The Global Horizon of Contributory Thought: Local Resistance, International Recognition, and the Civilisational Imperative of Dr Neville Buch's MICE Papers

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Abstract

This essay provides a comprehensive analytical synthesis of the leading papers produced by Dr Neville Buch and the Management Institute for Contributory Economy (MICE). Grounded in cognition history, sociology of knowledge, and heterodox economic theory, this paper addresses four critical dimensions: (1) how MICE scholarship encounters entrenched institutional and cultural resistance within Queensland due to Historical Forgetfulness, the anti-intellectual Queensland character myth, and municipal retail governance; (2) how this parochial resistance is destined to rapidly collapse as local elites realize that cutting-edge global knowledge, intellectual authority, and international research collaborations are completely bypassing local gatekeepers and migrating out of Queensland society; (3) the empirical global popularity and reach of Dr

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Buch's scholarship, evidenced by a top 0.1% ranking on Academia.edu, over 780,000 public views across 90 countries, and active engagement with international university delegations such as the Faculty of History at the University of Warsaw; and (4) why the MICE message is of paramount civilisational importance, offering an operational exit from automated algorithmic denoetization through the Triadic Governance Engine, the POLICE diagnostic model, the Contributory Income Scheme, and the restoration of Human Authorship aimed at Aristotelian flourishing (eudaimonia).

1. Introduction: The Intellectual Context of MICE Scholarship

The contemporary global landscape is marked by a profound crisis of purpose, characterized by automated decision-making, credential inflation, and the liquidation of critical human judgment—a state described by continental philosopher Bernard Stiegler and Dr Neville Buch as computational denoetization (Stiegler 2018, p. 2; Buch 2026e, p. 33). Operating from Brisbane, Australia, the Management Institute for Contributory Economy (MICE) —co-founded by independent historian and sociologist of knowledge Dr Neville Buch alongside Dr Neil Peach and Dr Michael Macklin—has developed an extensive body of theoretical and applied scholarship designed to diagnose and remediate these civilisational pathologies (Buch 2026a, p. 1; Buch 2026b, p. 2; Buch 2026e, p. 5).

Dr Buch's leading papers integrate cognition histories, post-post-postmodernist historiography, and public sociology to challenge the dominant paradigms of neoliberal economic rationalism (Buch 2020, p. 4; Buch 2025b, p. 1; Buch 2026c, p. 1). However, as MICE scholarship has matured, it has encountered a striking paradox: while receiving widespread international acclaim and global readership across more than 90 nations, it faces persistent structural friction within its local geographic originating environment in Queensland (Buch 2026d, p. 5; Buch 2026 Communication, p. 1). This essay analyses the roots of this local resistance, the dynamics of its impending collapse, the global popularity of Buch's papers, and the foundational importance of the MICE framework for modern democratic governance.

2. The Cultural and Institutional Mechanics of Resistance in Queensland

The resistance encountered by MICE scholarship in Queensland is rooted in long-standing socio-intellectual dynamics documented across Dr Neville Buch's historiographical research (Buch 2026c, p. 2; Buch 2026d, p. 5; Buch 2026e, p. 103). As illustrated in the MICE diagnostic framework on *Why the MICE Message Faces Resistance in Queensland* , local institutional resistance is sustained by three interconnected structural pillars:

Resistance Factor, Structural Manifestation, Cognitive & Social Consequence

"The ""Queensland Character"" Myth", "Folkish construct depicting citizens as unreflective, anti-intellectual, agrarian pragmatists (Buch 2026d, p. 5; Buch 2026f, p. 6).","Rationalizes intellectual neglect, shields institutional elites from external critique, and induces Historical Forgetfulness (Buch 2026c, p. 2)."

Techné Mindset & Retail Governance, "Municipal and state reduction of governance to short-term ""rates, roads, and rubbish"" and developer profit (Buch 2026c, p. 1; Buch 2026e, p. 143).","Starves the humanities, local archiving, and non-market inquiry, treating citizens as passive consumer nodes (Buch 2020, p. 4; Buch 2026g, p. 5)."

Suppression of Historical Truths, "Sanitization of pioneer legends and colonial history into "upbeat" folklore (Buch 2026e, p. 103).","Fosters a "tourist attitude toward existence," where society remains stuck in "vicious circles of stupidity" (Buch 2026c, p. 2; Buch 2026e, p. 146)."

A. The "Queensland Character" Myth and Historical Forgetfulness

Political and academic elites in Queensland have historically deployed the "Queensland character" myth —a folkish literary and political construct that portrays Queenslanders as rough, unreflective, pragmatic anti-intellectuals who have no need for deep philosophy, history, or social theory (Buch 2026d, p. 5; Buch 2026f, p. 6). As Buch demonstrates in his analysis of mid-twentieth-century philosopher Jack McKinney, this myth functions as a political shield to insulate local institutions from theoretical critique and maintain a state of Historical Forgetfulness —an active intellectual vice where a society banishes the historical origins of its core concepts from public memory (Buch 2026c, p. 2; Buch 2026f, p. 6).

B. Technocratic "Retail Governance" and Developer Dominance

At the administrative level, state and local governments in Queensland operate under a narrow "rates, roads, and rubbish" retail governance model (Buch 2026e, p. 143; Buch 2026g, p. 5). Trapped within a techné mindset , public authorities prioritize physical infrastructure and speculative property development ("boomers of property") while treating independent intellectual work, local archiving, and non-extractive social inquiry with administrative suspicion or accusations of "prenatal insolvency" (Buch 2016, p. 5; Buch 2026c, p. 1; Buch 2026g, p. 2).

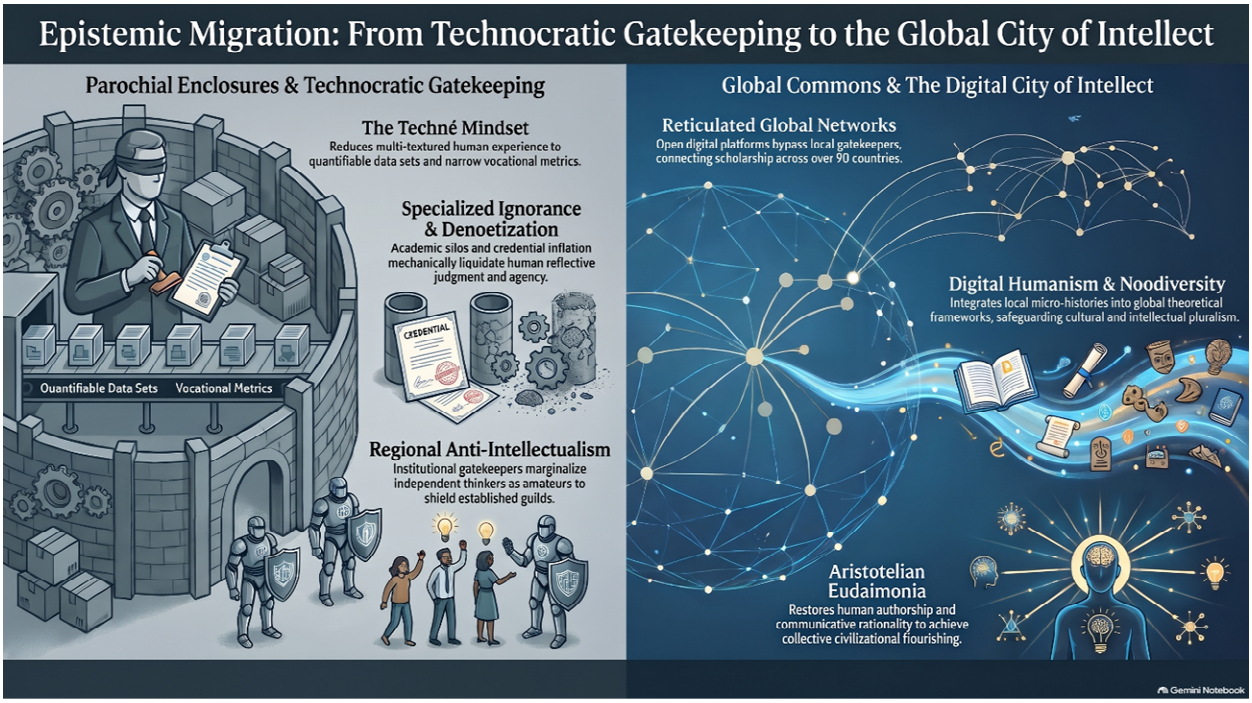
C. Pioneer Legends and the "Tourist Attitude"

Furthermore, public historical narrative in Queensland has routinely been sanitized through romanticized pioneer legends that obscure colonial conflicts and First Nations history (Buch 2026e, p. 103). This produces what Buch terms a "tourist attitude toward existence" , where

citizens adopt a passive, unreflective stance toward civic life, resisting complex moral critiques in favour of comfortable, market-friendly folklore (Buch 2026a, p. 31; Buch 2026e, p. 103).

3. The Imminent Collapse of Parochial Resistance: The Migration of Global Knowledge

While parochial resistance attempts to isolate critical scholarship within traditional institutional boundaries, MICE scholarship demonstrates that local resistance will quickly collapse under the weight of its own cognitive isolation (Buch 2026d, p. 5; Buch 2026 Communication, p. 1).



A. Direct International Engagement Bypassing Local Gatekeepers

The collapse of local resistance is accelerated by direct international engagement that entirely bypasses state academic and bureaucratic gatekeepers. A primary empirical illustration occurred in November 2026, when an international delegation from **History Beyond Boundaries** (*Wydział Historii* , Faculty of History at the University of Warsaw, Poland)—led by tour organizer Marta Gurbała and student executive officers under the academic supervision of Dr Igor Chabrowski—travelled to Sunnybank Hills in Brisbane (Buch 2026 Communication, pp. 1–4).

This international academic circle sought out Dr Neville Buch and Dr Neil Peach at the MICE headquarters specifically to learn "what the elite of Australian historians do" and to study cutting-edge applied historiography (Buch 2026 Communication, p. 2). While local government ministers, university vice-chancellors, and municipal mayors maintain passive administrative

silos, global scholars are actively establishing direct intellectual exchanges with MICE (Buch 2026 Communication, p. 1).

B. The Crisis of Parochial Irrelevance

When local institutions realize that international scholarship, prestigious academic circles, and global research collaborations are bypassing traditional university channels to engage directly with independent research institutes, the rationale for parochial resistance vanishes (Buch 2026d, p. 5; Buch 2026g, p. 2). Knowledge in the twenty-first century is an "interpersonal social commons" that cannot be contained by regional bureaucratic gatekeeping (Buch 2026f, p. 4). As global knowledge leaves Queensland's formal structures, local authorities face an urgent choice: remain trapped in a self-sealing "spiral of stupidity" or embrace MICE's Contributory City of Intellect (Buch 2026c, p. 2; Buch 2026g, p. 12).

4. The Global Popularity and International Reach of MICE (Dr Buch) Papers

The global recognition of Dr Neville Buch's papers provides undeniable empirical proof of the vitality and resonance of MICE scholarship. Rather than relying on traditional academic publishing silos—which Susan Haack and Charles Sanders Peirce criticize as commercialized "pseudo-inquiry"—Buch has leveraged global open-access platforms and international research networks (Peirce 1879, p. 198; Haack 2018, p. 215; Buch 2026d, p. 7; Buch 2026g, p. 1).

A. Empirical Global Reach and Reader Metrics

Dr Buch's scholarship has achieved extraordinary international readership:

- **Top 0.1% Global Ranking:** In 2026, Dr Buch's research output reached the top 0.1% of all scholars on the Academia.edu platform globally (Buch 2026d, p. 7).
- **Massive International Audience:** His total readership exceeds **780,000 public views** , with over 2,745 academic recommendations and 2,401 regular readers across more than **90 countries** (Buch 2026d, p. 7; Buch 2026 Communication, p. 1).
- **Multi-National Engagement:** Daily analytics demonstrate concentrated readership across major global centres, including the United States, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Japan, Taiwan, Poland, and Australia (Buch 2026 Communication, p. 1). Papers such as *"Architects of Care: World Kindness Day, MICE, and the Contributory Re-Orientation of Society"* and *"Australia's New Education Commission and the Lessons from MICE"* routinely attract hundreds of international views within hours of publication (Buch 2026 Communication, p. 1).

B. International Research Tours and Conference Presentations

This global popularity is built upon decades of active international networking and post-doctoral research. Dr Buch conducted extensive research tours across the United States—including a coast-to-coast tour interviewing senior academics and delivering lectures at Sam Houston State University, followed by subsequent research tours spanning the West Coast, Mid-West, East Coast, and Colorado (Buch 2026 Framework, pp. 1–2).

Furthermore, his leading papers have been selected for major international conferences, including the International Standing Conference for the History of Education (ISCHE 47) in Athens (*"Understanding History is Philosophy in Practice"*) and the Australian Historical Association (AHA) Conference at Macquarie University (*"History as Philosophy in a Contributory Economy"*) (Buch 2025 Intro, p. 1; Buch 2026 History as Philosophy, p. 1).

C. Synthesis with Global Heterodox Thinkers

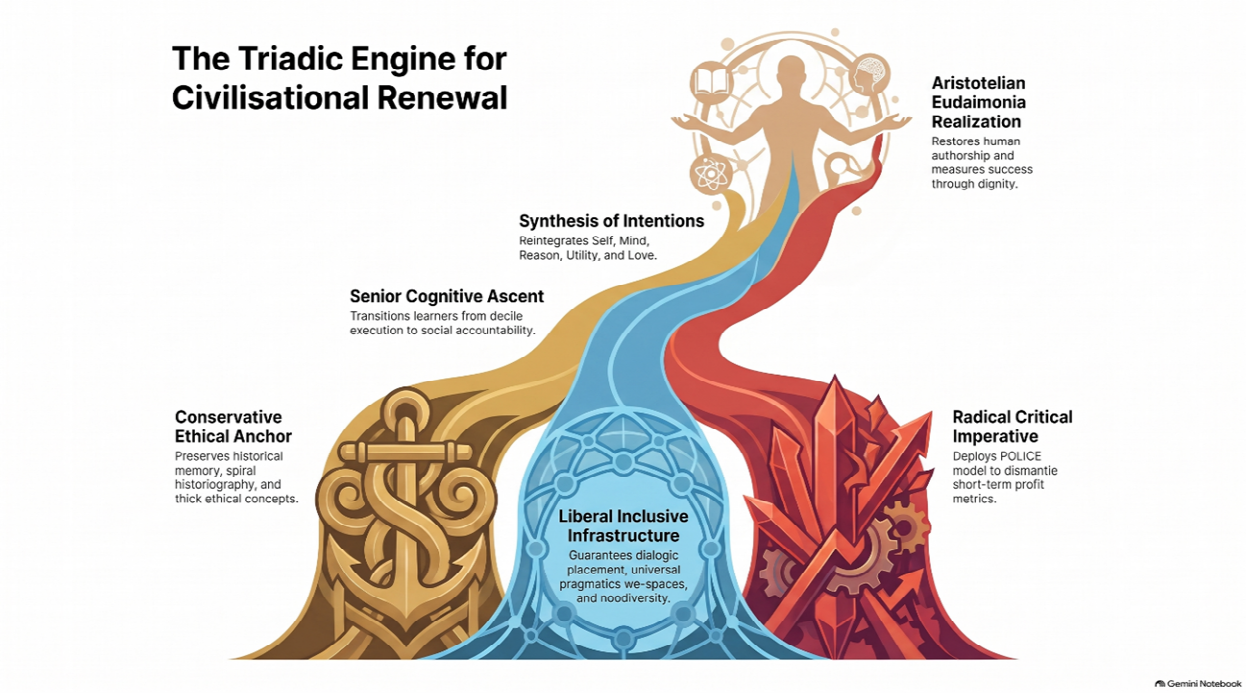
A major driver of MICE's global appeal is its capacity to synthesize Dr Buch's cognitive historiography with leading global thinkers:

- **Arif Jameel:** The integration of global governance theorist Arif Jameel into MICE brings together Jameel's Economic Law of Responsibility Burden , the Lifestyle State , and Architect Generation Theory with Buch's Dynamic of Cognition (DoC) matrix (Jameel 2026b, p. 1; Buch 2026 Jameel Framework, p. 1).
- **Bernard Stiegler:** MICE operationalises Stieglerian organology, adopting concepts such as *denoetization* , *panser* (thinking as caring), and *Contributory Learning Territories* (Stiegler 2018, p. 4; Buch 2026e, p. 33).
- **Susan Haack & C.S. Peirce:** MICE operationalises Peirce's 1879 *Social Economy of Research* , deploying the POLICE model to eliminate academic pseudo-inquiry and provide non-extractive Contributory Income for independent scholars (Peirce 1879; Haack 2018; Buch 2026g, p. 1).

5. Why the MICE Message is Vital: Preserving Human Authorship and Democratic Flourishing

The message articulated across Dr Neville Buch's leading MICE papers is of vital civilisational importance because modern society is undergoing an "immense regression" (Stiegler 2025; Buch 2026e, p. 1). Trapped between automated artificial intelligence, market fundamentalism, and downward operational burden-shifting, human beings are increasingly degraded into passive

"puny nodes" executing tasks within automated control grids (Stiegler 2018, p. 3; Jameel 2026b, p. 1; Buch 2026e, p. 127).



MICE provides the operational blueprint to overcome this regression through its Triadic Governance Engine :

1. **Conservative Ethical Anchor:** Operationalises conservatism by preserving historical wisdom, long circuits of memory, and "thick ethical concepts" (character, courage, wisdom, substantial fairness) against technocratic reductionism (Buch 2026b, p. 2; Buch 2026e, p. 85). Through Spiral Historiography , history is practiced as "philosophy in practice," uncoiling past intellectual errors so society avoids repeating cycles of stupidity (Buch 2026c, p. 2; Buch 2026e, p. 82).

2. **Liberal Inclusive Infrastructure:** Operationalises liberalism by guaranteeing inclusive social placement, individual dignity, and noodiversity (epistemological pluralism) (Buch 2026e, p. 87). Drawing on Jürgen Habermas's Universal Pragmatics , MICE establishes public "we-spaces" where citizens evaluate claims of comprehensibility , factual truth , normative rightness , and internal sincerity (truthfulness) (Habermas 1979; Buch 2026e, p. 74; Buch 2026g, p. 6).

3. **Radical Critical Imperative:** Operationalises radicalism by deploying the POLICE model (**P** hilosophically, **O** ntology, **L** ogic, **I** ntersect, **C** ompatibility, **E** ducation) to detect

institutional errors, eliminate downward responsibility burden-shifting, and replace GDP profit metrics with Aristotelian Flourishing (Eudaimonia) (Buch & Peach 2024; Jameel 2026b, p. 1; Buch 2026e, p. 7).

Ultimately, the MICE message restores the Synthesis of the Five Intentions : harmonizing Self (identity and agency), Mind (judgment against denoetization), Reason (procedural logic), Utility (socialized welfare), and Love (*panser* / thinking as caring) (Buch 2026e, p. 83; Buch 2026g, p. 11). By institutionalising the Contributory Income Scheme , MICE compensates unpaid intellectual labour, local archiving, and care work, ensuring that the human person ("the who") remains the conscious author and master of social and technical systems ("the what") (Buch 2026d, p. 1; Buch 2026e, p. 75).

6. Conclusion

Dr Neville Buch's leading MICE papers articulate a profound socio-intellectual transformation. Although this scholarship has faced local institutional resistance in Queensland—trapped by the "Queensland character" anti-intellectual myth, technocratic "retail governance," and sanitized pioneer histories—this parochial friction is rapidly collapsing. As international university delegations like Warsaw's *History Beyond Boundaries* travel directly to Brisbane, and as global readers across 90 nations engage with MICE publications, it is clear that cutting-edge intellectual authority has bypassed local gatekeepers.

The global popularity of Dr Buch's work demonstrates that the world is hungry for non-extractive, human-centered frameworks. The MICE message is vital for our collective future: by deploying Spiral Historiography, the POLICE diagnostic engine, and the Triadic Governance Engine, MICE provides the tools required to defeat automated denoetization, uphold substantial fairness, and build a flourishing **Contributory City of Intellect** where human dignity and Aristotelian *eudaimonia* define the horizon of public life.

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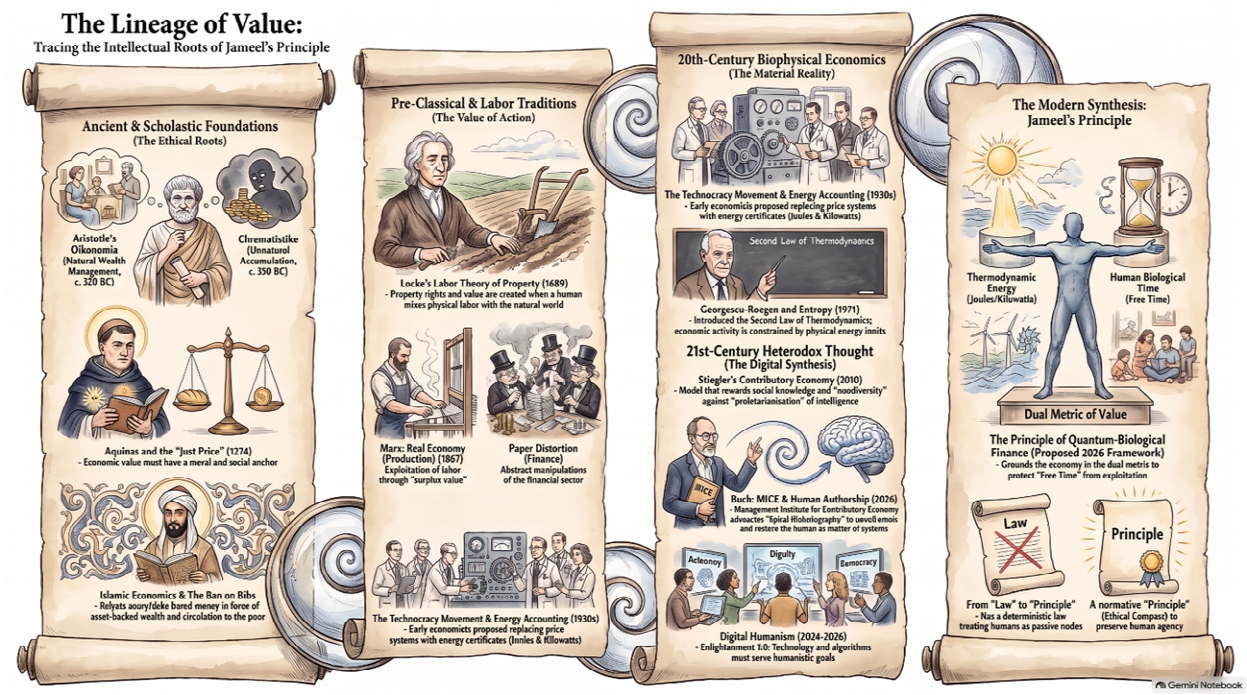
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