

In Partnership with Events at Expo 2025

## **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

Days on Safety, Health & Well-being for All

Expo & Intex - Osaka, Kansai, Japan 16 to 19 July 2025

Global Crises, Youth and Education: Innovative Approaches to Risk, Resilience and Resonance





### Resonance as a Source of Resilience for Adolescents and Adults

**Hartmut Rosa**, professor for theoretical sociology Friedrich Schiller University, Jena Max Weber Center, Erfurt









### Outline

I The Situation: Dynamic Stabilization

II The Problem: A Mode of Aggression

III The Risk: Alienation and Burnout

IV The Solution: Resonance

V The Precondition: Vulnerability





## I. The Situation: Dynamic Stabilization



#### Definition:

A society can be called *modern* when its *mode of stabilization is dynamic*, i.e: when it systematically requires (material) growth, (technological) acceleration and (cultural) innovation to reproduce its structure and to maintain the institutional status quo.





# II. The Problem: Being Socialized into a Mode of Aggression

- Education ,produces' subjects which accelerate, innovate, achieve growth
- Mode of interaction = competition
- Logic of parametric optimization: Measurable, comparable and improvable skills, states, achievements
- Dominant mode of approaching the world (of people, things and interactions) = Mode of aggression
- Aggression towards nature: ,Heating up the atmosphere
- Aggression towards socio-political opponents: "Burn them"
- Auto-Aggression: "Burn-out"





### III The Risk: Alienation

#### Alienation:

- A distortion in the mode of relating to the world
- A failure to appropriate the world (cf. Jonathan Haidt, The Anxious Generation).
- A relationship without (true) relation:
  Feeling un-connected to one's past or future and disconnected from people, places, things, body
- → The world is experienced as cold, bleak, grey, indifferent, deaf; and the self is experienced in the same way.
- Paradigmatic symptom: Depression or burnout
- Lack of meaning (affection), Lack of power (self efficacy; SE)





### IV The Solution: Resonance

#### **Definition:**

Resonance is a mode of being in/relating to the world marked by

- a) af ← fection: Feeling truly moved, touched by something; feeling, called upon'
- b) e motion (self-efficacy): Being capable of reaching out, answering
- c) Transformation: "After that, I was a different person"
- d) essential un-predictability (,Unverfügbarkeit')
  - 1) You cannot ensure it will happen
  - 2) You cannot predict its outcome
- → Basic requirement: Trust





## V The Precondition: Vulnerability

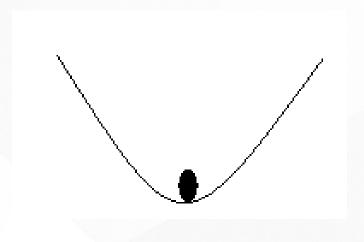
### **Preconditions for a Self in Resonance:**

- Physical / neurological: The case of autism
- Temporal: Scarcity of Time = Resonance Killer
- Spatial: The bunker vs. the forest; classroom
- Social: Fear, Competition and Stress: Resonance Killers
- Psychological: Allowing for Vulnerability
  - a) Guitar Model of the Self: open enough to get affected, closed enough to sound in its own voice
  - b) Capacity to be touched and transformed in a non-controllable way
  - c) Trust in Self-Efficacy
  - d) Beyond the mode of aggression/optimization





# Thank you for your resonance!





In Partnership with Events at Expo 2025

## **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

Days on Safety, Health & Well-being for All

Expo & Intex - Osaka, Kansai, Japan 16 to 19 July 2025

