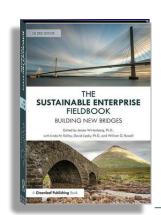
# Poverty and inequity; and Constraints on growth

Sustainable globalization

Linda Morris Kelley

Transitioning to Green

April 30, 2020



## Who's in the Zoom Room today?





# What about power and sustainability?

Question for today



#### Power

- I can!
- Power is the ability to act.
  - Mental models
    - What is seen as possible?
    - Beliefs and values
    - Barriers
    - Controls stops, against the roll, a brake
  - Social structures and frameworks
- Networked connections increase power





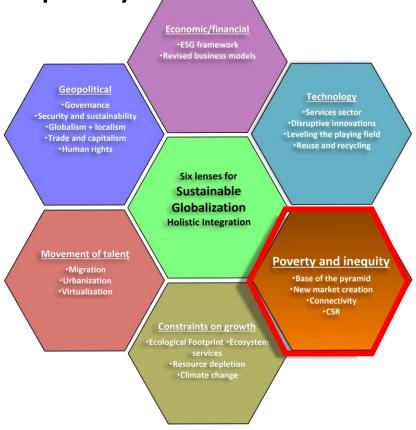


Ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have.

- James Baldwin



Poverty and inequity

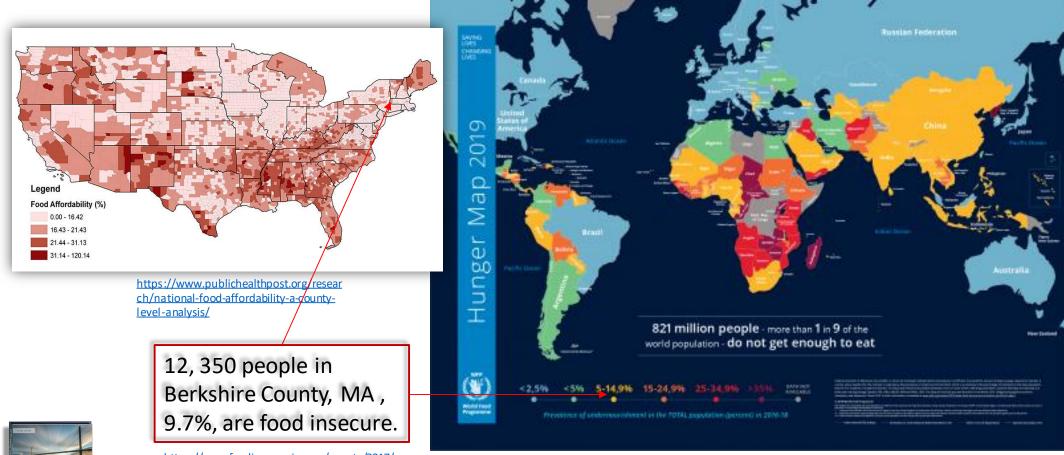


New market creation

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### Food insecurity, an indicator of poverty





https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2017/overall/massachusetts/county/berkshire

https://www.wfp.org/publications/2019-hunger-map

#### Short, selected history of equity

- Golden Rule Do unto others as you would have others do unto you
- Magna Carta TO ALL FREE MEN OF OUR KINGDOM we have also granted, for us and our heirs for ever, all the liberties written out below, to have and to keep for them and their heirs, of us and our heirs:
- Declaration of Independence We hold these truths to be selfevident, that all men are created equal
- Gettysburg Address Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.



# United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights December 10, 1948



Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,...

#### **Foundation of Our Common Future**

- Human Rights law
- Community Development

#### **Working Cities Challenge**

- Living Cities
- Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
- Working Cities Challenge
- New England Gateway Cities
- Working Cities Pittsfield



### Inequity and precarity

#### Inequity

- Fewer resources accumulate for work done
- Fewer opportunities for investment
- Fewer opportunities for education
- Less wealth built
- Disincluded people

#### **Precarity**

- Job insecurity
- Food insecurity
- Housing insecurity
- Transportation insecurity
- Uncertain healthcare
- Devalued people



#### New market creation: the Zabaleen

Cairo, Egypt. 2020 population 20,900,000 people



https://placemanagementandbranding.wordpress.com/2012/04/16/the-zabbaleen-functional-informal-wastemanagement-in-cairo-part-i/



https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/poverty-matters/2014/mar/27/waste-egypt-refuse-collectors-zabaleen-cairo



 $\underline{https://www.connectthecultures.com/zabaleen-garbage-city-video} \textit{/}$ 



#### Pune, India, Waste Pickers

Pune, India, 2020 population 7.5 million people







https://thecityfix.com/blog/urban-transformations-pune-india-waste-pickers-go-trash-treasure-sarah-parsons-anne-maassen-madeleine-galvin/?utm\_source=twitter.com&utm\_medium=wricities&utm\_campaign=socialmedia&hootPostID=3a7ed5fdc0f779c976ec64e4762fcee7

#### New market creation

- What are <u>your</u> thoughts about market creation?
- What are the goals?
- What, where, how might new markets be created?
- How would you relate new market creation to sustainability?

### Adidas sold 1 million pairs of shoes made from ocean plastic last year (2017-8)

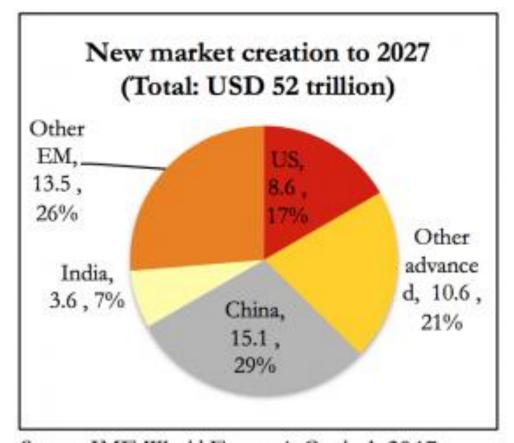
© Parley with the Oceans -- The men's shoe by Adidas, made with recycled ocean plastic



https://www.treehugger.com/sustainable-fashion/adidas-sold-1-million-pairs-shoes-made-ocean-plastic-last-year.html



#### New market creation





Source: IMF World Economic Outlook 2017; IMA analysis. Absolute contribution to world new market in USD trillion; share of total in percentage.

#### Afgan girls build ventilators from used car parts





Workers of an all-female robotic team build a ventilator in preparation for Covid-19 coronavirus patients, at a workshop, in Herat. — AFP Relaxnews

https://www.thestar.com.my/tech/tech-news/2020/04/19/covid-19-afghan-girls-try-building-ventilator-from-used-car-parts

## William Kamkwamka, the boy who harnessed wind

- 2002, Malawi, William at age 13 build a windmill from salvaged materials and a library book, pumping water to avert famine in his village
- 2019, 31 years old, graduated from Dartmouth in 2014, worked with IDEO and now with <u>WiderNet</u> providing digital education to underserved areas of the
   world.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYt41QKmxus&feature=emb\_rel\_end

#### Inequity

What are some of the inequities raised by this COVID-19 pandemic?

How might innovative, out-of-the-box thinking and actions change these for the better?

Crisis are not sufficient to lead to the reduction of inequality. See e.g. post-2008 money creation. It all depends on the intellectual, political and institutional mobilizations and solutions emerging from the crisis.

Thomas Picketty, Capital and Ideology



#### Constraints on growth



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## Phosphorus (P)

Why is this element important?





## Phosphorus (P)



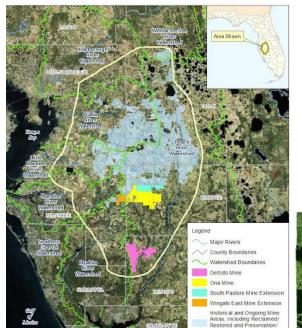


Foods (natural) and Beverages (added)

## Southwest Florida's Bone Valley and phosphorus







Conservation Areas Central Florida Phospha



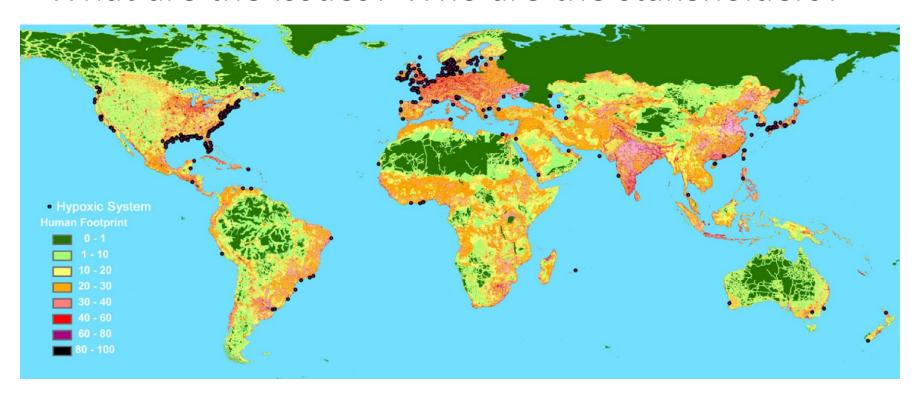


- US has 19% of the world's phosphorus. 65% of that is in Florida
- On days of adequate flow, the Peace River supplies about 6 million gallons of drinking water to residents who live in Charlotte, Sarasota and Desoto counties (over half a million people).



## Phosphorus and water quality

What are the issues? Who are the stakeholders?





A combination of seasonal and permanent **dead zones** dot the densely inhabited coastal areas around the globe.

## Phosphorus: innovation for increased sustainability





phosphorus, solids and pathogens originating from the heavy animal use areas runoff. <a href="http://phosphoreduc.org/projects-appl/agricultural-effluents-treatment/heavy-animal-use-areas-runoff-treatment-pa">http://phosphoreduc.org/projects-appl/agricultural-effluents-treatment/heavy-animal-use-areas-runoff-treatment-pa</a>

#### Graphite's use and future

#### **MINING**

China (70+%), Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Madagascar = 97% US mine in Alaska -- open pit mining: amorphous, flake, or vein

#### **FORMS of Carbon**

- Graphite = multiple layers
- Graphene = 1 layer the depth of a single atom
- Diamond



#### **GRAPHITE**

**Pencils** 

**Paints** 

Brakes

**Dry lubricants** 

Molds in foundries

Anode material in lithium batteries

#### **GRAPHENE**

High electrical conductivity

Harder than diamond

Tougher than steel

More elastic than rubber

Lighter than aluminum

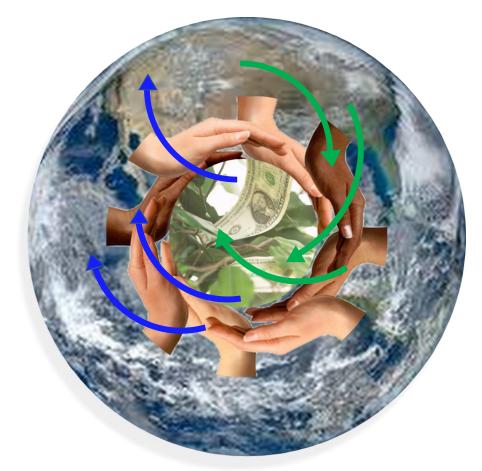
Graphite (crystaline carbon) has no good substitutes and there is almost no recycling.



What might be some ways to capture and recycle used graphite?

## Reimagining and restructuring the economic base: planet > people > profit

- Respect
- Reuse
- Repurpose
- Recycle
- Recouple
- Regenerate
- Rejeuvinate



January 2020, retail and service industries = 70% of US economy

## Decoupling economic growth from exploitation of natural and social resources

#### Linking growth to service and innovation

- The value of intellectual property
- The value of natural resources
- "Do no harm"
- Biomimicry and thriving
- There is no waste in nature





## Climate normal > climate weirding

- Droughts and wildfires
- Rain, snow, megastorms, and flooding





https://grist.org/article/we-broke-down-what-climate-change-will-do-region-by-region/

### Climate extremes, USA, autumn 2019

#### Kincade fire in Sonoma County, CA



https://www.nvtimes.com/2019/10/24/climate/california-wildfires-climatechange.html?action=click&module=RelatedLinks&pgtvpe=Article

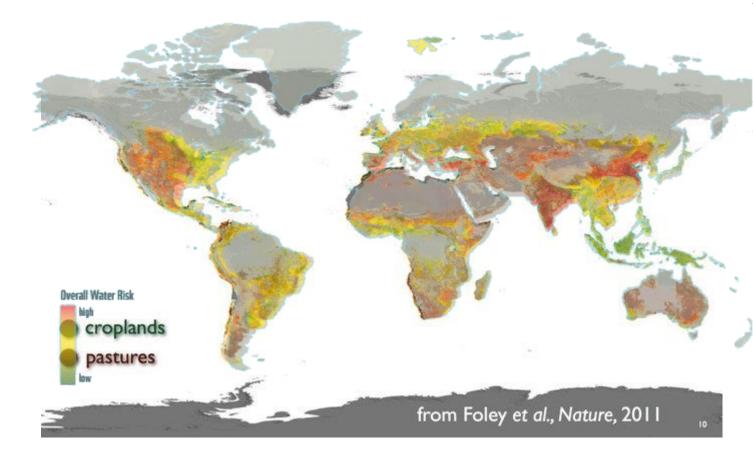
#### **Tropical storm Imelda, Southeast Texas**



https://weather.com/

### Breadbaskets around the globe

- Availability and access to food
- Depleted aquifers
- Drought
- Flood

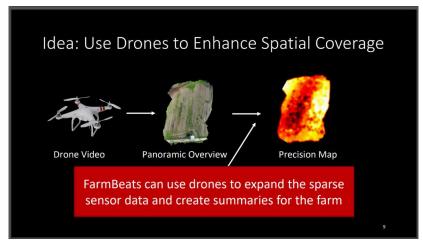




## Using IoT and land sensing in farm management

#### **Microsoft**

- Wireless technologies
- Big data
- Artificial Intelligence
- Soil sensing



http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/farmbeats-iot-agriculture/

#### Essex Farm, Plattsburg, NY

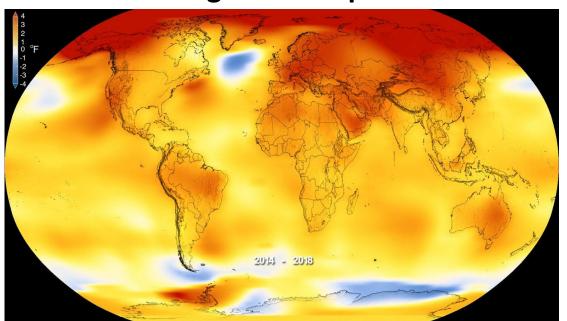


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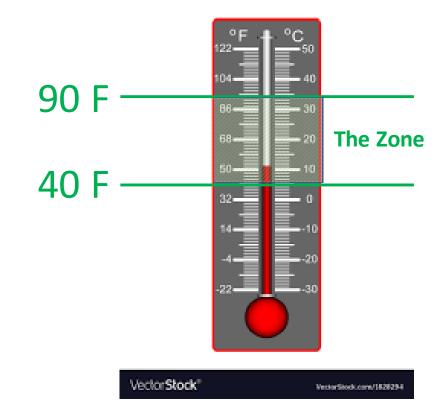


## Human habitable zones and global temperatures

#### Increases in global temperature



## What temperatures can humans tolerate on a prolonged basis?





## What are we sustaining?

Question remains



## Reflections on today?





## Thank you for being here!

Preparation for **Session 4**, a) Migration of talent; b) Geopolitical. Read: p. 50 (first half of the page)

