	**EVENING HANG OUT @ GOVERNANCE GAMES HQ** 332 East Street
JUNE 19	**GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS** • Development of new governance models for collective resource management. • Investigating polycentric governance mechanisms for Coordi-nations which foster collective actions while simultaneously preserving their integrity and sovereignty.
19:00 - 21:00	**EVENING HANG OUT @ GOVERNANCE GAMES HQ** 332 East Street
JUNE 20	**LEGAL FRAMEWORK** Design of "legal exclosures" for Coordi-nations to coexist with nation-states. • Elaboration of strategic frameworks to guide the establishment of relationships with existing nation-states, as well as international or supranational organizations. • Exploration of risks and bottlenecks: legal recognition, enforceability of rules, relationships with traditional legal jurisdictions.
19:00 - 21:00	**EVENING HANG OUT @ GOVERNANCE GAMES HQ** 332 East Street
The internal workshop will be split into 4 daily sessions:	

9:00 - 12:30:	Presentations, plenaries, and brainstorming sessions.
12:30 - 14:00:	*Lunch break*
14:00- 16:00:	Break-outs to synthesize, produce, and document ideas
16:00 - 17:00:	Reconvene for all groups to share their insights
17:00 - 19:00:	*Dinner break*
19:00 - 23:00:	Extitutional space for brainstorming, whiteboarding, etc.

The internal workshop will result in a comprehensive operational framework and a tactical plan, with special emphasis on the Zuzalu archipelago's specific needs and opportunities.

JUNE 21-22-23	**OFFSITE** On June 21st, the EdgeCity team will organize an offsite, taking people on an adventure out of town. Everyone is welcome to join.
JUNE 24	**PUBLIC CONFERENCE** This segment aims to share the workshop's findings, engage the broader community in meaningful dialogue, and gather constructive feedback to refine and advance the collective understanding of Network Sovereignties. We will share the workshop's outcomes through panels, presentations, and interactive workshops to engage the broader community.

JUNE 25	**HYPERSTITION DAY**
	 During the hyperstition day, we will craft a step-by-step action plan to evolve proto-Network Sovereignties into fully formed entities. We will establish a tailored strategy to shape and grow the Zuzalu/ Edge City archipelago.
	   – Still a public conference
	   – Invite people to reflect on their projects in the context of coordi-nations.
	   –

JUNE 26-27	**INTERNAL DEBRIEF & DOCUMENTATION** Finally, we will reconvene in a private event to share our insights and experiences emerging during the workshop and finalize the relevant documentation.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

Coordi-nations:

- [Coordi-nations: A New Institutional Structure for Global Cooperation](#) – Introductory Medium Post (Recommended!)
- Zuzalu 2023 Coordi-Nations Public Conference Videos
  Theoretical:
    - [The Coordi-Nations Recipe](#) (Recommended!)
    - [The Rise of Coordi-Nations](#) (Recommended!)
      [The Economics of Coordi-Nations as a Post-capitalist system](#)
    - [Civilizational transitions and the role of the commons in cosmolocalism](#)
    - [Alternative Justice system](#)
  Empirical:
    - [Embassy Network, Feytopia, Moos](#)
    - [Indigenous Self- Determination](#)
    - [Intentional Communities](#)
    - [Intentional Communities](#)
  Technical:
    - [Smart Treaties](#)
    - [Identity & Citizenships](#)

- Lightning talk on [Coordi-Nations](#) at Plurality Conference
- [Creating a Coordi-Nation](#) (GreenPill episode)

Network Sovereignties:

- Sofia Cossar et al. (2024) [Network Sovereignties Ontological Framework](#) (Recommended!)
- Primavera De Filippi (2024) [New Network Sovereignties: the rise of non-territorial states?](#) (Recommended!)
- Vitalik Buterin (2024) [Network sovereignties are at least four different concepts in one category](#)
- Michel Bauwens (2024) [Network Sovereignties in the Context of Macrohistorical Patterns](#)
- Nathan Schneider (2024) [Notes on Old Religion for New Network Sovereigns](#)
- The Blockchain Socialist ft. Primavera De Filippi (2023-2024) [Overthrowing the Network State Podcast Series](#)
- [Summaries and Insights from the OTNS podcast (Episodes 1-6)](#)
- Sara Horowitz (2022) [The Mutualist Ethic: Planting the Saplings for the Tree of Mutualism](#)
- P2P Foundation collection of [Alternative to States Approaches](#)

EDGE ESMERALDA

Healdsburg Community Center

Big John's Market

Plank Coffee Healdsburg

Serendipity Lane (Bike Path)

- Hotel Trio Healdsburg
- The Lodge at Healdsburg
- Best Western Dry Creek Inn

Craftwork Healdsburg

- H2Hotel
- Harmon Guest House

Raven Performing Arts Theater

Paul Mahder Gallery

HEALDSBURG