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*Questioning is the ability to organize our thinking
around what we don't know*

– The Right Question Institute

Formulating the Oslo Questions

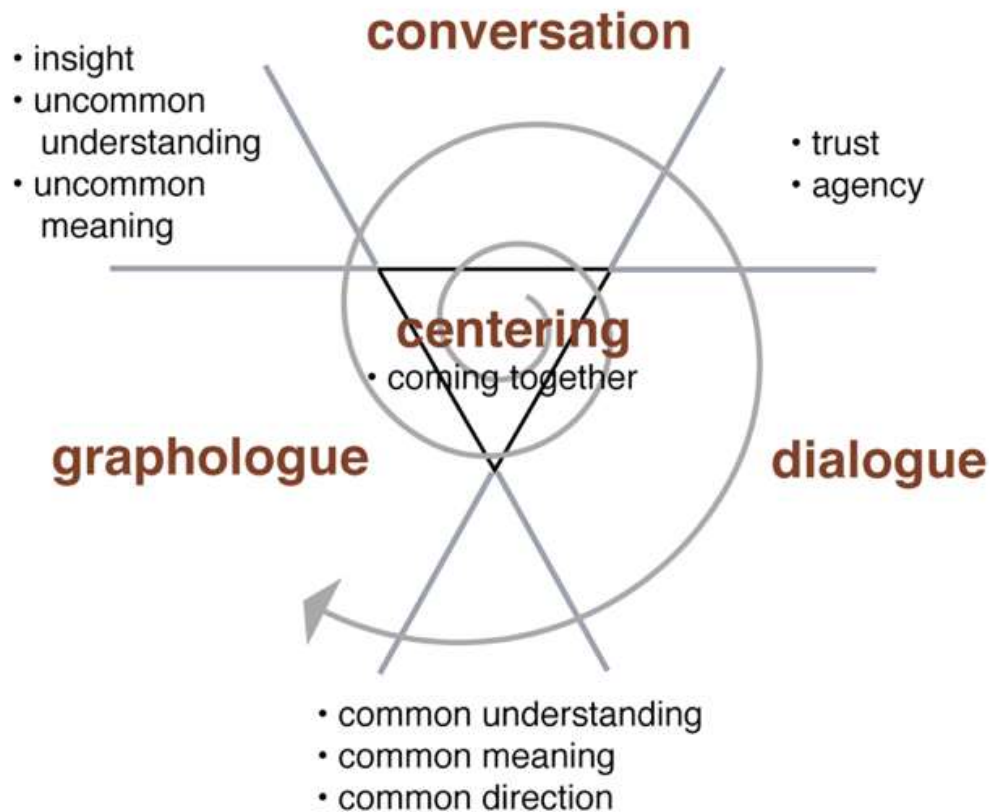
- A shared inquiry into the nature of the inter-relationship between systemics and design
- The goal is to formulate well-formed questions to guide future inquiry

An Exemplar: <http://edge.org>

To arrive at the edge of the world's knowledge, seek out the most complex and sophisticated minds, put them in a room together, and have them ask each other the questions they are asking themselves.



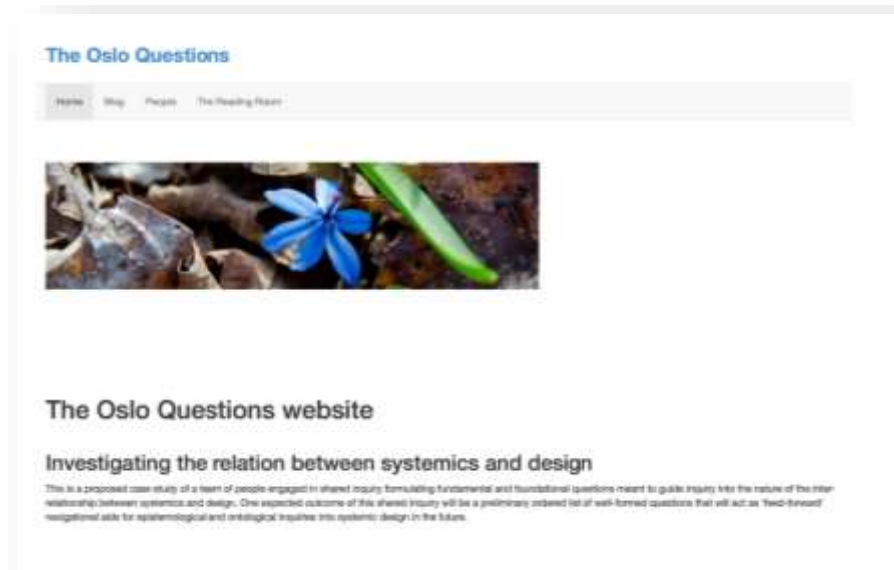
Nelson's model of the self-organizing team



Can this be accommodated online?

Online Collaborative Tools Used

- Loomio.org
- Google Hangouts
- Google Docs
- Email
- <http://www.osloquestions.net>





What is our shared understanding of systemic design?

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Organizing the Results

A young child with curly brown hair, wearing a blue patterned dress and a purple bracelet, stands on a beach with hands outstretched. The child is looking off to the side with a curious expression. The background is a blurred beach scene.

Why systemic design?

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WHY?

Why do we care about systemic design?

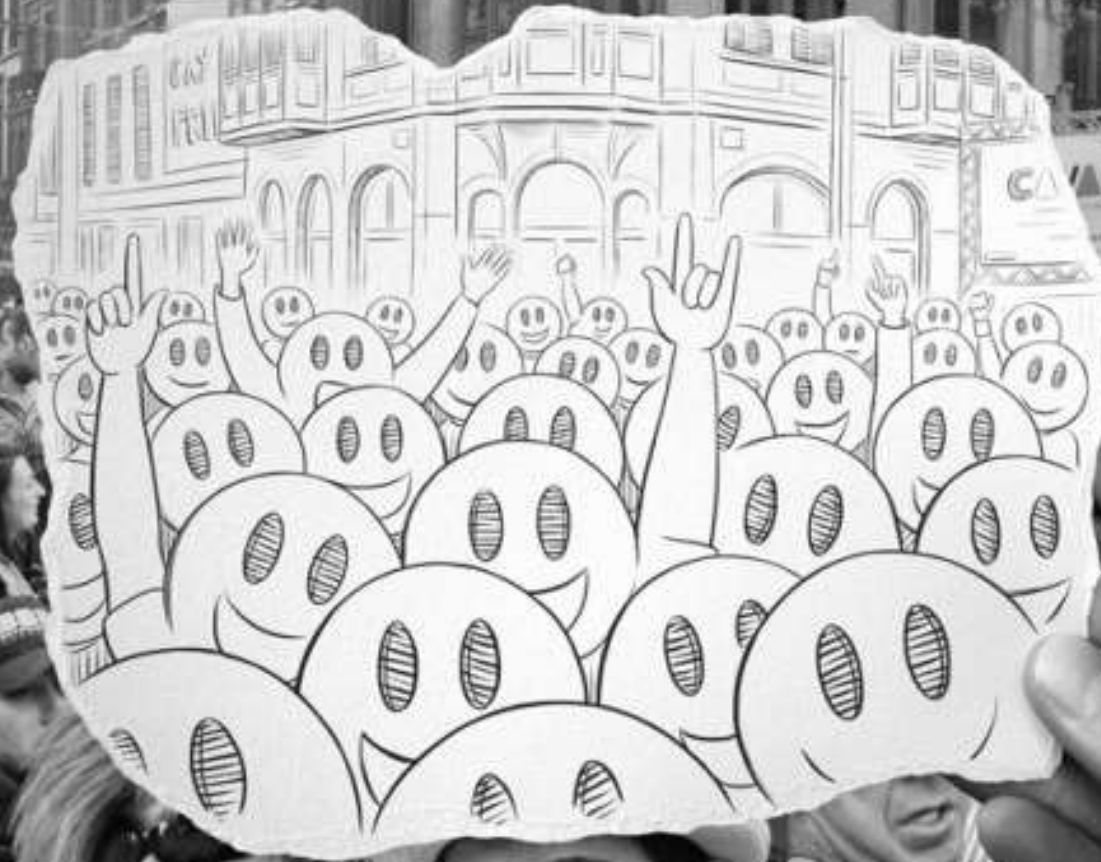
What are the outcomes of systemic design?

What is the higher purpose of systemic design?

What is the value proposition for systemic design?




Who is systemic design for/by?



WHO?

Who/what is systemic design in service of?

Who practices systemic design?



What is systemic design?

What is our shared understanding of systemic design?

How can one recognize systemic design?

What are the boundaries of systemic design?

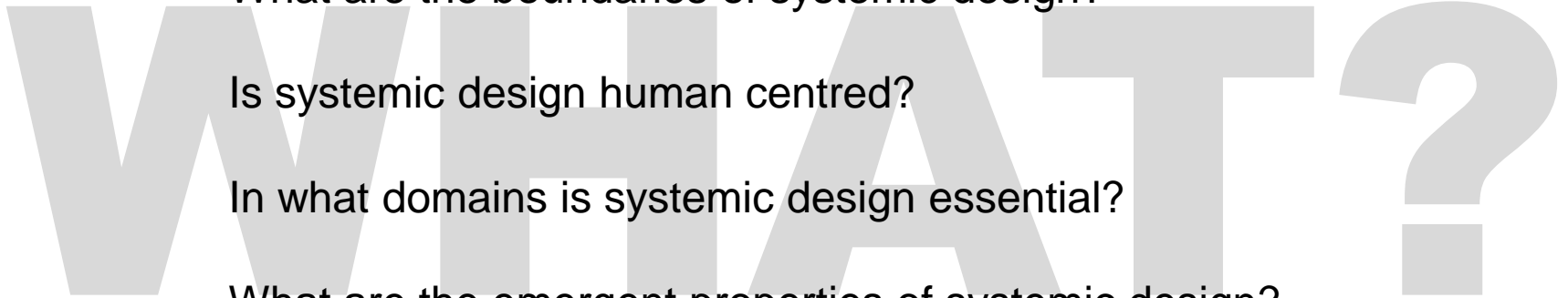
Is systemic design human centred?

In what domains is systemic design essential?

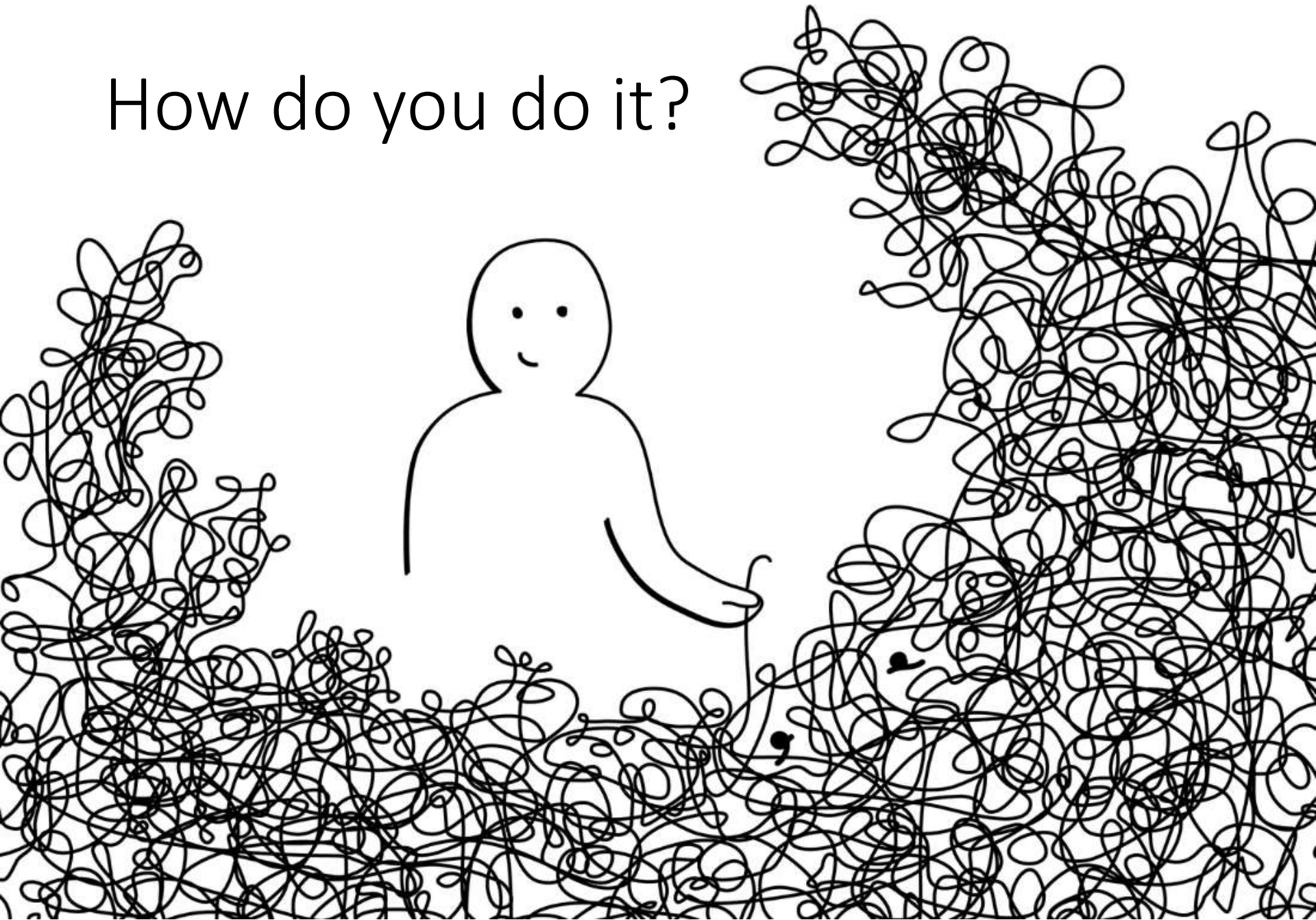
What are the emergent properties of systemic design?

What are the dangers of systemic design?

What grounds and warrants provide valid insight into the question “what is the nature of systemic design?”



How do you do it?



How/when do we know we need to systemically design something?

How does systemic design affect change?

How does systemic design evolve?

How can one learn systemic design?

How should systemic design be evaluated?

HOW?

Compared to what?



Why is the tendency to interpret design in the context of other disciplines?

What are the enemies of systemic design?

What role has design practice in the crystallization of systemic design?

Team Feedback and Reflection

project critique

Date: August 22, 2015 at 12:49:35 AM MDT

To: Harold Nelson

1. Knowing how to contribute...
2. Feeling overwhelmed by intelligence...
3. Multiple platforms and channels for multiple things...
4. Lack of personal connection with group members...
5. Managing commitments and contribution...
6. Unstructured working rhythm...

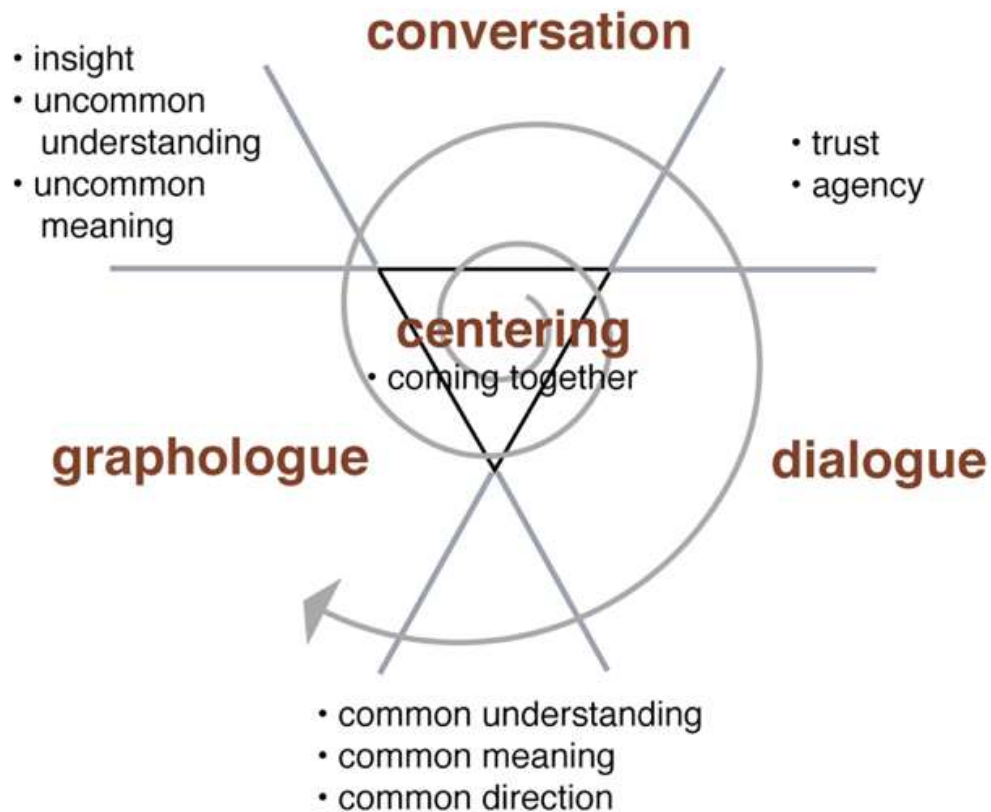
“To be frank, we both felt intimidated by the theoretical high level conversations, and not comfortable with the digital/writing tool as a means for expressing our thoughts & questions.”

GIGA-map of the Oslo Questions



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Summarizing



A Final Question

What
are your
questions?

