

Michel Bauwens – Brief Bio



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Michel Bauwens is a [Belgian Peer-to-Peer](#) theorist, academic and a writer, researcher and conference speaker on the subject of technology, culture, and social and economic innovation.

He is founder of the [Peer-to-Peer Foundation](#) and works in collaboration with a global network of researchers in the exploration of peer production, peer governance, and peer property, and the open and free, participatory, sharing and commons-oriented modes of human cooperation.

For the P2P Foundation, he functions as community manager responsible of an ecology of on-line collaboration consisting of: a wiki which reached 7,000 pages which were viewed 6 million times; a blog with a Google PR rank of 7 and 2,000 readers per day; a Ning community forum with daily activity by 300+ members; and a twitter feed that is rated Top 10 in global influence on business innovation and political economy.

Michel's blog on the interpretation of current events and trends is, according to Topsy, a top 3% globally re-tweeted blog; his wiki with more than 19,000 entries has been consulted 17 million + times; Google produces 254,000 results for the P2P Foundation. Michel also runs a Ning forum and several discussion mailing lists and a network of bookmarks using Delicious. The total interconnected reach of the P2P Foundation has been calculated at 2.000.000 in terms of secondary audience, during early 2012. In 2011, the P2P Foundation has won research-oriented awards, such as the [Next Idea award of Ars Electronica](#).

Michel is a founding member of the **Commons Strategies Group**. He is a member of the Board of the Union of International Associations (Brussels), advisor to **Shareable** magazine (San Francisco) and to **Zumbara Time Bank** (Istanbul). He Chairs the Technology/ICT working group, Hangwa Forum (Beijing, Sichuan) and develops economic policies for long-term resilience, including through distributed manufacturing. Michel writes editorials for **Al Jazeera English** and is listed at #82, on the **Post-Carbon Institute** (En)Rich list (<http://enrichlist.org/the-list/>)

He was information analyst for the [United States Information Agency](#), knowledge manager for [British Petroleum](#) European Manager of Thought Leadership for MarchFIRST, eBusiness Strategy Manager for Belgacom, and an internet and social entrepreneur in his home country of Belgium.

Michel was co-creator of a documentary *TechnoCalyps*, an examination of the 'metaphysics of technology.' He teaches the anthropology of digital society to postgraduate students at ICHEC/St. Louis in [Belgium](#) and related courses at [Payap University](#) and [Chiang Mai University](#) in Thailand.

He is a Research Fellow with the **Primavera Project** at the University of Amsterdam and outside expert with the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, and is also assisting Richard Hames with the development of the **Asian Foresight Institute**.

Michel is author of many on-line essays, including the seminal thesis *Peer to Peer and Human Evolution*, *The Political Economy of Peer Production* and *The Coming of the Commons*.