

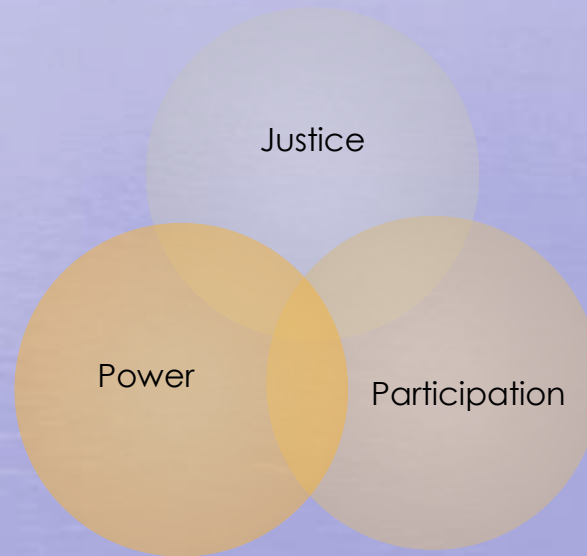


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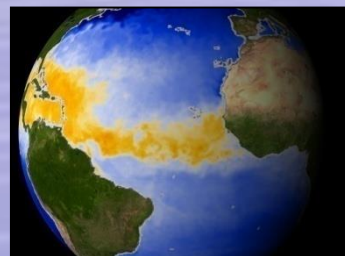


An Ecology of Energy Democracy



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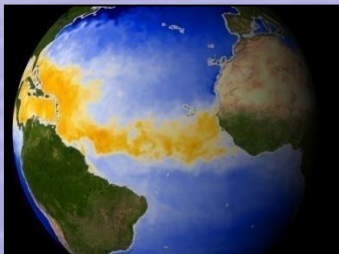
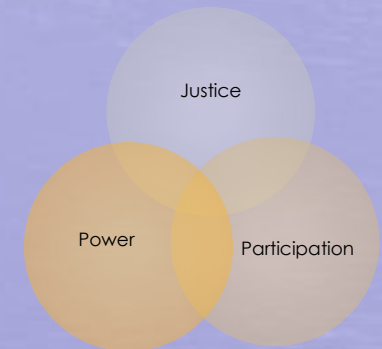




Social movement re-imagining
energy consumers as *prosumers*,

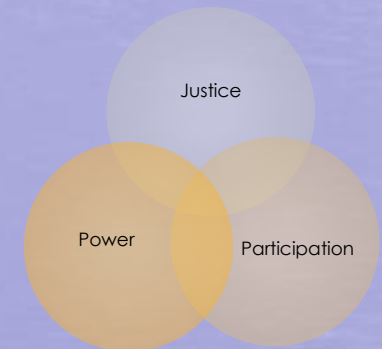
Research

Begin at the nexus of justice,
participation, and power.

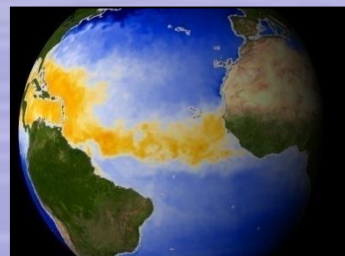




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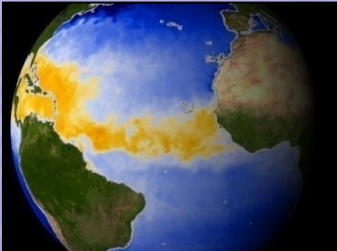


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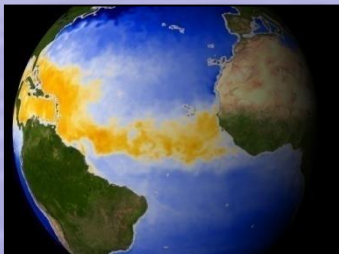




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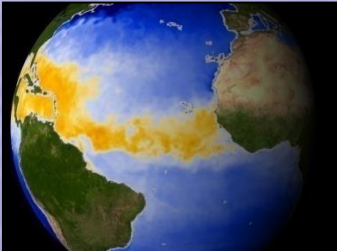
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Group decision making characterized by equality **at an essential stage**

- Infrastructure
- Institution
- Process







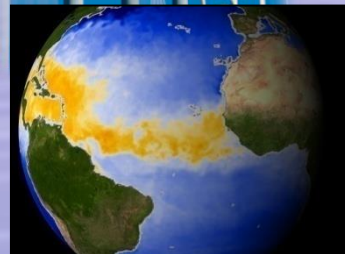
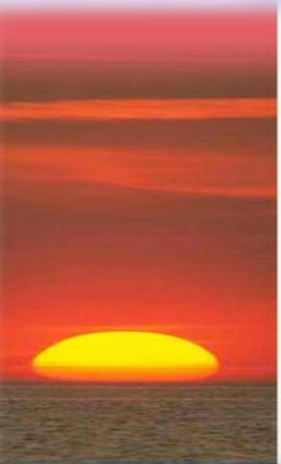


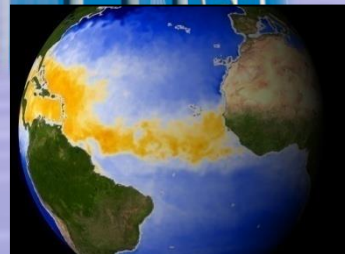
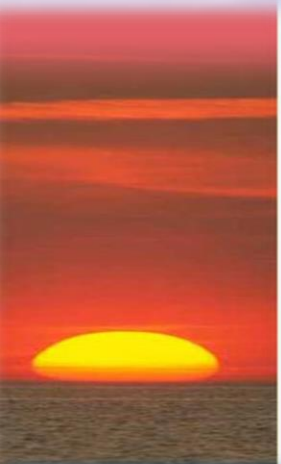
Forecasting

Predicting the future based on current trend analysis

Backcasting

Identifying a desired endpoint and working backwards to identify the steps required to arrive at such an endpoint.





Backcasting

Weakness: based on assumptions about what is desirable; biased toward interests of influential elites.

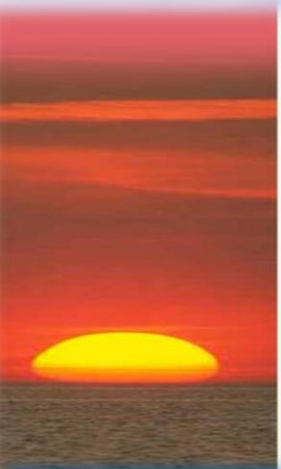


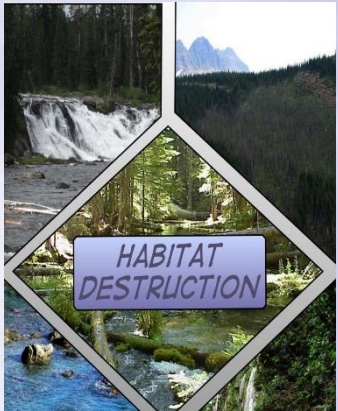
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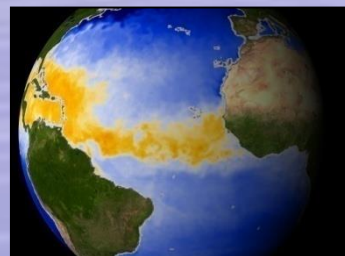




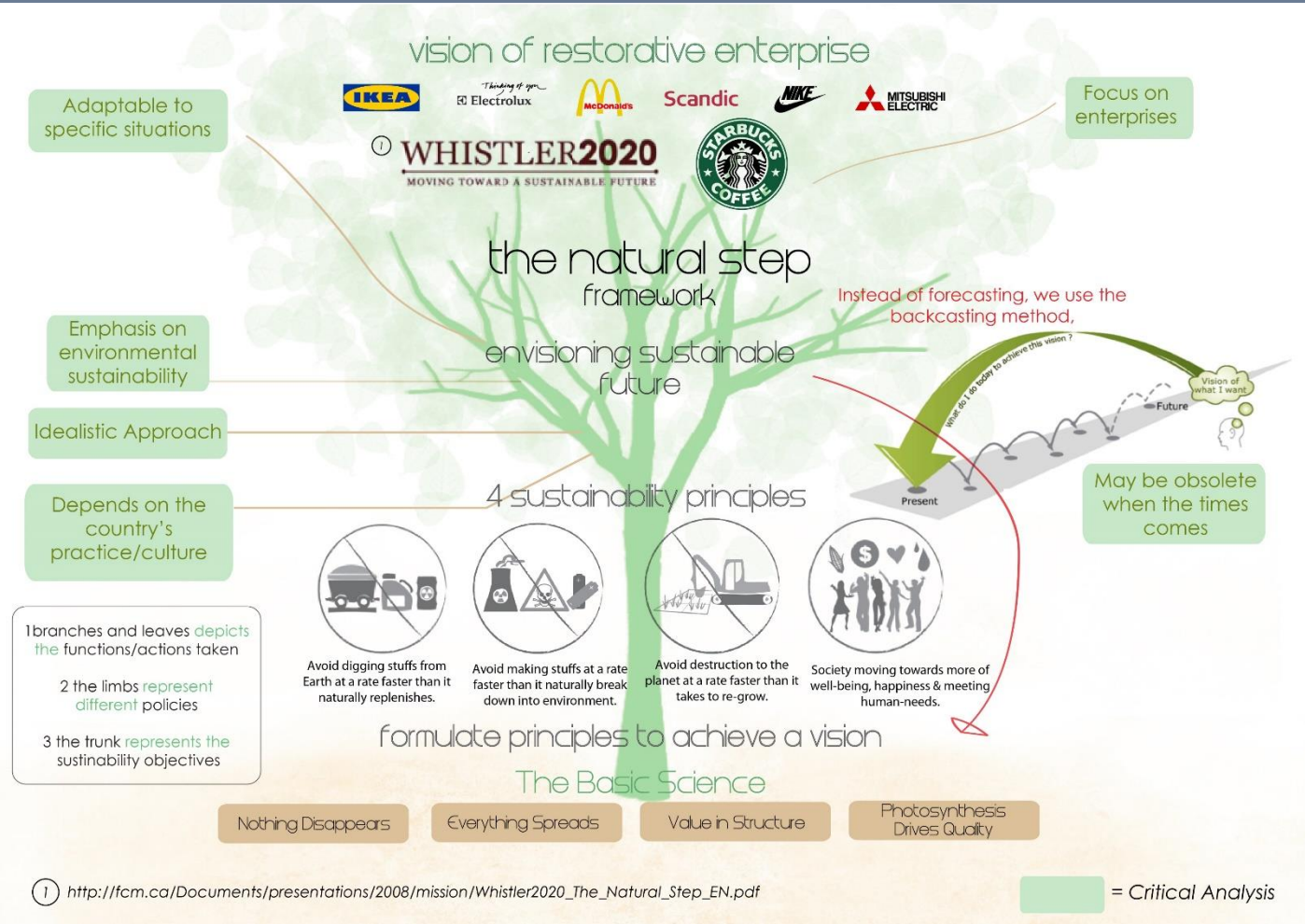
Sustainable society does not systematically increase

- Concentrations of substances such as fossil CO₂ and heavy metals,
- Concentrations of substances produced by society (endocrine disrupters),
- Physical degradation (deforestation, draining groundwater tables).

- And poses no structural obstacles to people's health, influence, competence, impartiality and meaning.



<http://www.thenaturalstep.org/our-approach/>



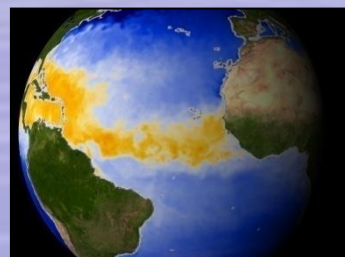
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Reconstruct dualisms as interdependent relationships





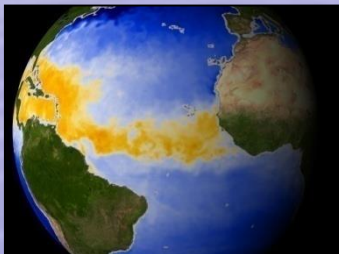
“Polar bears mistaken, warming is a hoax!”



Democracy

“is the manifestation of dissensus, the cultivation of an anarchic multiplicity that calls into question the authority and legitimacy of the state.”

Simon Critchley

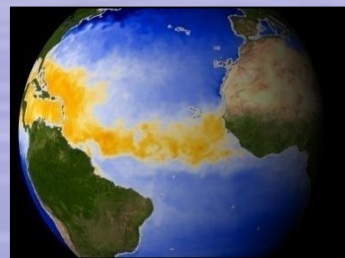




Dissent

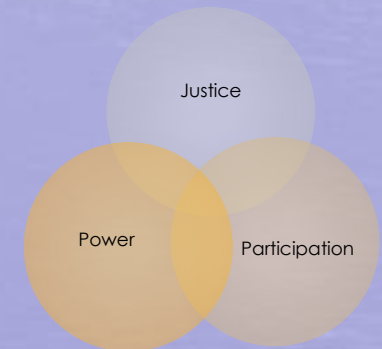
“is as alarming to the purveyors of prevailing opinion . . . as it is critical to a nation’s political welfare.”

Robert L. Ivie





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