

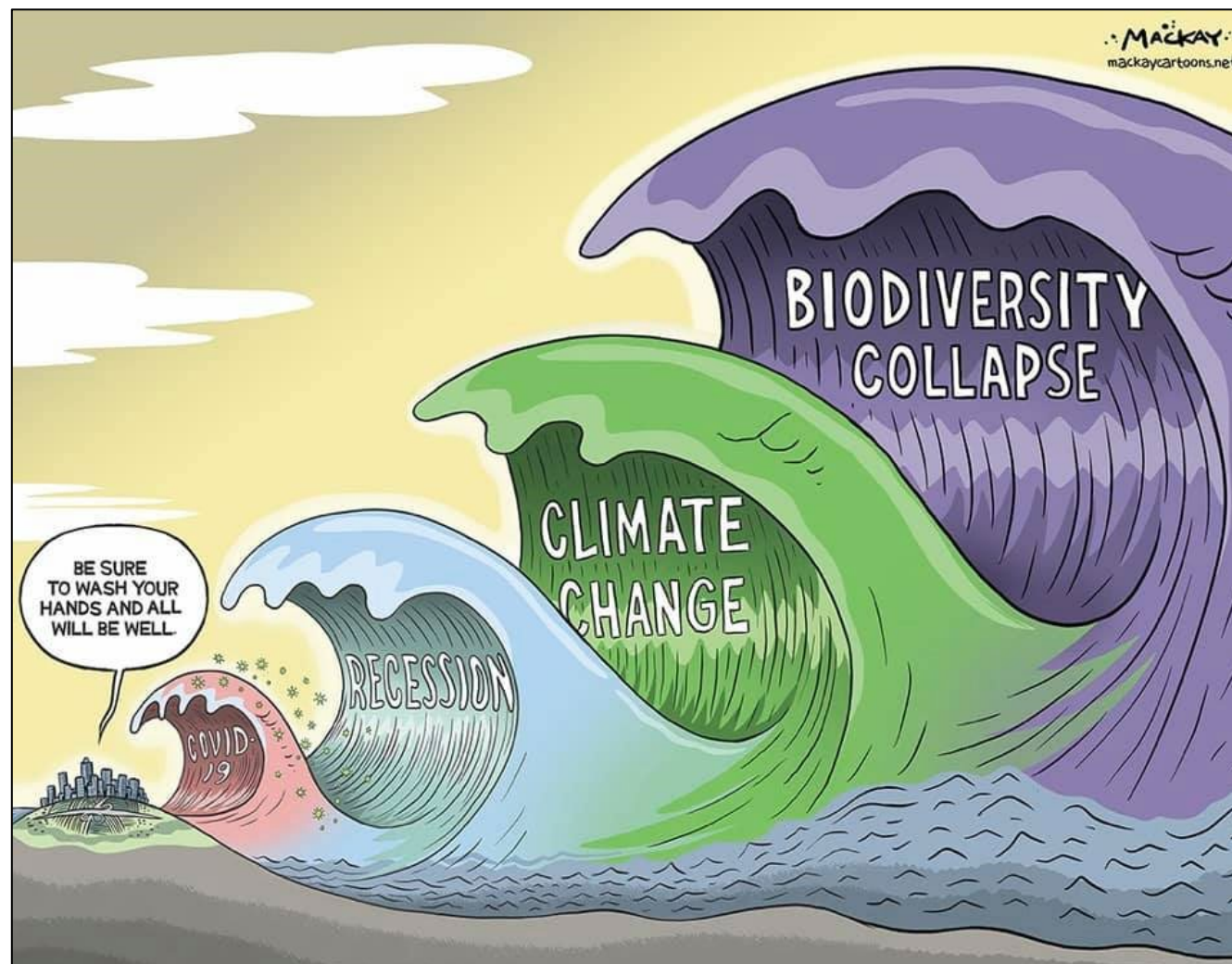
Reorienting policies and targets for healthier people and planet

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Making progress on health equity



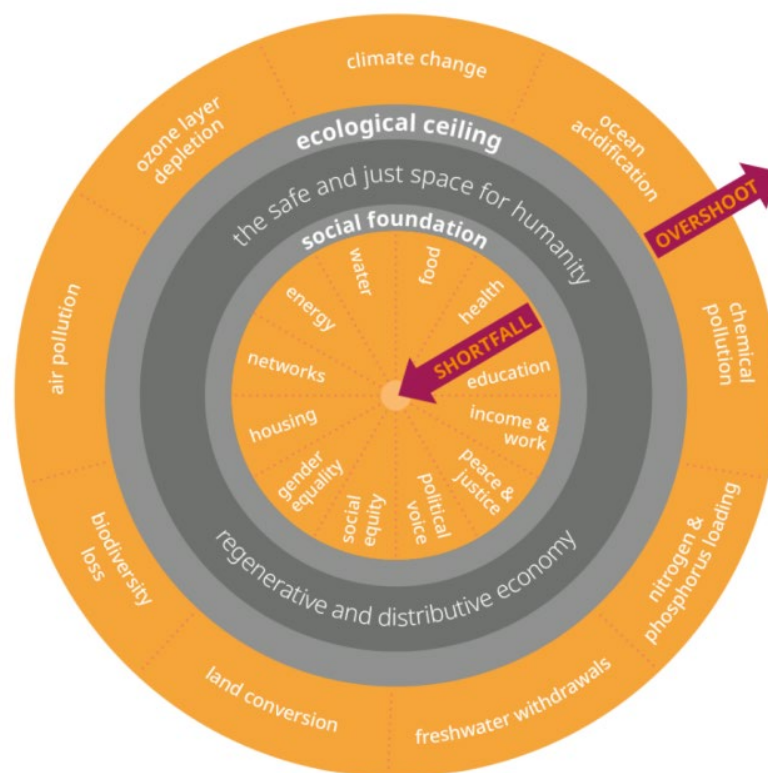
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Permacrises deepens health inequities



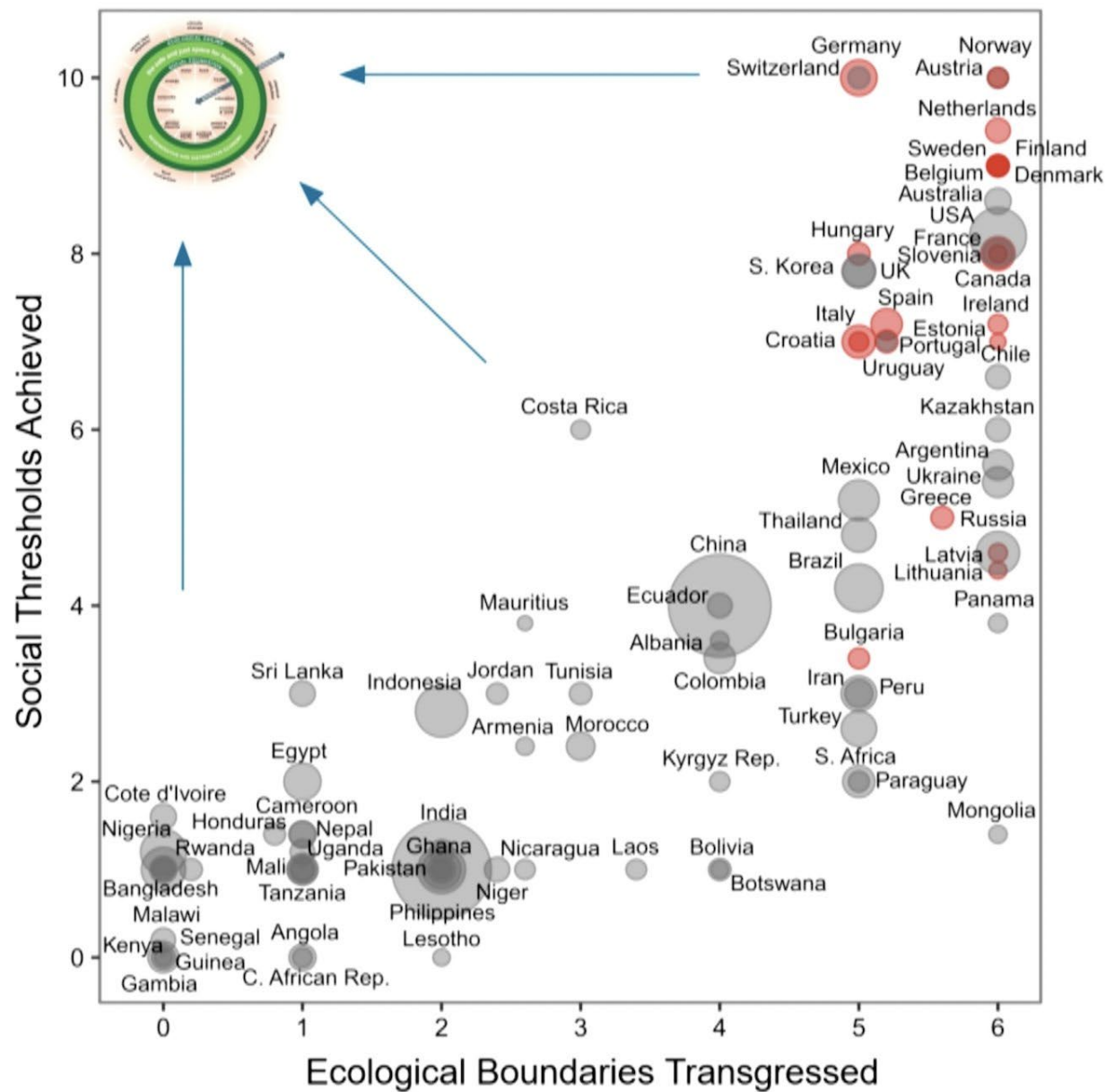
Health Within Planetary Boundaries (2022)

The safe and just scope of action on a social foundation and within ecological limits



Own illustration according to: Raworth, Kate, Doughnut Economics. Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist, London 2017.

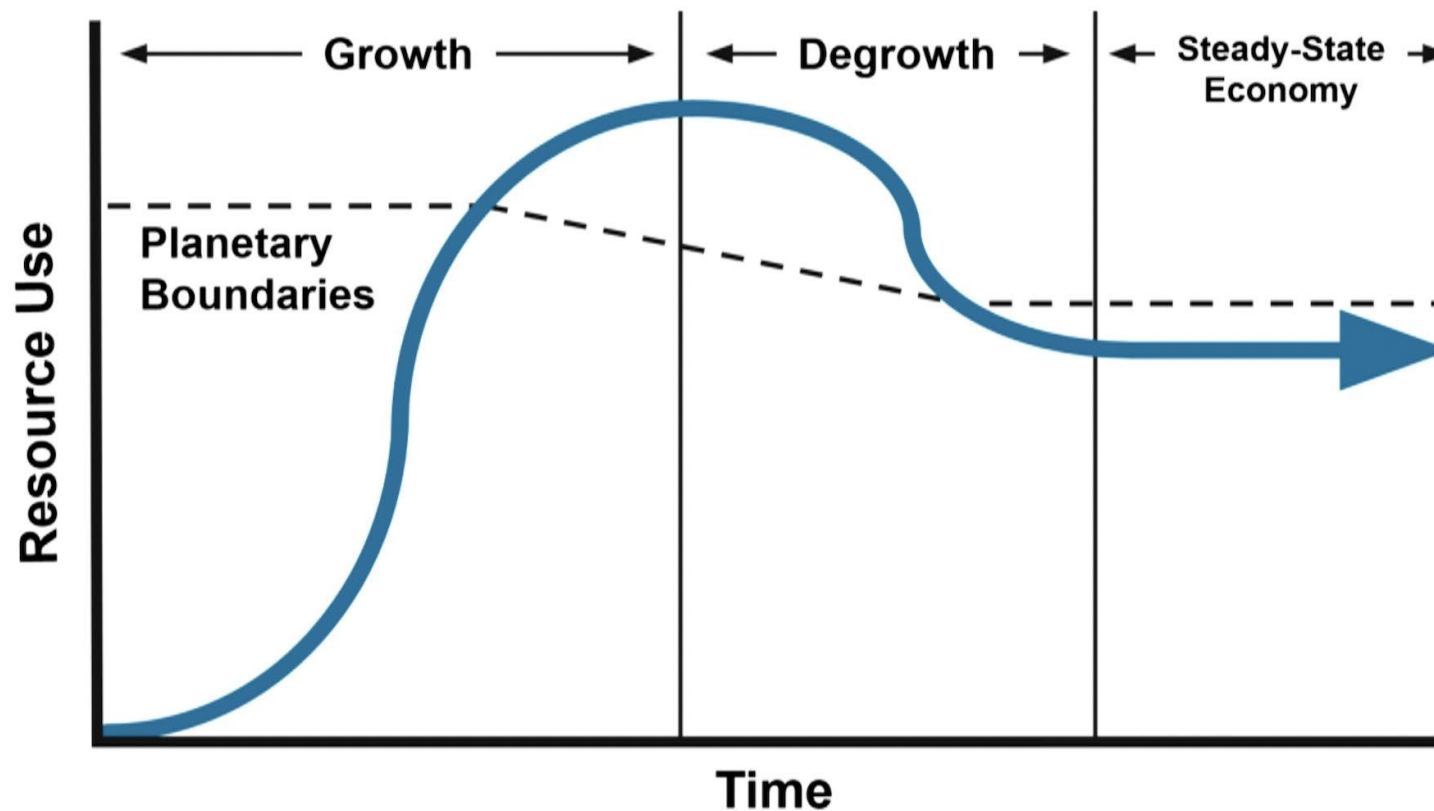
‘Political, social, and economic processes and structures must therefore be designed and governed nationally, as well as internationally, with a focus on safeguarding health and well-being for present and future generations while also preserving the habitability of the planet.’



Source: Fanning et al. (2022)
in *Nature Sustainability*

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The Transition for Wealthy Nations



<https://www.beyond-growth-2023.eu/lecture/plenary-4/>

Beyond growth policies based on the four principles of:

- **Biocapacity:** fossil fuel phase-outs, limits to raw material extraction and nature protection and ecological restoration measures.
- **Fairness:** fiscal instruments to foster a more equal society by eradicating income and wealth extremes, as well as super-profits.
- **Wellbeing for all:** secured access to essential infrastructure via an improved and ecologically-sensitive welfare state. E.g., Universal Basic Services, job guarantees, price controls for essential goods and services.
- **Citizen assemblies:** With mandates to formulate socially acceptable sufficiency strategies. Strengthen policies based on ecological limits, fairness and wellbeing for all and a stronger role for trade unions.

<https://friendsoftheearth.eu/publication/post-growth-europe-letter/>

Political actions for/in the health sector

- **Biocapacity:** Low-energy intensive, less complex, localized and place-bound health systems based on comprehensive primary health care and health promotion. Contextualized education in socio-environmental health and community medicine. Divestment from fossil-fuel and other harmful businesses, regulating the commercial determinants of health.
- **Fairness:** Decent employment and wages, maximum incomes. Halt profit making in health care, limit medicalization of health systems. Increasing fiscal space for health, national health insurance. Shared responsibility for international health financing, reforms of (international) taxation and intellectual property regimes, heterodox economic measures.
- **Wellbeing for all:** Social health protection, investment in human security and basic services, job guarantee for health care work. Price regulation for essential medicines. Subsidizing informal and social care. Promotion of food sovereignty and local food markets.
- **Citizen assemblies:** Social & ecological health fora. Deliberative and participatory priority setting in health service packages. Health café's and cultural diversity health festivals. Strengthening public services trade unions. Community organization on health matters and human rights.

References



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The Need for Transformation to a
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