

# Governing the Anthropocene

The Role of Science and Universities in a Sustainability Transformation

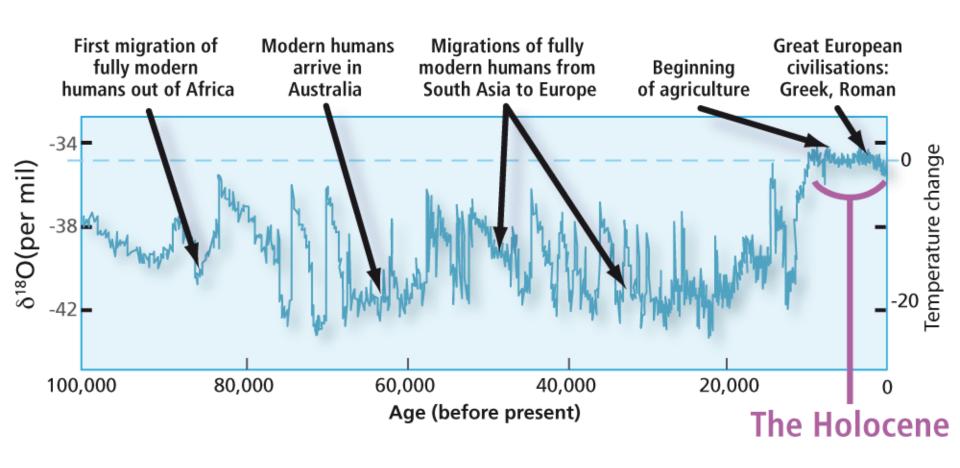
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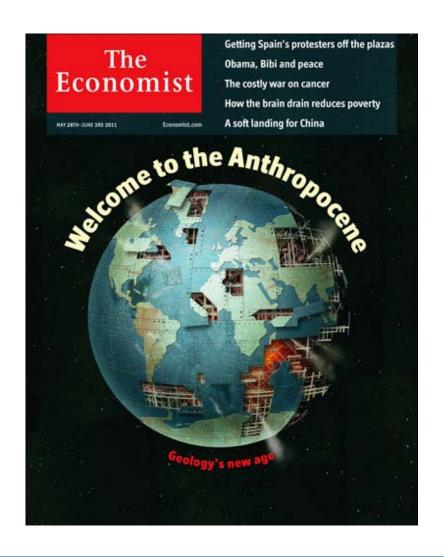
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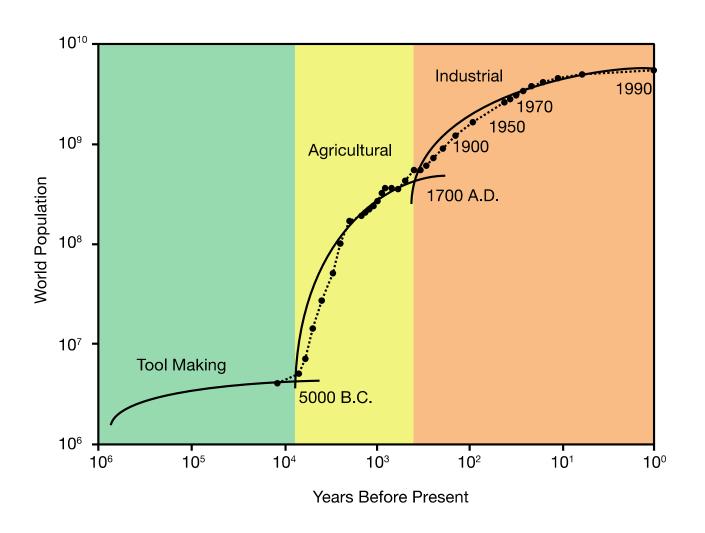






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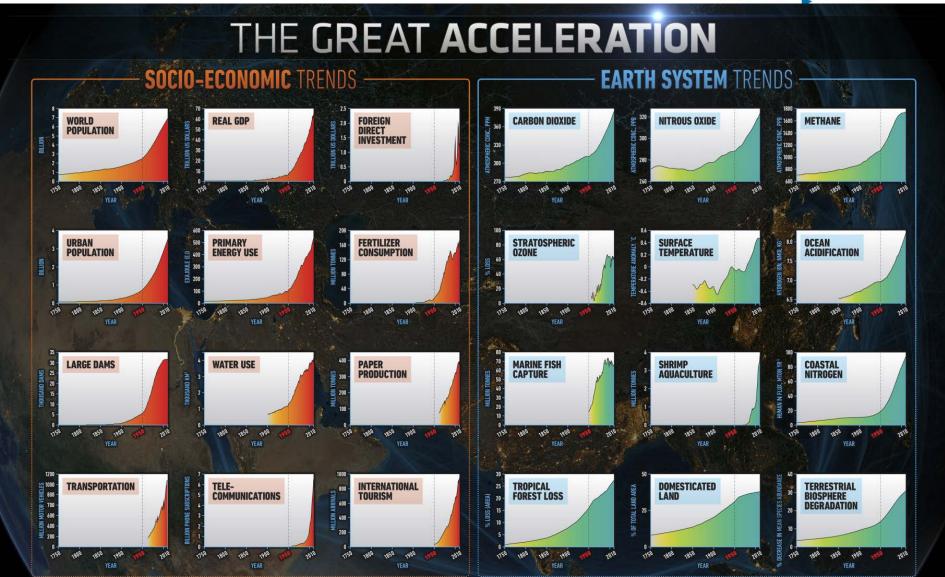




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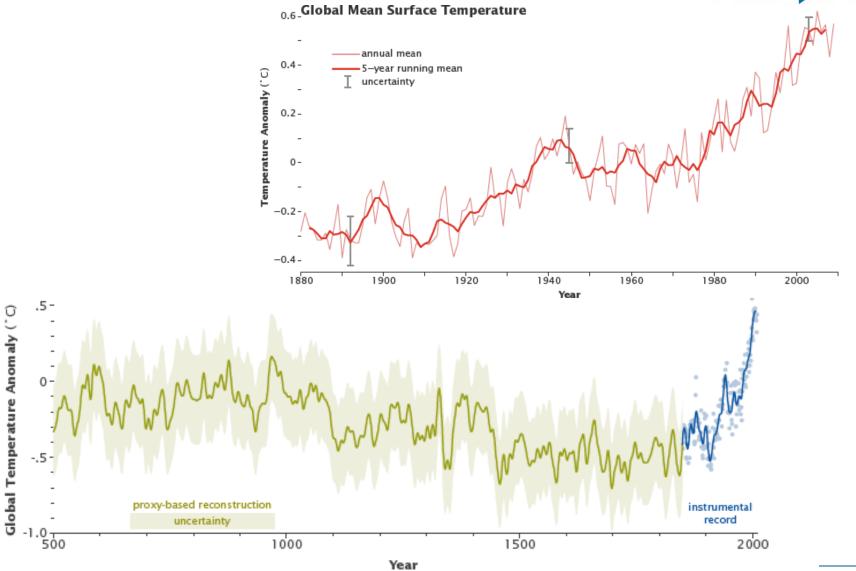
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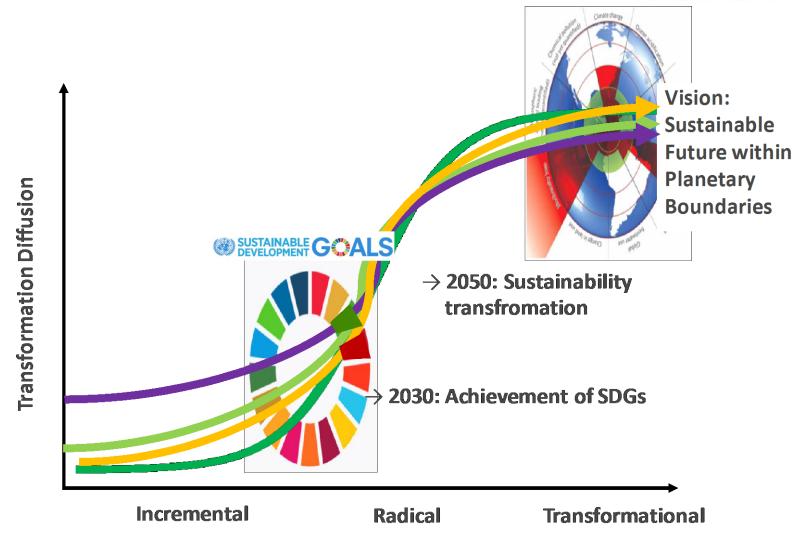


# WHAT IS REQUIRED?

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#### The human predicament of the 21st Century

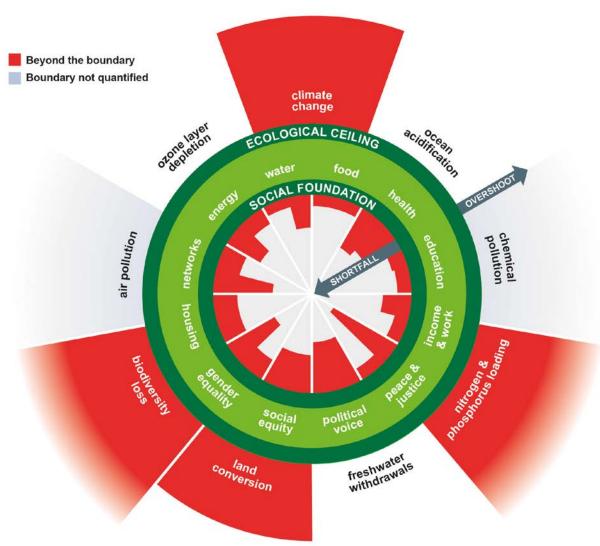




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#### Sustainability Transformation: a conservative agenda



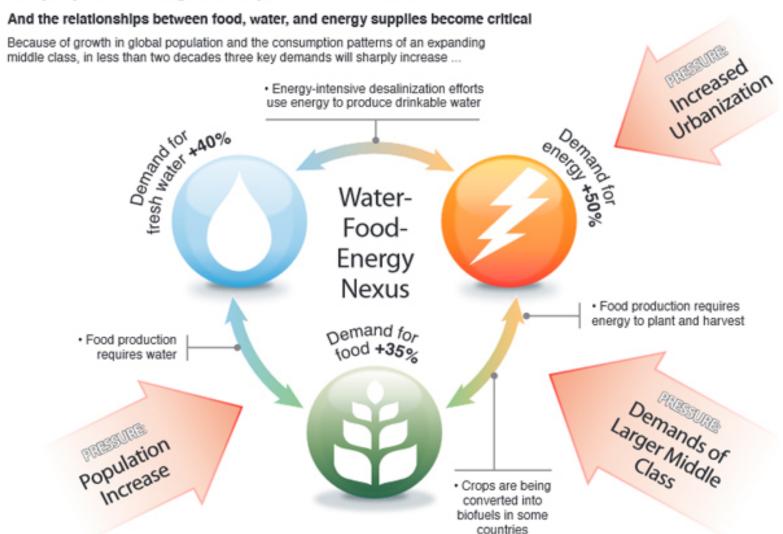


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#### Sustainability Transformation: a distributive agenda



#### As population grows, pressures mount



#### Sustainability Transformation: a post-industrial agenda





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#### Sustainability Transformation: a reflexive agenda

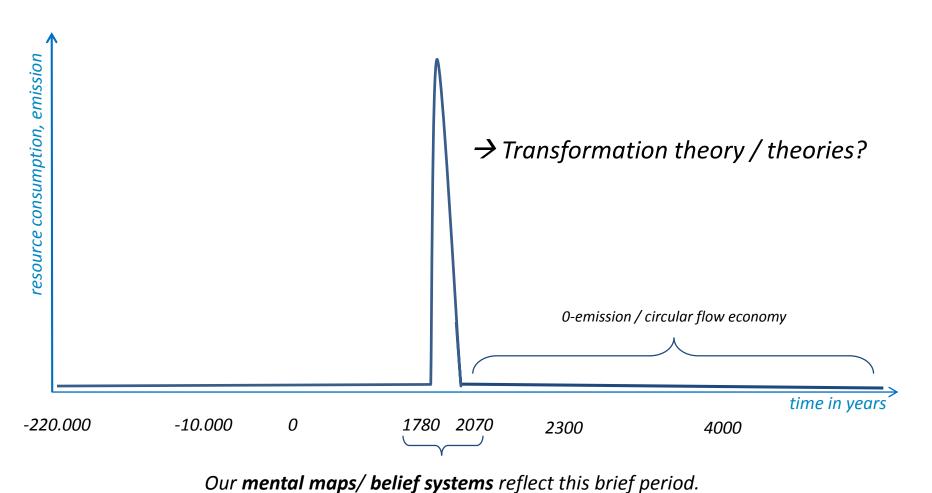


"Transformability is the capacity to create untried beginnings from which to evolve a fundamentally new way of living when existing ecological, economic, and social conditions make the current system untenable."

Westley et.al. 2011 & Stockholm Resilience Centre

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Modern science is about understanding dynamics within this period

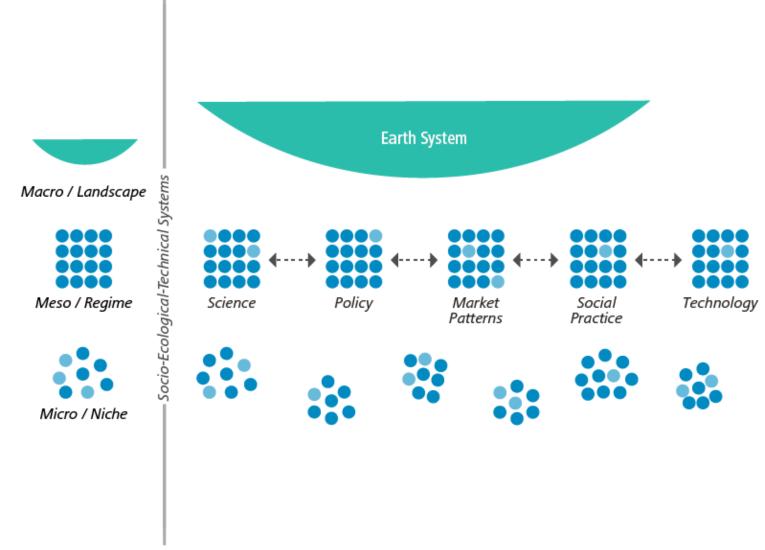


### WHY SCIENCE IS KEY

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#### Multi-Level Perspective on transformation processes

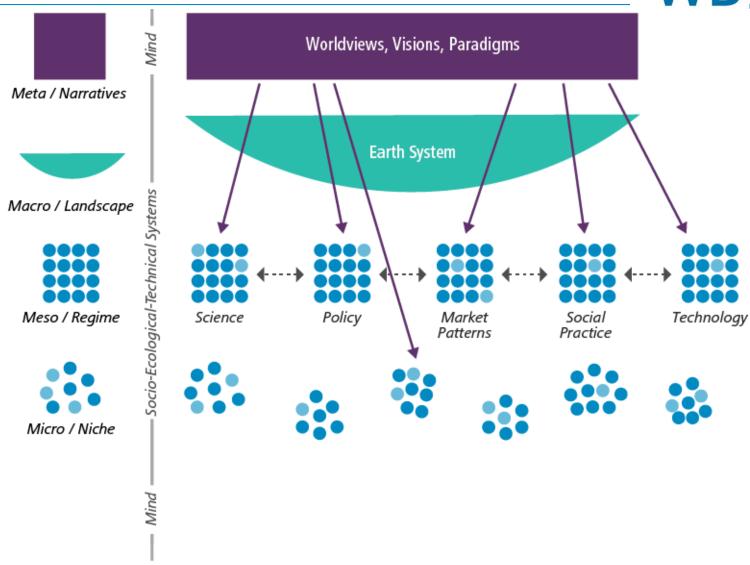




Source: after Grin, Geels et.al. 2010, here Göpel 2016

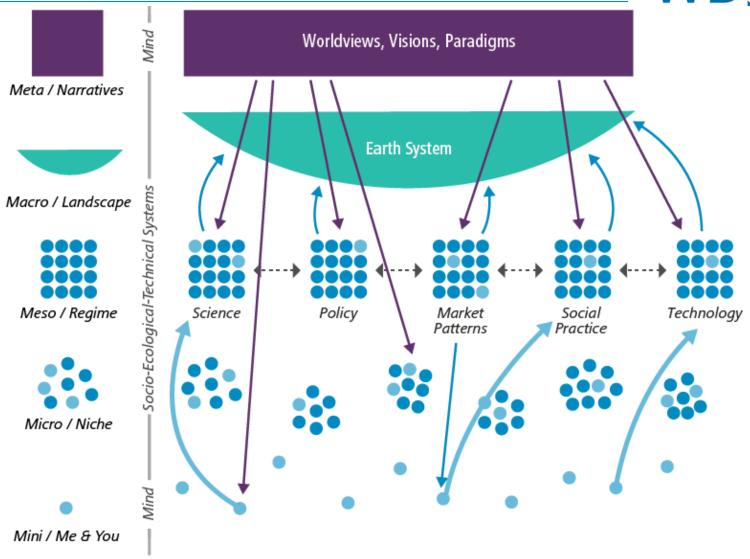
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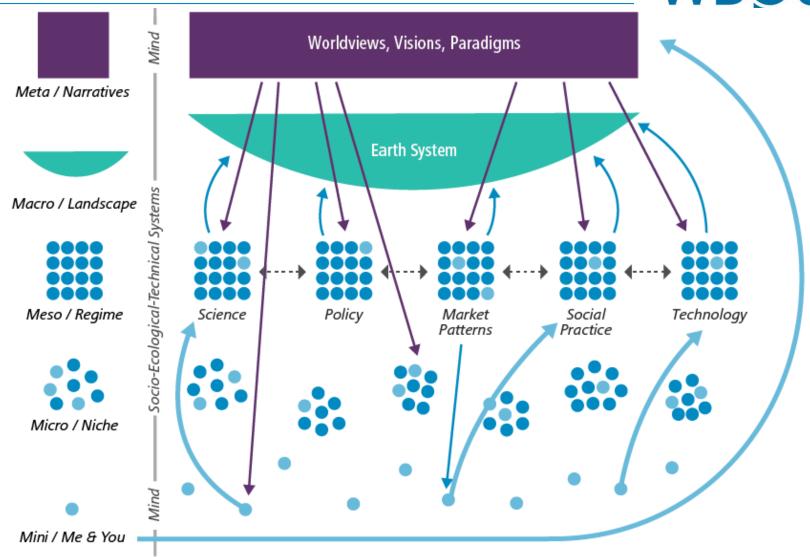
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#### Knowledge and mindsets as transformative power





#### Universities 4ST 1: transformative science

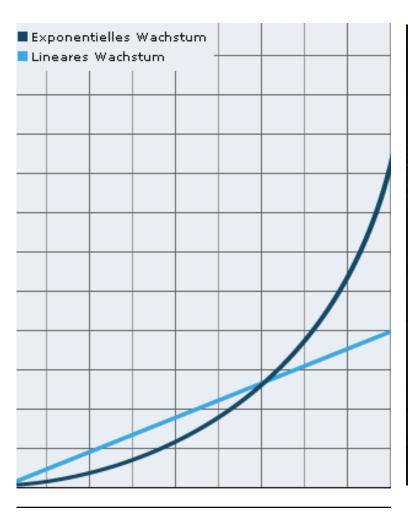


Erich Jantsch, Club of Rome and University of Hanover, with a systems approach on the Inter- and Transdisciplinary University (1970):

give it "a new purpose which may be recognized as a means of increasing the capability of society for continuous self-renewal"

#### Science 4ST 1: from extrapolative to experimental









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#### Noun

The reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists.

# Universities 4ST 2: tackling mindsets that guide intentions WBGU

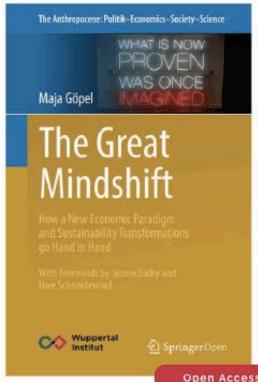




"YES, THE PLANET GOT DESTROYED. BUT FOR A BEAUTIFUL MOMENT WE CREATED A LOT OF SHAREHOLDER VALUE."

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#### Repurposing as a transdisciplinary effort on WHAT



