



Highlights from November 2023

Greetings to the MAHB Community

Check out what's happening:

Register for the "[Too Much? Too Little? Too Late?](#)" webinar on December 6 with experts Bill Rees, Nandita Bajai, and Rex Weyler to uncover how economic and population growth intersect with renewable energy sources.

Discover the [resilience of scientists facing threats](#), the world's [worst addiction](#), and delve into the [State of the World 2023 Climate Report](#). Examine the [Production Gap Report](#), revealing the plan of governments to double fossil fuel production. Access the [Statement on Migration](#) from The European Alliance for a Sustainable Population (eurASP).

And, with the holiday season approaching, challenge consumerism with insights on "[How to Buy Nothing](#)" (yes, that's right).

Reflect on November's [blogs](#) covering the need for [Big History](#) teaching, how [ghosts in the console](#) can teach us about love for the natural world (see for yourself), [period poverty](#) in rural Africa, an [art blog](#) on how to shift towards a regenerative Symbiocene, and an [interview](#) with feminist Katy Deepwell.

Explore our [resources](#), including the latest [Planetary Boundary update](#), insights on why [property brings happiness](#), a documentary on the [disappearance of the nonhuman world](#), an assessment of trees' [carbon absorption capacity](#), inconvenient [truths about biodiversity loss](#), and the intriguing concept that [money never sleeps](#).

Don't miss Nate Hagens' [podcasts](#) featuring [David Holmgren](#) on the systemic potentials of permaculture and [Chuck Watson](#) discussing recent nuclear

developments between Russia and the United States, exploring ways to minimize existential risks.

Visit the **Arts Section** for the extended art call, "[Meeting Essential Community Needs](#)," based on the Think Resilience course by the Post Carbon Institute. The deadline is now December 31, 2023. Watch the accompanying recording [here](#).

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



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What's Happening



Too Much? Too Little? Too Late?
Where humanity is headed in an overcrowded, over-consuming world.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023
10 AM PST / 1 PM EST

Christopher Ketcham
Dig Curator
Truthdig

Dr. William Rees
Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia

Nandita Bajaj
Executive director
Population Balance

Rex Weyler
Co-founder
Greenpeace International

Too Much? Too Little? Too Late?

December 6, 2023, 10:00 AM PST / 1:00 PM EST

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Panelists **Dr. William Rees**, **Nandita Bajaj**, and **Rex Weyler** will explore the challenges of economic and population growth, particularly where they relate to renewable energy sources.



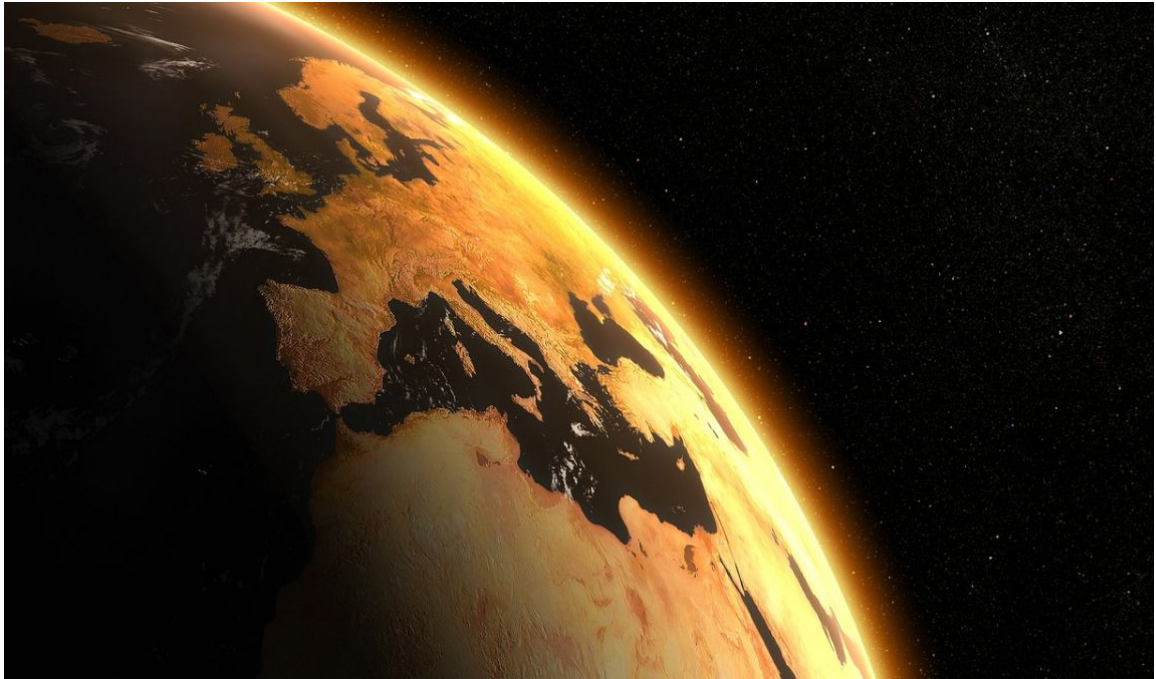
Scientists Pursue Climate Activism Despite Violent Threats

This widespread rejection of science didn't happen spontaneously. It was heavily fertilized by political propaganda.



The Worst Addiction: Population Growth

Some addictions, such as illicit drug use, tobacco smoking, alcohol abuse, gun violence, and junk food consumption, are contributing to chronic diseases, illnesses, injuries, and the premature deaths of millions of men, women, and children. The sustained growth of human populations, however, is far more troubling as it undermines the well-being of humanity.



The 2023 State of the Climate Report: Entering Uncharted Territory

*Life on planet Earth is under siege. We are now in an
uncharted territory.*



EurASP Statement on Migration

An honest constructive dialog around immigration is today as important as it is difficult. It is important because migratory flows – which have always existed in history – today have reached an unprecedented scale, deeply affecting demography, environment, and societies.



The Production Gap–Phasing down or phasing up?

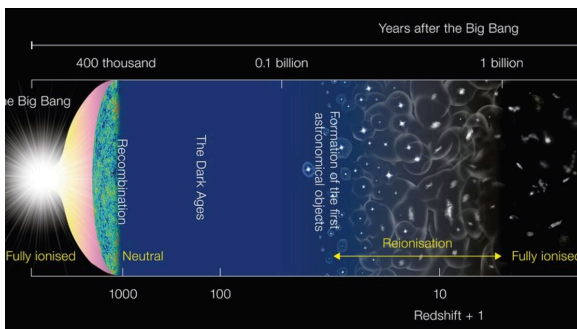
Governments still plan to produce more than double the amount of fossil fuels in 2030, which would be consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C. The persistence of the global production gap puts a well-managed and equitable energy transition at risk.



[How to Buy Nothing](#)

There's a better way: *BuyNothing* is a way to give and receive, share, lend, and express gratitude through a worldwide gift economy network in which true wealth is the web of connections formed between people.

Blogs for this Month



[The Power of the Long View — Contribution to the GTI Forum](#)

Big History and Great Transition

How teaching Big History can shape holistic systems thinking and steer us away from overshoot and collapse

Ghost in the Console

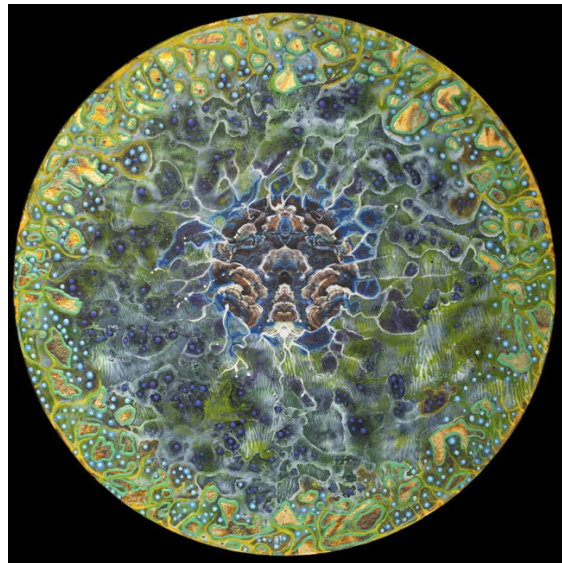
Can this video game illuminate a way out of ecological fragmentation?



Sustainable Menstruation: Promoting Better Menstrual Health and a Greener Future

Breaking the taboos around menstruation could have significant effects on the lives of girls in rural Zimbabwe

Nature, Art,
Beauty &
Science as
Enlivenment &
Enchantment
Convergence



It is time to shift from the heart-driven, barbaric Anthropocene era to the regenerative and healthy Symbiocene (Art Section)



Art, Feminism,
and Cultural
Renaissance—A
MAHB Dialogue
with Katy
Deepwell,
Feminist Art

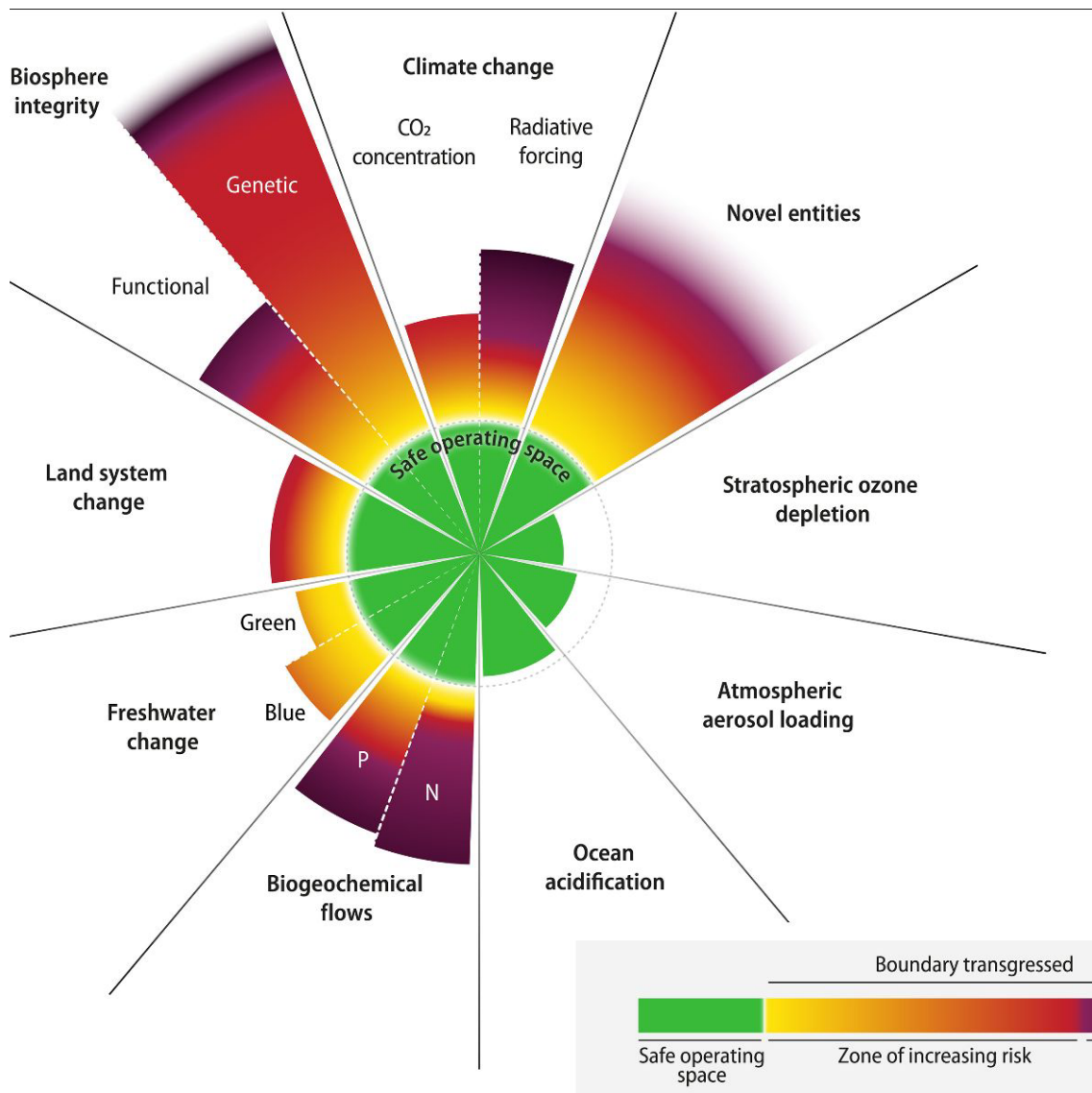
Critic and Art Historian

Women's contribution to culture over the last 150 years has been revolutionary. But there's much more to do.

[Read More](#)

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

Resources



Earth beyond six of nine planetary boundaries

This planetary boundaries framework update finds that six of the nine boundaries are transgressed, suggesting that Earth is now well outside the safe operating space for humanity.



A future with no individual ownership is not a happy one: Property theory shows why

The World Economic Forum (WEF) predicted that, by 2030, individuals would own nothing and be happy. We argue that, contrary to the WEF prediction, an owner-less future would not be a happy one for individuals. We offer an aspiration that better supports not just human happiness, but also a more socially just, sustainable, and emancipatory future.



The Scientists Watching Their Life's Work Disappear

Some are stubborn optimists. Others struggle with despair. Their faces show the weight they carry as they witness the impact of climate change.



How Much Can Trees Fight Climate Change? Massively, but Not Alone, Study Finds

Restoring global forests where they occur naturally could potentially capture an additional 226 gigatons of planet-warming carbon, equivalent to about a third of the amount that humans have released since the beginning of the Industrial Era, according to a new study [published in the journal Nature](#).



An inconvenient misconception:
Climate change is not the principal
driver of biodiversity loss

The current perception that climate change is the principal threat to biodiversity is at best premature. Although highly relevant, it detracts focus and effort from the primary threats: habitat destruction and overexploitation.



Wealth Never Sleeps

Wishing away overconsumption without reducing population or affluence is a denial of math.

Podcasts & Videos



TGS–David Holmgren: “Small and Slow Solutions – Permaculture Design”

Nate talks with ‘permaculture’ author and educator David Holmgren to discuss his experience within the movement. What might it look like if more permaculture systems are used in the future? While often thought to be an agricultural tool, permaculture thinking is meant for designing human systems embedded in nature—an important principle for a future where societies will need to re-synchronize with natural flows.



TGS—Chuck Watson: “The Nuclear Wild West”

Nate speaks with risk expert Chuck Watson about recent nuclear developments between Russia and the United States. The discussions around the events in the Middle East have taken the world's attention, but the testing and development of new nuclear weapons by the US and Russia's decision to withdraw from the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty have received less coverage from the mainstream media. However, these developments are some of the most pressing threats to life on Earth as we know it.

The Arts

What's Next For Earth

ART CALL

Based on the Think Resilience Course
by Post Carbon Institute

MEETING ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY NEEDS

Open until November 30, 2023
**EXTENDED UNTIL
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

[What's Next for Earth Art Call: Meeting Essential Community Needs](#)

The Current art call, Meeting Essential Community Needs, based on the Think Resilience course by Post Carbon Institute, is extended to December 31, 2023.



Discussing the Current Art Call
Meeting Essential Community Needs

Deep Transformation Network - Artists and Creatives Group
Hosted by Christina Conklin, Michele Guieu, and Christopher Losa

November 14, 2023

[Video recording: “Meeting Essential Community Needs” art call presentation and discussion](#)

"Meeting Essential Community Needs": A presentation and discussion on the ongoing What's Next for Earth art call, based on the Think Resilience course by Post Carbon Institute. Hosted on the Deep Transformation Network in the Artists and Creatives group.

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