



### ***Postindustrial 8 : the Mechanisms of Post-Industrial Society***

*(Read this diagram from left to right)*

- A-** *Our society will adapt to the transformations underway in function of the quantity and quality of the information provided to the citizens. Processed in the Internet 2 environment, some of the information will become meaningful knowledge and some of that meaningful knowledge will generate new opinions, attitudes and beliefs.*
- B-** *According to today's issues, the actors in the societal, economic and political layers will react via their domains of governmental responsibilities, production-consumption or social action.*
- C-** *The political class is a power structure which manages societal development and which uses as its main tool the law and regulation ; whereas the economic class is a power structure which manages profitability and whose main tool is money ; and civil society is a power structure which manages peoples' daily lives and whose main tool is opinion, shaped by participation in the decision-making and dynamics of daily life. Consensus must be negotiated between these three sources of power.*

*Today's current crisis (and those yet to come) develop because the power relationships are akimbo, out of balance. Today the balance of power is skewed towards the economic elite, and it is suffocating the other two. The current crises can be mitigated or resolved through the development and action of a more powerful and dynamic civil society.*

*The international institutions (dotted in the schema) should be exist to coordinate the actions of nations in the context of globalisation.*

- D-** *Consensus will render post-industrial society more transnational, interwoven and mobile.*