# Holistic integration: connecting and aligning toward sustainable globalization

- what we've learned
- what are resources
- what to look for
- what can I do moving forward

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#### Our kaleidoscope world

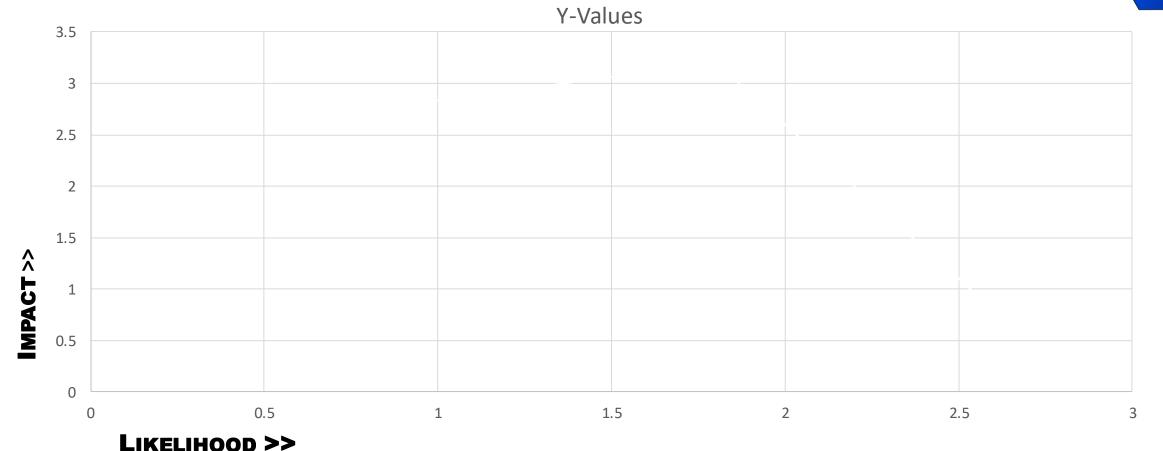


We can't go back.

From where we are **NOW**, where are we going? What do you anticipate our "**new normal**" will be like?



### Assignment: Regional future casting 5 years out





◆ High Employment level, ◆ Full healthcare coverage, ◆ Full education access, ◆ Food access, ◆ Clean water
 quality, ◆ Extreme weather events, ◆ Renewed tourism, ◆ Active arts & culture, ◆ Business innovation? ...

## Do you see it?



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUi8eMkf0KM

What you don't see may be more important than what you do see.



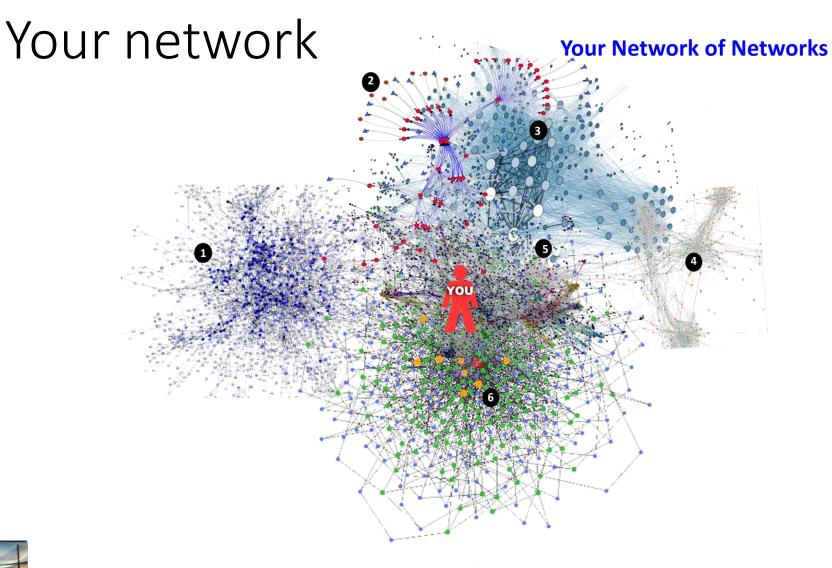




- How do you decide what's relevant?
- How do you decide what's important?
- How do you decide when, where and how to take action?









#### Some of your networks?

- 1. ??
- 2. ??
- 3. ??
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- 5. ?
- 6. ??

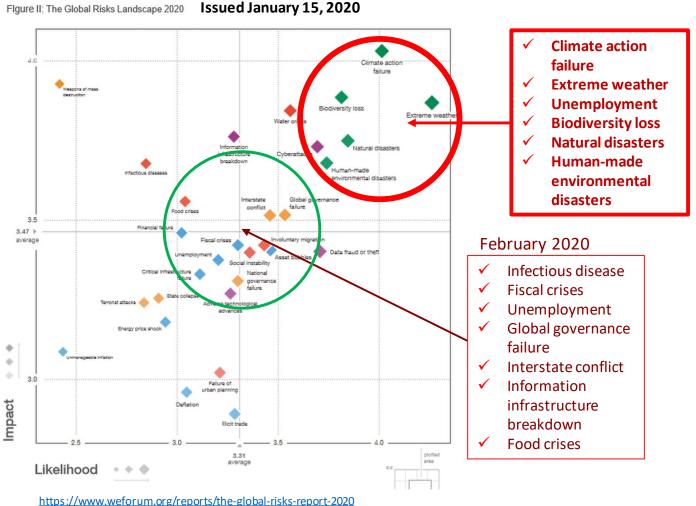


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### The future of security and sustainability

Figure II: The Global Risks Landscape 2020

World Economic Forum's **Global Survey of top executives** 





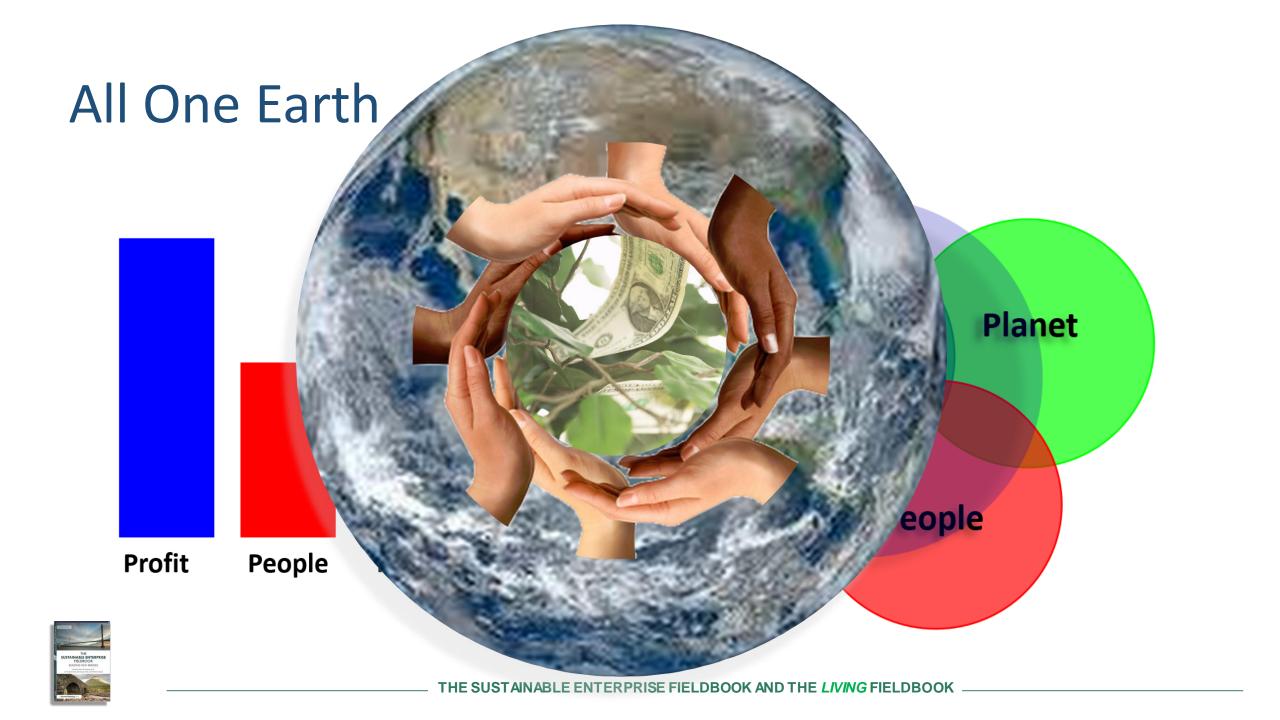
## Systems view shows impacts that siloing misses







Interconnected



The foundation for Sustainability is nested and networked interdependent systems, nested within this one planet Earth.

**Everything** we do is nested into the environment of Planet Earth.

Without access to the resources of this supportive planet, humanity **cannot** not exist.

There are **no externalities** in Nature.

**Resiliency** depends on essential redundancies.

Nature bats last!



Natural resources, life support systems (Planet) 2. Human ingenuity: manufacturing, technology, cooperation > value creation systems (People) 3. Value exchange, trade, capital systems (Profit)

#### Climate extremes,

## April 27, 2020 Wildfires in Siberia Bring More Challenges to Locked Down Area Hottest Arctic April on record. 17F above normal temperatures https://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/goddard/2020/wildfires-in-siberia-bring-more-challengesto-locked-down-area

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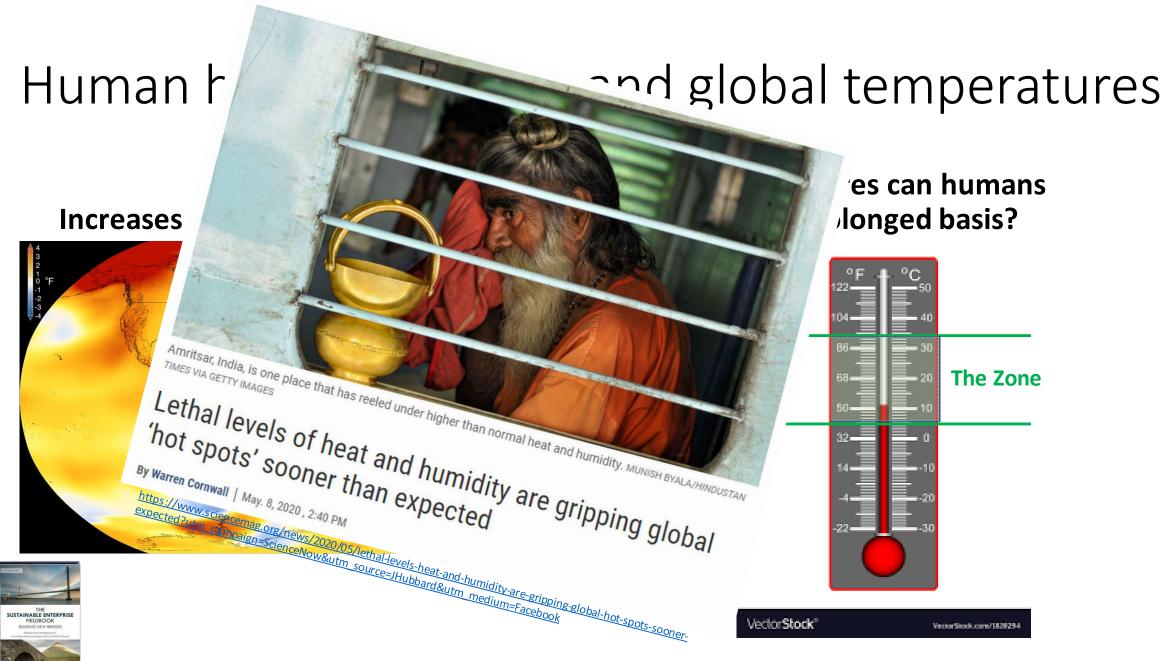
SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE

#### May, 2020

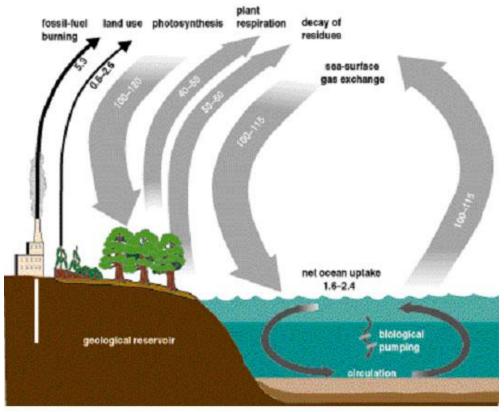
500-year flood – 10K evacuate, 2 dams break in Michigan's upper peninsula with very heavy rains, May 20, 2020



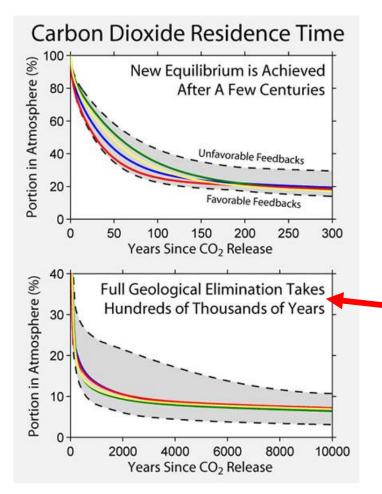
https://weather.com/



### Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>



If we *totally* stopped spewing carbon into the atmosphere today,



"Researchers have estimated that about 50 percent of the net anthropogenic pulse would be absorbed in the first 50 years, and about 70 percent in the first 100 years."

"If emissions miraculously were to end today, about 20 percent of that CO<sub>2</sub> would remain for at least tens of thousands of years."



https://www.yaleclimateconnections.org/2010/12/common-climate-misconceptions-atmospheric-carbon-dioxide/

Also see, <a href="https://climate.ncsu.edu/edu/EnergyBalance">https://climate.ncsu.edu/edu/EnergyBalance</a>

## With a 17% global reduction in carbon emissions right now,

Last week (May 2020) Mount Everest was visible from Kathmandu for the first time in living memory.



Cleaner air means lungs function better, less asthma, more oxygen intake, more CO<sub>2</sub> expiration, less biological stress, less tiredness, more energy.



Everest visible from Kathmandu for the first time in living memory. Credit: Abhushan Gautam



https://snowbrains.com/everest-visible-kathmandu-nepal-first-time/?fbclid=IwAR0YKa15zSPV8WCuGVyHx4YTxBzD7nu6ORg93Obk8ICrP96SFEdM9\_FvfGs

### Jellyfish in the clear water canals of Venice



A jellyfish swims in transparent waters of the Venice canals amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, in Italy, April 12, 2020.

Andrea Mangoni via REUTERS

https://time.com/5824807/jellyfish-in-venice/



# Systems, lenses and climate change, and climate weirding

Extreme costs of "externalities" due to weather/environmental and societal events Economic/financial •ESG framework Revised business models Scarcity, security and human rights Geopolitical The paradox of adapting to climate **Technology** Governance Services sector change with technological heating Security and sustainability Disruptive innovations Globalism + localism \*Leveling the playing field and cooling Trade and capitalism Reuse and recycling Human rights Six lenses for Sustainable Globalization **Holistic Integration** Movement of talent Poverty and inequity The inequitable impact of Forced migrations Migration Base of the pyramid environmental degradation and Urbanization \*New market creation Virtualization Connectivity climate change \*CSR Constraints on growth \*Ecological Footprint Ecosystem services Resource depletion Climate change

SUSTAINAND ENTERPRISE
SUSTAINAND ENTERPRISE
SERVICEOUS ENTERPRISE

Ecosystem services: global warming, climate change and resources depletion

#### Inventive bricolage multiplied



#### Hand Sanitizer - Sheffield, Massachusetts, USA



BMD has been able to donate over 150 gallons of Hand Sanitizer, thus far, to organizations and first responders who are working directly with those most in need. https://berkshiremountaindistillers.com/

#### Soap - Niger, Africa



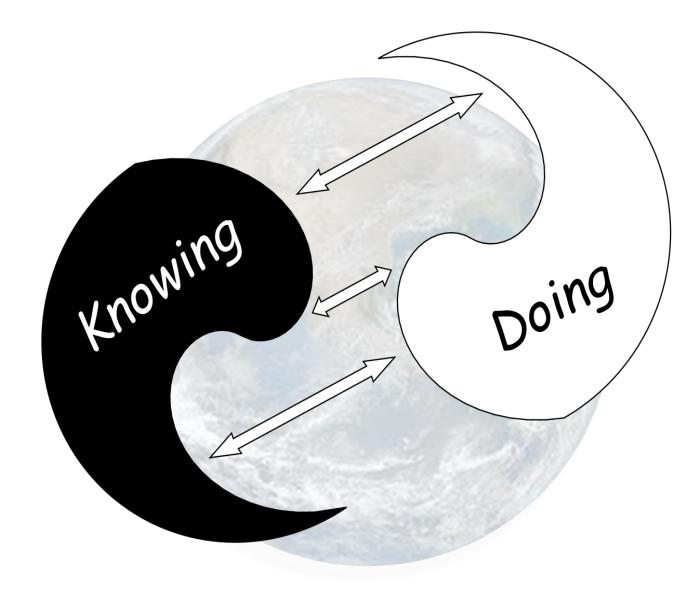
It started as a mini-cooperative to give a small income for hundreds of refugees evacuated from Libya.

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### Knowing and Doing

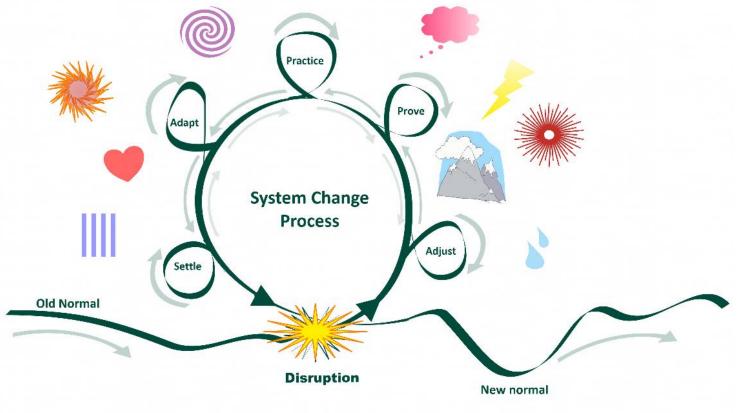




Consequences of separating "knowing" and doing?

### Process of change – significant change is difficult

Be compassionate and forgiving with yourself and with others working through this process







Chapter 4. Managing the change to a sustainable enterprise

#### Food – Energy – Water redux

Environmental Systems Socioeconomic Systems Almost none of the water is recycled. Engineered Systems WATER Sustainability & Resilience **ENERGY** FOOD energy is required to grow, transport, and process food Almost <u>none</u> of the food waste is composted. food is energy for living systems and competes with energy for crops and land

**Energy is wasted throughout** this entire process



(C) Michael Chang (2016) Food-Energy-Water Systems: Opportunities at the Nexus

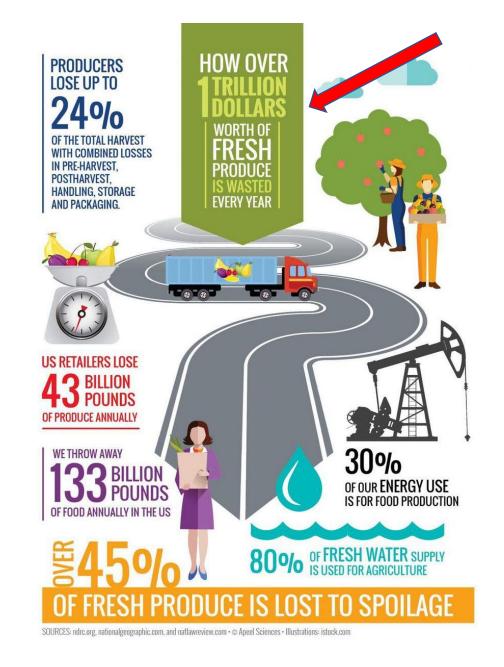
## COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated problems and breakdowns that were already here.

#### Food – water – waste

#### Food for thought:

- How did you get the food you ate today?
- Where did it come from?
- Who and what was involved?
- What are the impacts?
  - On whom?
  - What are they?
  - Where are they felt?
  - What are the consequences?





## Supply chain weak links, frayed networks expose the fragility and rigidity of our food system



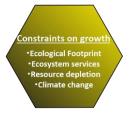


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#### Challenge and opportunity







1. Even though technology has networked our world together, it is still easy to miss the <u>systemic interconnections</u> and <u>impacts</u> that activities to make a living in one region have on economic, environmental and/or social conditions in other regions.





#### Challenge and opportunity

2. While a number of businesses have made significant contributions to furthering sustainability, <u>none</u> of them has yet become truly sustainable in all areas.

People comprise businesses, all businesses.

In our consumer-based economy, the choices you make everyday have an impact.

What criteria would you use to assess the positive and negative value of your choices and why?



#### Challenge and opportunity



3. Currently cities account for 60% of GDP globally and that figure is increasing.

It is estimated that by 2050, 68% of the world's population will live in large urban areas.

What do you see as the most critical risks to human life productivity?

Why? If you could, where would <u>you</u> target changes to current policies and practices and what would they be?



#### Conclusion



- Given the increased awareness surrounding the need for more sustainable solutions, the
  initiatives presented and their growing momentum gives cause for optimism. There is still
  a lot more to do. We need champions of deep transformation, strategically nurtured, and
  implemented.
- Global sustainability depends on business, governments, civil society, and informed people engaging with each other to raise the bar and develop new models of real sustainability.
- Sharing our resources, we must monitor the condition of the world in the complementary context of these six highly interconnected global lenses so that we can make valid, informed decisions which lead to changes necessary to support sustainability on the local, regional, and global scale.
- "You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."

  R. Buckminster Fuller

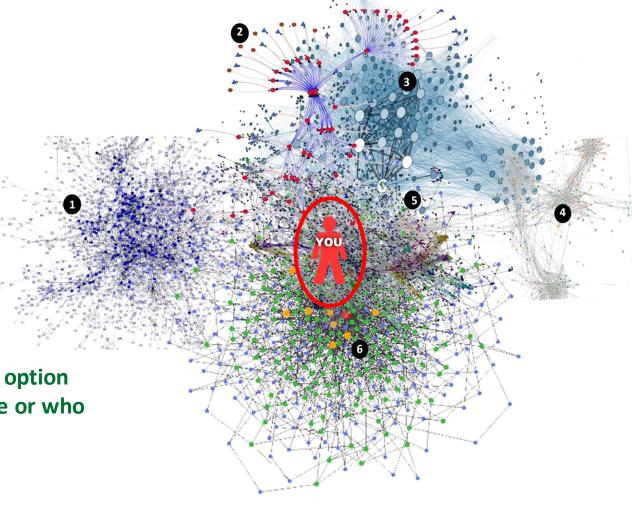




#### The Power of 1

- Power of influence
- Power of voice
- Power of allies and alliances

Operating in isolation is no longer an option for any of us, no matter where we are or who we are.





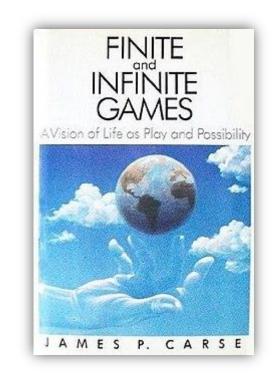
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#### Finite and Infinite Games

A Vision of Life as Play and Possibility

- There are at least two kinds of games. One could be called finite, the other infinite.
- A finite game is played for the purpose of winning, an infinite game for the purpose of continuing the play.
- ➤ If a finite game is to be won by someone it must come to a definitive end.

  J.P. Carse, 1986

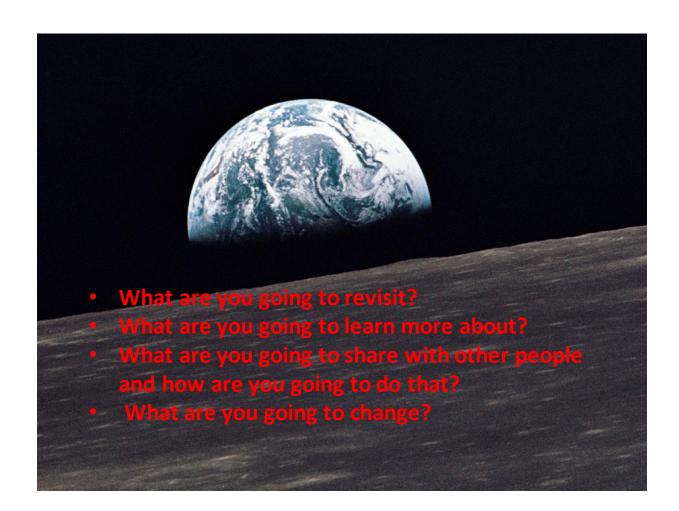


## There are many, many finite games There is only one infinite game



Sustainability is the only way we can continue to play

### Reflections on sustainable globalization?





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