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This part is a partial response to the needs of many for new ways of thinking about the complexity of international organization networks – and the networks of problems with which they deal, and the networks of strategies advocated in that process.

There is a major challenge to enable people to obtain greater insight into complex networks of relationships amongst international organizations, world problems, strategies in response to them, human development and human values. The challenge is to compensate for the natural tendency to rely on focused information on urgent issues by enabling people to work with contextual information and configurations of related issues and responses to them.

Representations of non-quantitative relationships and patterns between organizations, problems and strategies are provided in the form of network (spring) maps. Online variants in colour of many of these may also be accessed from the web URLs referenced on individual presentations.

For further explanatory information on displaying complexes of problems, strategies, values and organizations, see Appendix 3: Visualization and patterns.

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