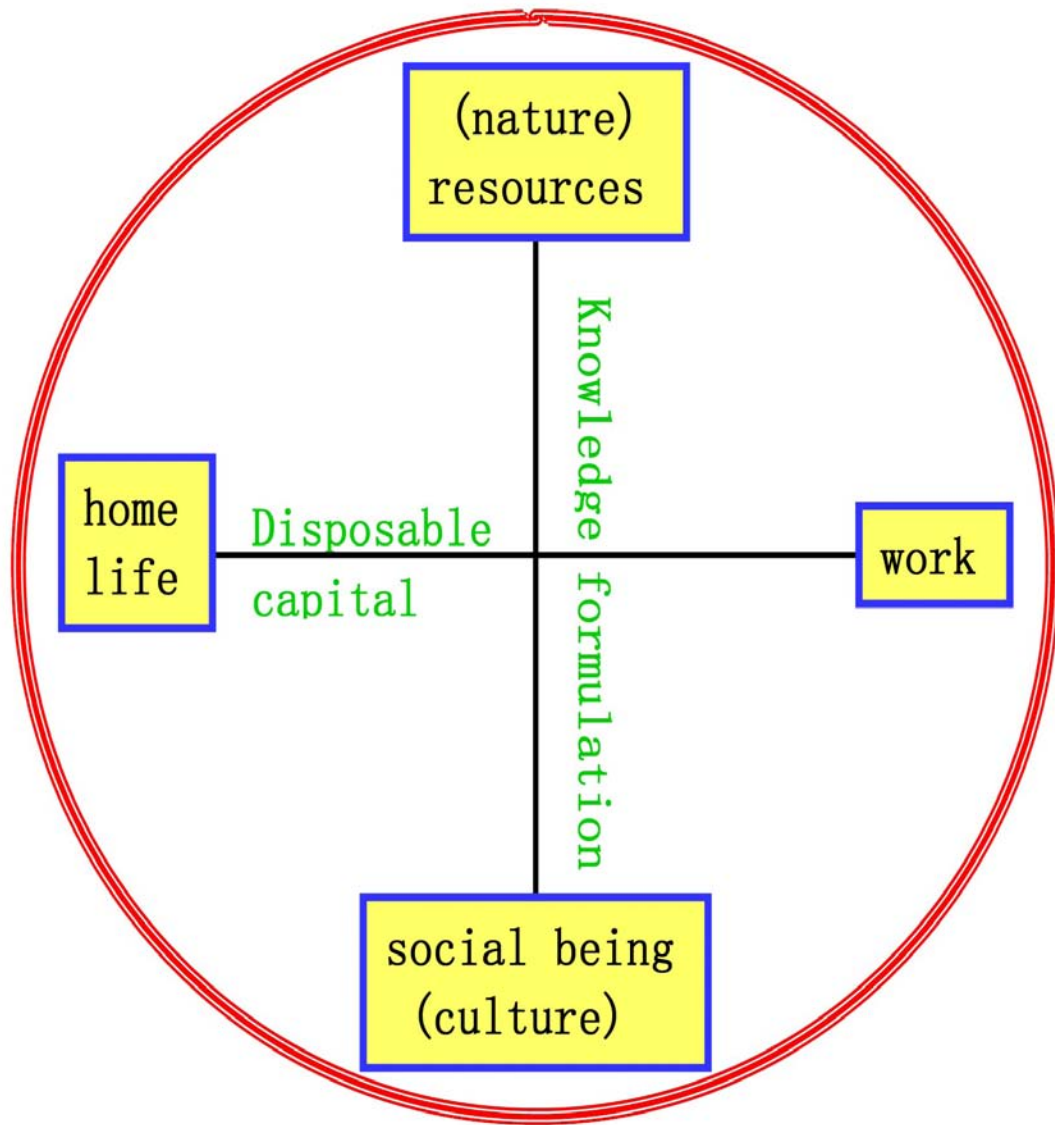


Knowledge formulation and disposable capital



The figure above was created in 1982. It was the answer to a question that I have been asking for years. These are aspects that will remain as long as human beings will keep living on Earth. If humans destroy themselves it will not be relevant. But if they decide to protect life and to care about their common future they will always need to take a position on these aspects and conditions...

The horizontal axis has occurred within the last few centuries, providing human freedom and

development. Because of a selfish Western mentality it has appeared as a protection against the poor countries, and today the gap between the rich and the poor world is increasing...

This summer I went three weeks to India where the social inequalities are much bigger than in my part of the world. More than 10% of the population lives beyond the poverty line. Some of them are living in the streets, sleeping there at night...

About knowledge formulation

Another important question rises: What is the purpose in education? What should children or grownups learn? Education in the West does not itself make people responsible. During education they often neglect caring for each other and for nature. The trend in the West is narcissism: Education is about getting the best marks in stead of being wiser. Knowledge about life does not necessary occur by sitting in a classroom six hours or more every day, and afterwards watching TV at home another six hours.

Amartya Sen, winner of the Nobel Price for Economics, claims that raising the literary rate is almost as important as raising per-capita incomes. His concern is the poor countries where education is a matter of learning in a structured way, in stead of working in the field. Sen emphasizes that development involves caretaking. You need to be aware of the consequences. And you need to evaluate. How is the quality of new conquests, including the quality of the education system?...

Natural disasters

By manipulating nature without considering the consequences natural disasters have occurred over the last century, erosion, floods, the greenhouse effect, just to mention a few. Previously humans found a refuge with religion, because there was no logical explanation possible. Today it will frequently be possible to seek an obvious causal connection, and to find those responsible...



