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### Think Where We Will Be in 2029 When....

Next 60 seconds:

- ✓ 17,200 parcels ordered and shipped in Europe
- ✓ 190 new users register on Alibaba
- ✓ 380 people get their first Smartphone –i.e., access to the global shopping mall
- ✓ There are 350,000 Tweets
- ✓ Ebay and Amazon Sellers gross \$485,000
- ✓ So much video is downloaded it would take you 23 years to watch it

Drivers of these trends were only starting a decade years ago, in 2008:

- ✓ Twitter was turning 2
- ✓ YouTube was a 3-year old
- $\checkmark$  Alibaba had 4 million users, when today it has 600 million
- ✓ First iPhone had come to market 10 months ago
- Technologies transform trade the way Mike went bankrupt in Hemingway's book *The Sun also Rises*: "First gradually, then suddenly"
- Technologies will revolutionize players, patterns, and possibilities of world trade for the better

#### The Rise, Fall, and Rise of International Trade Since 1860s

Trade as % of Global GDP



#### Trade more relevant in national economies

Exports as % of National GDPs



# Old Globalization: "Made in the World"



## Not much of iPhone is "Made in China"

Manufacturer	Component	Cost
Toshiba (Japan)	Flash Memory	US\$24.00
	Display Module	US\$19.25
	Touch Screen	US\$16.00
Samsung (Korea)	Application Processor	US\$14.46
	SDRAM-Mobile DDR	US\$8.50
Infineon (Germany)	Baseband	US\$13.00
	Camera Module	US\$9.55
	RF Transceiver	US\$2.80
	GPS Receiver	US\$2.25
	Power IC RF Function	US\$1.25
Broadcom (US)	Bluetooth/FM/WLAN	US\$5.95
Numonyx (US)	Memory MCP	US\$3.65
Murata (Japan)	FEM	US\$1.35
Dialog Semiconductor (Germany_	Power IC Application Processor Function	US\$1.30
Cirrus Logic (US)	Audio Codec	US\$1.15
Rest of Bill of Materials		US\$48.00
Total Bill of Materials		US\$172.46
Manufacturing costs		US\$6.50
Grand Total		US\$178.96

Source: Rassweiler (2009).

# 90% of trade is generated by big business, in any country

Concentration of export sales in top-5% largest of exporters

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Source: Suominen and Gordon (2014).

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# Most of direction of global trade could be explained by

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# U.S. Trade Partners

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# Trade in Globalization 3.0 has been...

- Mostly about products "Made in the World"
- Assembly in low-wage nations
- Supply chain-based
- Run by large companies
- Intra-firm
- Among large countries
- Inefficient

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# New players, patterns, possibilities

### Who Exports? Almost No-One

% of companies that export

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# Ecommerce Is Killer App for World Trade

% of companies that export

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#### Ecommerce Sellers Export Everywhere

Number of export markets

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### **Ecommerce Alchemy**

#### % of companies that export

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### New Shoppers – Globalization Globalizes

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#### Ecommerce trade flows don't obey gravity model (as much)

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# Mass-production vs. mass-customization

Standardization and economies of scale

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• By 2027: entirely possible to run a cost-effective manufacturing operation with runs that are 98% less than traditional manufacturing scale = customized goods

#### **New Globalization**

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• Lower production, inventory, & shipping costs: savings conservatively 50%

# Mass production too is changing

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- Volvo engines: time to manufacture down from 36 days to 2 days, 94% gain
- Supplier base and labor cost considerations melt: geography of production no longer dictates production location, geography of consumption does

# Global Local Supply Chains

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Source: Pricewaterhouse Coopers (2015).

Services trade growing 60% faster than trade in goods - and America's services trade surplus is growing

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Indicator Division.

#### > 50% of U.S. service exports are <u>digitally-deliverable</u>

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# Services Drive Exports Growth

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## > 2/3 of U.S. Export-Related Jobs Are in Services

# U.S. jobs supported by exports - % of total

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# Top-5 AZ Jobs supported by exports

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Source: Commerce Department (2014), Brookings Institution (2016).

# Ecommerce is on fire and creating services jobs

#### % year-on-year change in market growth

Latin America and Caribbean
North America
Asia-Pacific
Central and Eastern Europe
Middle East and Africa
Western Europe
0% 10% 20% 30% 40%

Source: eMarketer.

% year-on-year change in employment

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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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# All parts of trade ecosystem are digitizing and becoming automated

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# Digital islands vs. digital ecosystems

Siloed transactions

Inland

Customs

Brokers

Customs

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**Port Community** 

Systems; Terminal

**Operating Systems** 

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Systems

Ports and Terminals

**Ocean Carriers** 

Freight Forwarders / 3PLs

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Interoperable systems

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# The entire trade cycles in transforming

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# Trade in Globalization 4.0 will be...

- Run by small business and individual shoppers
- Platform-based
- Differentiated products and intra-industry
- Digital designs, content, services
- Digitized and automated
- Creating new digital jobs

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# Challenges

# Global vs. Local Internet Connectivity

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Source: World Development Indicators, Guatemalan Statistical Agency.

# Regulatory fragmentation vs. global rules of the game

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### Splinternet

#### % U.S. companies saying foreign data privacy rules are a problem

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# Great Divergence vs. Great Convergence – will developing countries continue fast growth (by using technology) and converge?

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# How to Forecast Growth? Components of Long-Term Growth

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