

Some Questions

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Agency and Incentives – what happens to them?

- Rational choice / human action as a priori basis for economic explanation (a kind of algorithm)
- What to replace it with? (new kinds of algorithm?)
- What are the boundaries of agency – where is it?
- New incentive concepts?

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Commons Based Peer Production – are the hackers right?

- Commons based peer production
- Incentives – intrinsic v. extrinsic
- Techno-social networking tools: new decentralised mechanisms for coordination / info. signalling different from “market” price
- P2P money / lending / banking
- Can we abstract mechanisms similar to “markets” – group selection?

Evolutionary models – crude metaphor or new paradigm?

- Everyone likes evolutionary approaches (it gives us an algorithm – think of Dennett)
- But is it more than a crude metaphor – if not when what IS evolving in social systems?
- What different kinds of evolutionary models can be abstracted and where are they applicable?
- Why did the meme abstraction die out?