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Highlights from March 2023

## Greetings to the MAHB Community

**Check out what's happening:** The MAHB is looking for a [new home](#) - can you help? Also, watch the video recording by the Earth Futures Institute of their seminar on [Energy Blindness and the Human Predicament](#) with Nate Hagens and MAHB's Executive Director, Joan Diamond. A new [What's Next for Earth art call](#) on Economic Relocalization is open until April 30.

**Read** this month's [blogs](#) about the discovery of two new scorpion species (and why this is important); the Earth Ship Program; making art to connect with nature; why it is time for journalism to step up; and if a "Planetary Rust Model" could revert biospheric corrosion.

Our [resources](#) include articles on challenging pronatalism; whether rationing could be a way to fight climate change; an essay on solidarity with animals by the Great Transition Initiative; the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on water resources; and why wetlands are critical for life on Earth.

**Listen** to two new podcasts: an interview by the Commonwealth Club with Paul Ehrlich, and Nate Hagens' [latest TGS episodes](#), for example, with chemical engineer Paul Martin on decarbonizing hydrogen.

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

**Not a member of the MAHB yet? [Join the MAHB](#) and help transform progressive civil society into an increasingly powerful force for positive change.**

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## What's Happening



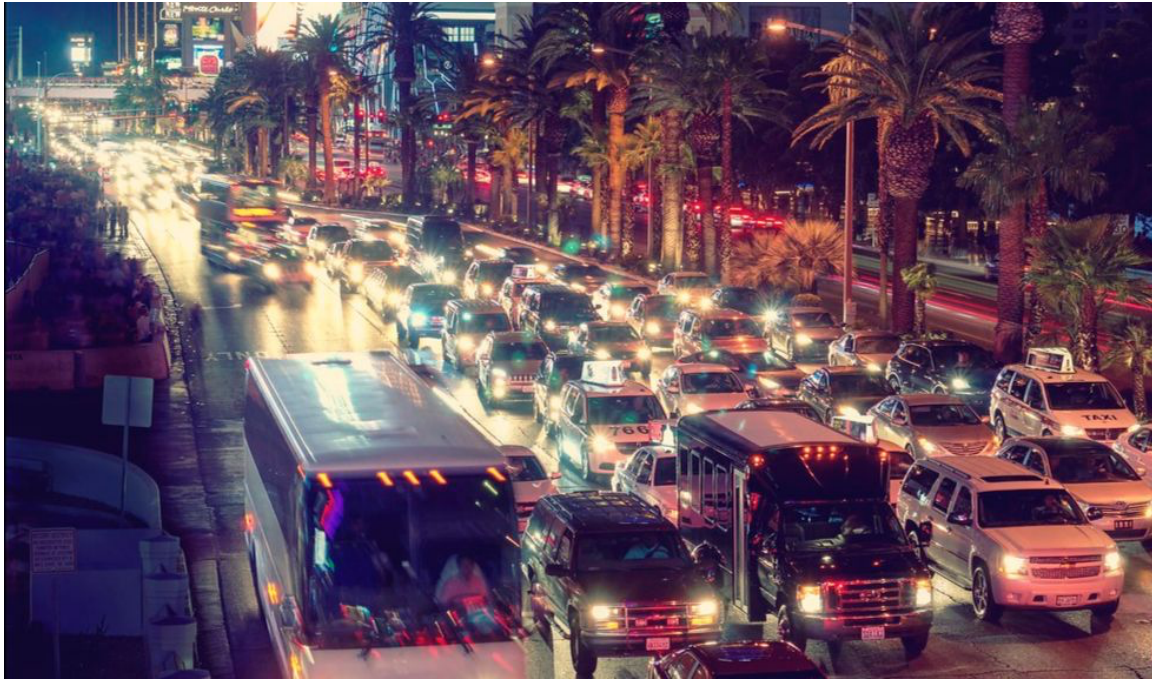
### Wanted: A New Home for the Millennium Alliance for Humanity and the Biosphere (MAHB)

**Dear friends of the MAHB,**

The time has come for the MAHB to find a new home.

We are looking for an organization/group that would like to take the MAHB to a new level by fostering this dynamic platform for global society to engage with the polycrisis. [Find out more here.](#)

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## [Video recording of Nate Hagen's EFI seminar: Energy Blindness and the Human Predicament](#)

Futurist Nate Hagens and his colleague Joan Diamond from the MAHB held Nate's EconSocsci seminar at the Earth Futures Institute (EFI) on February 21, called "Energy Blindness and the Human Predicament". For those who missed it, a video of the talk and the following Q&A session is available [here](#).

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# ART CALL

Based on the Think Resilience Course  
by the Post Carbon Institute

# ECONOMIC RELOCALIZATION

## [What's Next for Earth Art Call: Economic Relocalization](#)

What's Next for Earth is a participative art project on Instagram that invites artists to respond to a bi-monthly topic, reflecting on the human predicament. An online exhibition will be on view at the MAHB's and the [What's Next for Earth's website](#). You are invited to participate in [@WhatsNextForEarth's](#) art call **Economic Relocalization**, open until **April 30, 2023**. [Follow What's Next for Earth on Instagram](#).

A **Deep Transformation Network / Artists and Creatives Group**, hosted by Michele Guieu and Cristina Conklin, will discuss this art call on Tuesday, April 4, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm PDT. Find out more [here](#).

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## Blogs for this Month



### [The Importance of Paruroctonus Scorpions for Desert Conservation](#)

The identification of two new arachnid species could be life-saving

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### [We Got Climate Change Wrong – All of Us](#)

Could the Earth Ship Program and its funding idea help combat climate change?





## Inside Out

Making art to nurture a deep connection to nature

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## Journalism's role in Shaping a Level Cultural Playing Field for Humanity – A MAHB Dialogue with Jelani Cobb



How journalism could rise to the needs of the moment



## Like Water for Iron

Could a "Planetary Rust Model" halt social and biospheric corrosion?

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[Read More](#)

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

## Resources



## [Challenging Pronatalism Is Key to Advancing Reproductive Rights and a Sustainable Population](#)

Social and environmental justice organisations have silenced discourse on

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human overpopulation due to fear of any association with reproductive coercion, but in doing so they have failed to acknowledge the oppressive role of pronatalism in undermining reproductive autonomy.

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## Rationing: a fairer way to fight climate change?

World War II-style rationing could be an effective way to reduce carbon emissions, according to new research. In a paper published in the journal [‘Ethics, Policy and Environment’](#), academics argue that rationing could help states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions rapidly and fairly.

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## Solidarity with Animals

*Opening Essay for a GTI Forum*

The animal economy, wherein animals routinely suffer truncated and brutalized lives, weaves massively through the global economy. Billions of animals are utilized each year, with virtually no compunction, in industries of food, feed, supplements, clothing, furnishings, textiles, footwear, accessories, luxury products, entertainment, traditional medicine, and pharmaceuticals.

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## Impact of the Russia–Ukraine armed conflict on water resources and water infrastructure

The armed conflict between Ukraine and Russia that began in late February 2022 has far-reaching environmental consequences, especially regarding water resources and management.

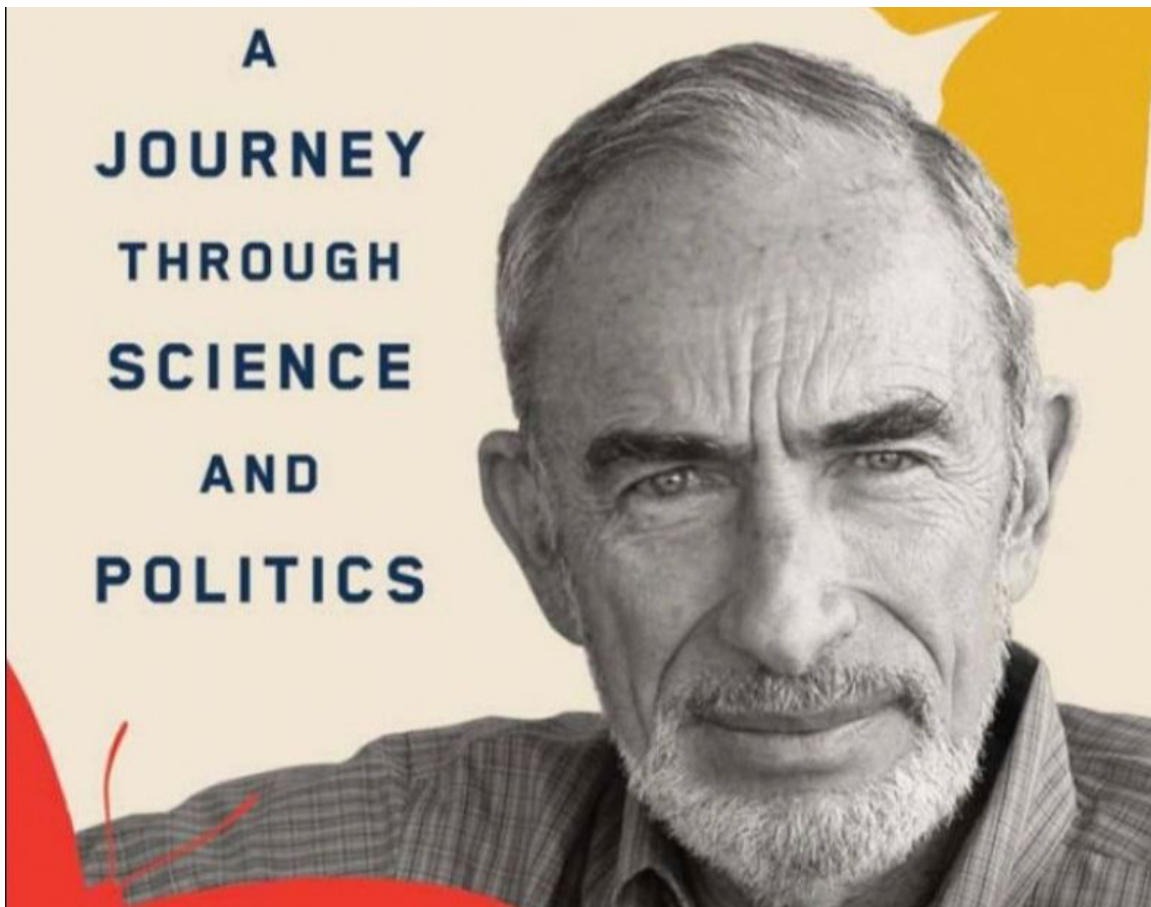
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## What are wetlands, and why are they so critical for life on Earth?

This ecosystem by many names—bogs, swamps, bayous, marshes, billabongs, fens, vernal pools, lagoons, and other waterlogged fields and forests all fall under the broad [wetland category](#). They make up just [6 percent](#) of Earth's surface. Despite their small footprint, wetlands have important jobs, providing fresh water and habitats, and fighting climate change.

**Podcasts & Videos**



## Commonwealth Club Interview – Paul R. Ehrlich’s Life: A Journey Through Science and Politics

Acclaimed as a public scientist and as a spokesperson on pressing environmental and equity issues, Paul R. Ehrlich reflects on his life, from his love affair with his wife Anne, to his scientific research, public advocacy, and concern for global issues.

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## [The Great Simplification - Paul Martin: “Hydrogen – The Decarbonization Problem”](#)

In this episode, chemical engineer Paul Martin joins The Great Simplification to talk about all things hydrogen. There are many ‘Fuels of the Future’ about which the media likes to create hopeful and seamless narratives, one of the currently popular of these being hydrogen. Where does hydrogen come from and what do we already depend on hydrogen for – is it as ‘clean’ as the media leads us to believe?

**The Arts**



What's Next For Earth

## HOW GLOBALIZATION UNDERMINES RESILIENCE

Based on the Think Resilience Online Course by Post Carbon Institute

Online Exhibition March 13 - April 30, 2023



# What's Next for Earth: How Globalization Undermines Resilience Exhibition

What's Next for Earth follows the course, one lesson per art call. To respond to this art call, we asked the artists to sign up and watch the course. The transcript of the lesson "How Globalization Undermines Resilience" is [here](#). This exhibition opens the fifth chapter of the course: Economy and Society. Watch the recording of the event on the [Deep Transformation Network](#).

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