The Trifurcation of the Labor Markets in the Networked, Knowledge-Driven, Global Economy and the Probable Foundations of Sustainabilism

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Keynote Overview:
This presentation will start with an introduction to the new, networked, knowledge-driven, global economy. This will be followed with the conjecture that we currently have (or are about to have) three autonomous markets for labor that are driven by different market dynamics and mechanisms. The three markets are identified as: routine labor, skilled labor, and talent. Each one of the markets will be discussed including future trends, issues and remedies. The presentation will continue with describing the dissimilar dynamics of the three labor markets and suggesting that legislating, conducting monetary and fiscal policies that treat them as one labor market could (and probably already does) causes more harm than good. This part will conclude with a possible research framework of the three labor markets. The presentation of the new paradigm will begin with discussing of the premises framing the study of economics and will focus on the role of law in the economy. Afterward, the presentation will suggest the addition of a new model of humans that should serve as the base for the concept of law, the *homo sustainabiliticus*. Next, an advanced definition of human and other forms of capital using information, energy and entropy will be introduced. Ensuing this discussion and consistent with the newly proposed definition of capital, a proposal for a new currency (“new gold”) will be offered as the building block for the new sustainabilistic economy.

Main Topics:
- New knowledge-driven economy
- Trifurcation of labor markets
- Intellectual capital
- Information, Energy, Entropy and “New Gold”
- *Homo Sustainabiliticus* and Sustainabilism

About the Keynote Presenter:
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