**Kissinger, Soros, Deming, and the Story of the WINTOP Project: The Same Essence of Second Order Science**

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Science started before scientists in earlier times realized that what they had been doing was named science. The same is true for the new paradigm of Second Order Science (SOS). In this presentation the author briefly reviews the ontogenetic path of science to highlight the key concepts that define science and its expansion into SOS. Disagreeing with Mȕller and Riegler’s viewing of SOS as “a new course of action”, the author argues that SOS has been carried out in various fields before its name enters into people’s awareness. Four examples of SOS practices are introduced. There are: Henry Kissinger’s ideas and practices on the stage of international politics, George Soros’s theory and practice in financial markets, Deming’s Wheel of Continuous Improvement in management, and the WINTOP Project (2002-2009) in the field of organizational behavior within Chinese culture. An abstract isomorphic pattern could be identified among these quite different practices hopefully to improve our understanding of SOS, which is subject to further discussion.