



## Communitas

Utopia means that humanity reaches global harmony. It requires the resolution of a paradox.

Human cultures should be able to maintain their profound diversity but we need to avoid culture clashes that lead to war, intolerance, iconoclasm, and feelings of insecurity.

Individuals should be able to develop and express themselves freely but without becoming selfish rogues that disregard community values.

Art and other forms of representation-making are essential in creating Utopia because they foster an individual's development of a rich self and allow a community to coordinate their views and share values. But everybody must be allowed to be both a producer and interpreter of representations and be tolerant to diversity. In between the interstices of cultures, a spirit of communitas must emerge out of which new communities can dynamically self-organise or in which they can dissolve.

The Communitas project is an experiment to establish a liminal state of communitas through collective representation-making. It is based on hand-held devices and wireless peer-to-peer networks which bypass the political and economic structures that have always attempted to constrain it. It allows anyone to participate in the creation, propagation and commenting of representations as an exercise towards reaching Utopia.

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