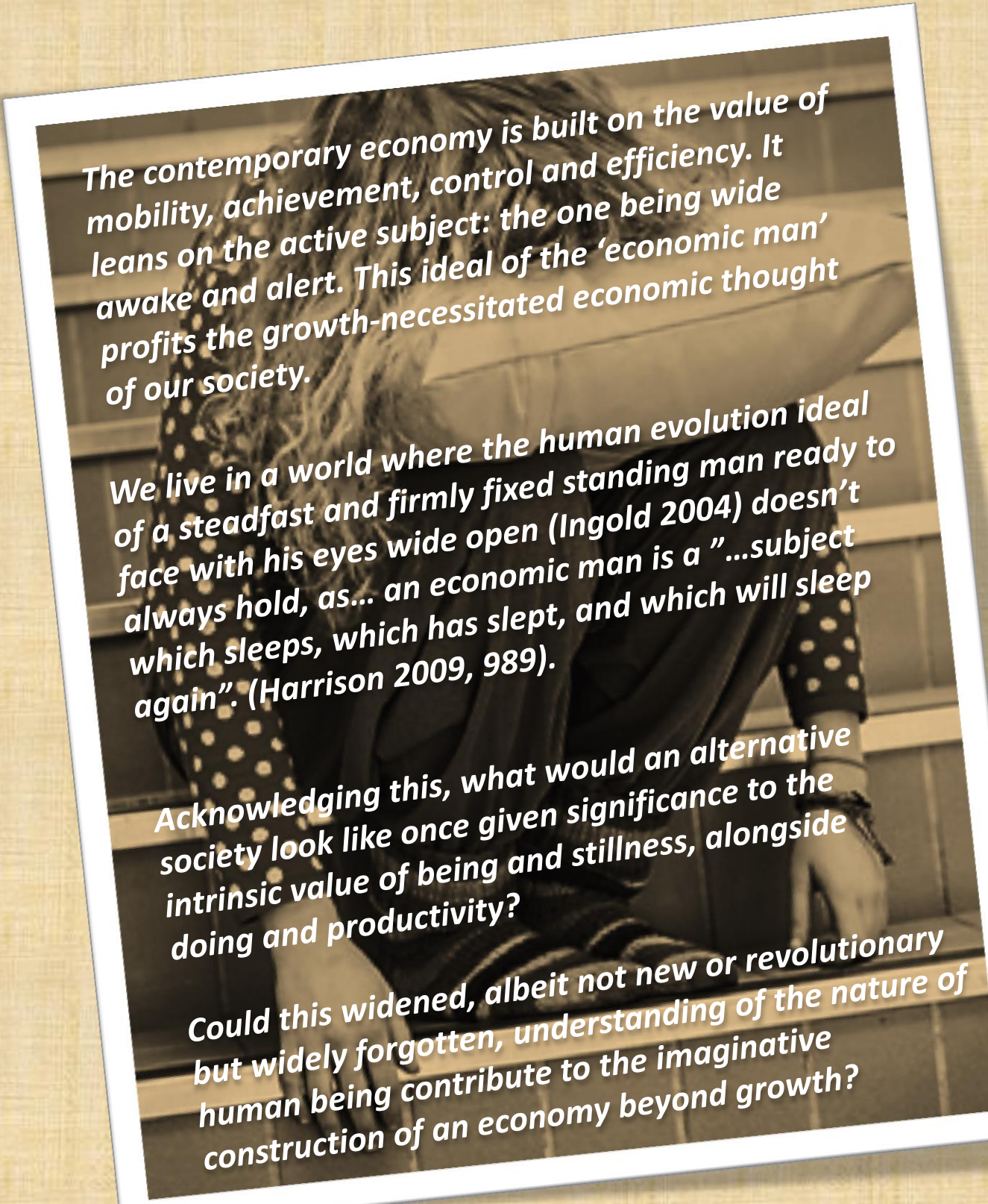


Sleep and stillness in a mobile economy

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The contemporary economy is built on the value of mobility, achievement, control and efficiency. It leans on the active subject: the one being wide awake and alert. This ideal of the 'economic man' profits the growth-necessitated economic thought of our society.

We live in a world where the human evolution ideal of a steadfast and firmly fixed standing man ready to face with his eyes wide open (Ingold 2004) doesn't always hold, as... an economic man is a "...subject which sleeps, which has slept, and which will sleep again". (Harrison 2009, 989).

Acknowledging this, what would an alternative society look like once given significance to the intrinsic value of being and stillness, alongside doing and productivity?

Could this widened, albeit not new or revolutionary but widely forgotten, understanding of the nature of human being contribute to the imaginative construction of an economy beyond growth?