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Update for December 2022

**Greetings to the MAHB Community,**

**48K**

...was the number of visits to our website last month. A big thank you to you all - we couldn't have wished for a better Christmas gift!

**Check out what's happening:** A [primer on biodiversity](#) and economic growth as [COP15](#) is underway, and a new book on [Vegan Evolution](#).

**Read** this month's [blogs](#), including [world population's new milestone](#) of 8bn people, and on the [deliberate construction](#) of women's' oppression and nature's exploitation. Our [resources](#) include new articles on [overshoot](#) by Bill Rees, a tale about [humans' long and destructive path to extinction](#), and why [we are not grappling with the climate crisis](#).

**Listen** to the latest podcasts of Nate Hagens' TGS episodes with [Jon Erickson](#) on economic myths that have shaped our modern reality, and [Patrick Ophuls](#) on how energy, ecology, and politics leave us in a pickle.

**Watch** the recording from the recent What's Next For Earth art call with [Meredith Nemirov](#) on how her involvement with the Think Resilience course affected her thinking and work. Also, remember that the What's Next for Earth art call, [Building Community Resilience](#), is open until December 31.

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Don't forget to check out the latest MAHB announcements [here](#).

Our next MAHB blog will be out on January 5th.



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**What's happening**



## [New Book: The Vegan Evolution](#) [Transforming Diets and Agriculture](#)

A thoughtful new book that demonstrates that a vegan ethic isn't a radical idea. And it's not just about food, but also about cultural evolution and a holistic approach to life, including cultural and biological evolution, food ecology, [food justice](#), and economics.



## [A Primer on Economic Growth and Biodiversity Conservation for COP15](#)

The last thing we want is a COP15 (7-19 December) devoid of discussion about the fundamental conflict between growing the economy and conserving biodiversity. The 800-pound gorilla—GDP growth—ought to be front and center.

**Blogs for this month**



## Live can be Sustainable. Existing Governments are Not

Everything is connected, and everything is interdependent, so everything is vulnerable

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## 8,000,000,000 – World Population's New Milestone

Technology alone won't save us. Better social and political tools and institutions to tackle the challenges of our growing numbers, and our inequitable resource use, could.





## Gender and the Future of Humanity – A MAHB Dialogue with Historian Nancy C. Unger

Women's oppression and the exploitation of nature didn't just happen - they were constructed over time

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## Down To Earth, a Tribute to Limits to Growth

A participatory installation at Point Reyes as an attempt to represent the complexity of our predicament, and possible responses



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[Read More](#)

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Please add your thoughts to the conversations. Previous posts to the MAHB Blog can be found [here](#).

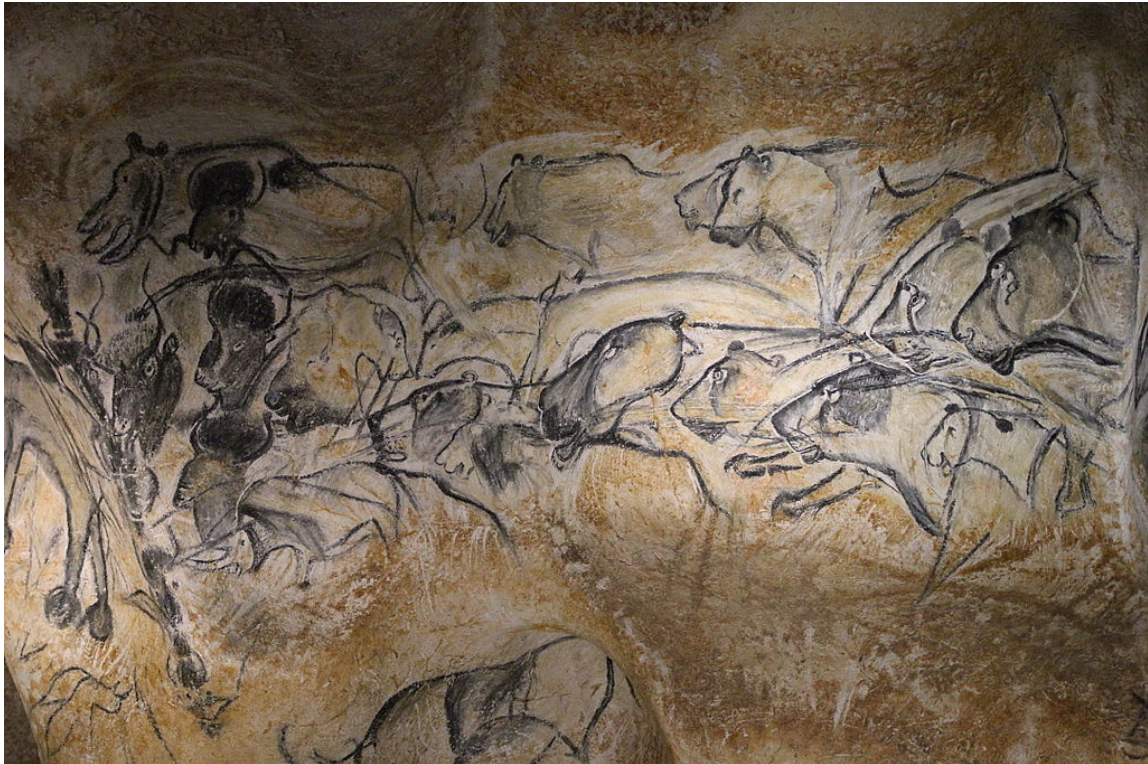
## Resources



## The Human Eco-Predicament: Overshoot and the Population Conundrum

The continuity of civilization will require a cooperative, planned contraction of both the material economy and human populations, starting with a personal to civilizational transformation of fundamental values, beliefs, assumptions, and attitudes underpinning our neoliberal/capitalist industrial society.

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## Humans vs. Nature: Our Long and Destructive Journey to the Age of Extinction

The story of the biodiversity crisis starts with a cold-case murder mystery that is tens of thousands of years old. When humans started spreading across the globe they discovered a world full of huge, mythical-sounding mammals called “megafauna”, but by [the end of the Pleistocene](#), one by one, these large animals had disappeared. Evidence from ancient crime scenes is patchy but what investigators have learned suggests a prime suspect: humans.

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## The Global Push for Population Growth Shows We're Not Grappling With the Climate Crisis

Progress is being undone by growth, especially as the climate crisis deepens. In all of the news surrounding Vladimir Putin, it might have been easy to overlook that he had recently revived a Soviet-era policy [called the “Mother Heroine” award](#), which goes to women who bear 10 or more children, offering financial incentives and other benefits in a bid to spur population growth. He is not alone.

**Podcasts**



## [The Great Simplification – Jon Erickson: “Illusions, Power and the Political Economy”](#)

**In this episode, Nate is joined by Sustainability Science and Policy Professor Jon Erickson.** He and Nate dive into Jon’s new book *The Progress Illusion: Reclaiming our Future from the Fairytale of Economics*, which covers the economic myths that have shaped our modern reality. How can we reshape the narrative and shift the paradigm towards different economic systems that promote human and ecological well-being over material consumption?

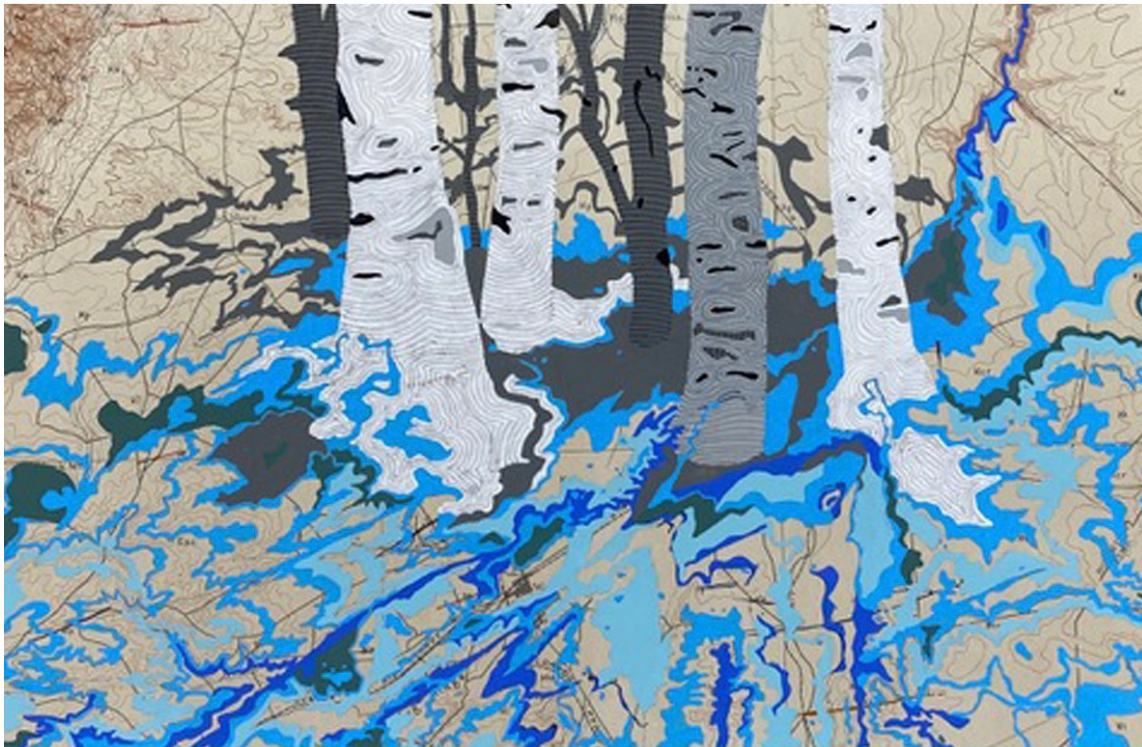
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## [The Great Simplification – Patrick Ophuls: “Energy, Politics, and The Future”](#)

Today, ecologist, political scientist, and author Patrick Ophuls joins Nate to discuss his new book, *The Tragedy of Industrial Civilization and The Future of Politics*. Patrick unpacks how energy, ecology, and our political arrangements leave us in a predicament with no simple solutions. Before we can even begin to plan for the future, we need to understand what we face – Patrick Ophuls helps us do just that.

**The Arts**



## MEREDITH NEMIROV: PIPLANTRI

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 12:00 to 1:15pm Pacific

Deep Transformation Network  
Artists and Creatives Group

Hosted by Christina Conklin and Michele Guieu

## Video available - Artists and Creatives: Meredith Nemirov – Piplantri

Recording from November 29 available: [Meredith Nemirov](#) discussed her contributions to the What's Next for Earth art calls and exhibitions: Community

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Resilience, What is Resilience? How did her involvement with the Think Resilience course by the Post Carbon Institute affect how she thinks and works?

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**What's Next For Earth**

**ART CALL**

Based on the Think Resilience Course  
by the Post Carbon Institute

**BUILDING  
COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCE**

Open until December 31st, 2022

[What's Next for Earth: Six  
Foundations for Building Community  
Resilience](#)

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Reminder: The current What's Next for Earth's art call: [Building Community Resilience](#), is based on the Think Resilience online course by Post Carbon Institute and is open **until December 31st, 2022**.

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