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**Global Direct** <http://GlobalDirect.today>

Artwork by Paolo Cirio

The artwork *Global Direct* is a visionary political philosophy promoting global participatory democracy driven by information technology and the failure of current primitive political systems.

To illustrate the conceptual work the artist has drawn a series of fifteen organograms for initiating a program for global direct democracy.

<http://GlobalDirect.today/program>

These creative diagrams are informed by research in contemporary and emergent forms of democracy which the artist conducted and integrates as part of the artwork. Furthermore, the artist promotes *Global Direct* through designing a political poster campaign to popularize its visions.

<http://GlobalDirect.today/campaign>

Akin to a traditional political campaign, posters are disseminated throughout public walls in several cities and consistently feature the campaign's political symbol beside each slogan. In the poster, a clear sky visually represents a bright future full of new possibilities above the clouds. The slogans advocate for direct global democracy and the poster's ambiguous style of communication pique people's curiosity and thus direct them to the project's website.

*Global Direct* researches in pursuit of a new advanced version of democracy, where everyone can take part in local and global governance, justice, and economy. For this new political civilization, *Global Direct* aims to inspire new protocols, procedures, and policies that can cope with the social complexity, crises, and speed of contemporary life. These issues are addressed in the artist's theoretical essay.

<http://GlobalDirect.today/about>

The artwork *Global Direct* is maintained and fully presented on the website <http://GlobalDirect.today> which offers information regarding emergent democracy and promotes this ambitious political movement with a recognizable political symbol, slogans, and programs. Through the website, everyone can suggest slogans for *Global Direct* which will be later published online and onto printed posters.

Combining multiple voices and ideas about alternative modes of advanced participatory and global democracy, the documentation on the website includes academic publications, links to organizations, and articles that influenced the creation of the project.

<http://GlobalDirect.today/today>

As part of its documentary component, the artist produced over ten video statements by visionaries close to the ideas promoted by Global Direct. The collection of short video statements are available on the website, offering a compelling overview of the potentials of an ideal society.

<http://GlobalDirect.today/statements>

The website also presents the artist's research into social sciences for comparing the political structures of several countries, which are presented through many charts that diagram different governmental functions and features.

<http://GlobalDirect.today/yesterday>

Through this painstaking investigation the artist was able to analyze common and specific mechanics of contemporary governance and reassemble them with new organograms drawn in order to suggest the creative political alternative proposed by the project.

The fifteen diagrams created for the project are presented via large prints as an installation for art galleries. Each print indicates a single area of governance and social structure.

<http://paolocirio.net/work/global-direct/#pics>

The diagrams are also presented together on the website and distributed in printed leaflets as interconnected networks of conceptual maps that influence one other in a feedback loop for a fair, self-governing global society. [http://globaldirect.today/press/GD-DIAGRAMS-PDF/0\\_global\\_direct-networked\\_governance.pdf](http://globaldirect.today/press/GD-DIAGRAMS-PDF/0_global_direct-networked_governance.pdf)

These diagrams drawn by the artists are the core of the artwork, describing the political program of *Global Direct*, as the ultimate utopic vision, directly inspired by the multiple perspectives found through research on prevailing political systems, theories, and alternative ideas about advanced forms of democracy.

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