New Face of Globalisation
Digital Economy and Industry 4.0

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Digital Revolution - it’s political

Digital Revolution(s) are made by humans – thus open for contestations – social construction – nothing objective about it

Capitalism is basis for rise of xenophobic parties in the “West” and religious fundamentalism in parts of Global South – so what will Digital Revolution do?
Digital Revolution = Power

147 companies, 6 universities, 46 scientific projects
300 million euros invested in the last 5 years (€ 100 million of which alone in the projects)

This cluster dominates 75% of the worldwide electronic connector market

Never heard before of „Ostwestfalen Lippe“? Centre of German Industry 4.0
Suchen Sie unten in den Foliennotizen nach Themen, über die Sie sprechen könnten.
Digital Revolution = strengthening imperialistic submission?

Index of production for manufacturing
2007=100 - 3 months moving averages (Eurostat)

Digital Revolution = next wave of capitalistic reconstruction?

What is needed for them:
1. Free flow of data
2. Storage around the world
3. Copyright
4. Intellectual Property
Digital Revolution = Strengthening the working class?

- Post-Capitalistic society?
- Profit generation in the digital era? (Paul Mason)
- 3-D Printer?
- Economic citizenship, autonomy, cooperatives?