

# Part III

## Understanding Our Institutions, and Ruling Ourselves and Our World

[Chapter 7](#), the first in this part, examines the proposition that the kinds of reform advocated in Part II are determined or critically influenced by existing institutions. Broadly, it accepts this proposition but argues that the current rules of the game themselves need to be defined and challenged. Both democratic and guided capitalist forms of governance need to be open to critical examination to allow global society to establish a common core of rules. The UN, while subject to many criticisms from powerful national governments, has made striking overall progress towards this global view of humanity. [Chapter 8](#) draws from all the preceding explanations, from Foucault to modern social science, to model and summarize the way in which we have begun to understand and govern ourselves in modern terms. It reflects a battle between deliberative ‘slow thinking’ social mechanisms, and the turmoil of individual and social quick-fire thinking and social media exchanges. Much depends on society’s ability to achieve a Foucauldian/Nietzschean will to knowledge and power to govern ourselves and the world justly.