

Part B. Visualizations and patterns

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.

In previous editions of this volume representations of non-quantitative relationships and patterns between organizations, problems and strategies were offered in the form of network (spring) maps. These may be still accessed from the web at <http://www.uia.be/visuals/javagallery.htm>.

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

For this edition, the editors – the Union of International Associations (UIA) – continue to celebrate their centenary by reprinting two of their early publications. Both these documents have been out of print for several decades. Reprinting them is a partial response to the many requests to make the UIA archives available for general use.

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Section 10. Historical review

- 10.1. Atlas de la civilisation universelle: Conception – Organisation – Méthodes de la préparation du Matériel didactique en coopération internationale (Paul Otlet and Anne Oderfeld, 1929)
- 10.2. Freedom of Association: A Study of the Role of International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Development Process of Emerging Countries (James E Knott Jr, 1962)
