

Sovereignty and global risks

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Sovereignty

"The Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members" UN Charter, 1945

Peace of Westphalia, 1648. Thirty Years War in Europe

Principle: no interference in domestic affairs

Pragmatic, not moral





Global Risks 20th century

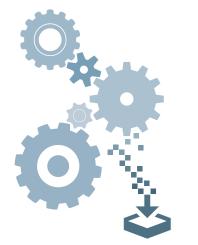
Special spaces High sea Outer space Arctic Atmosphere

Special dimensions nuclear technologies ozone-depleting chemicals biochemical weapons human rights

Principles of international community



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Special spaces

Law of the Sea, 1958, 1982, 1994 (ratification) UN Convention (UNCLOS)

- mare liberum principle (Hugo Grotius, 1609)
- safeguarding marine environment
- protecting freedom of scientific research
- controlling mineral resource exploitation





Outer Space Treaty, 1967

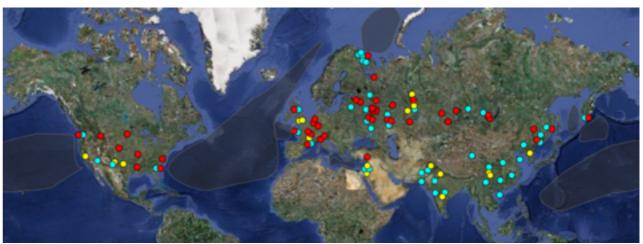
UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses (COPUOS)

- precludes any claims of national sovereignty
- permits all states to freely explore outer space
- bans weapons of mass destruction



Nuclear non proliferation

2 atomic bombs,1945 2000 nuclear tests 14500 nuclear weapons



Limited Test Ban Treaty (atmosphere), 1963 Non-Proliferation Treaty, 1968 Bilateral Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, 1972 Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, 1996 (signed) IAEA Verification mission

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), UN Conference, 2017 As today 19 States ratified. Enters into force with 50 States





Ozone-depleting chemicals

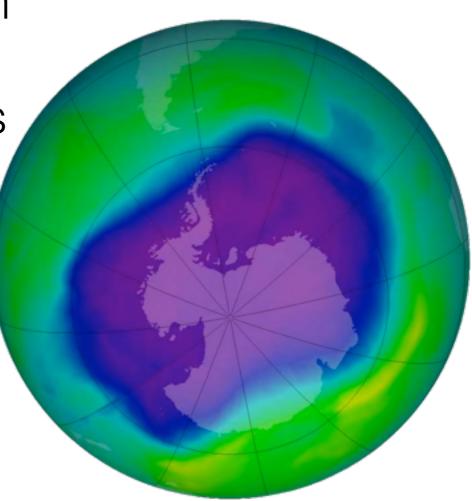
Absorption of UVB radiation

Fundamental implications for health

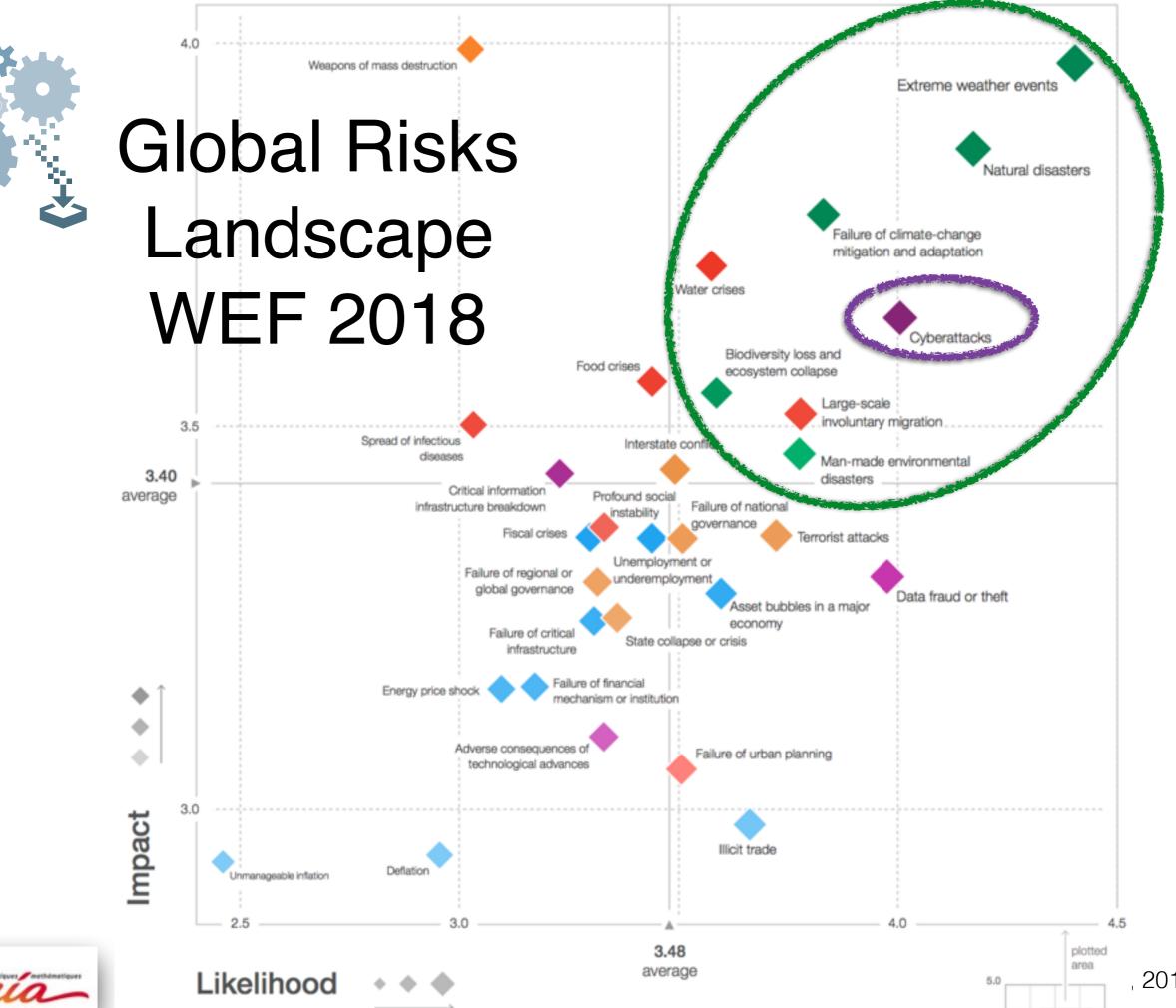
Evidence of depletion in late 1970's

Political & commercial interests

Montreal Protocol, 1987 ban on chemicals





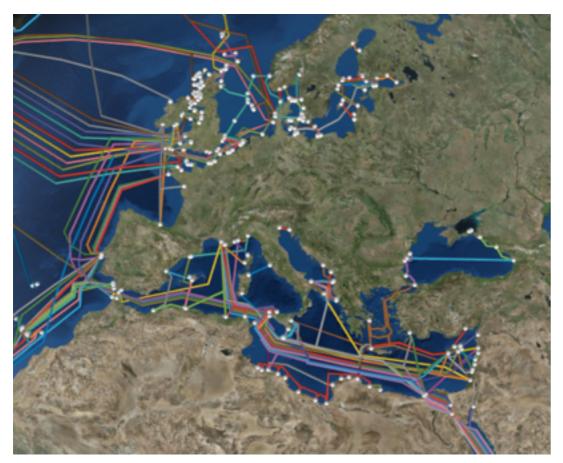


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Complex embeddings

Digital embedded into geography





Human society embedded into natural environment

https://maps.esri.com/rc/cable/index.html

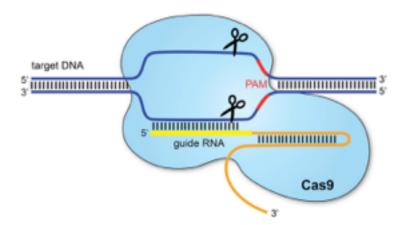


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Complex embeddings

nature embedded into human transformation







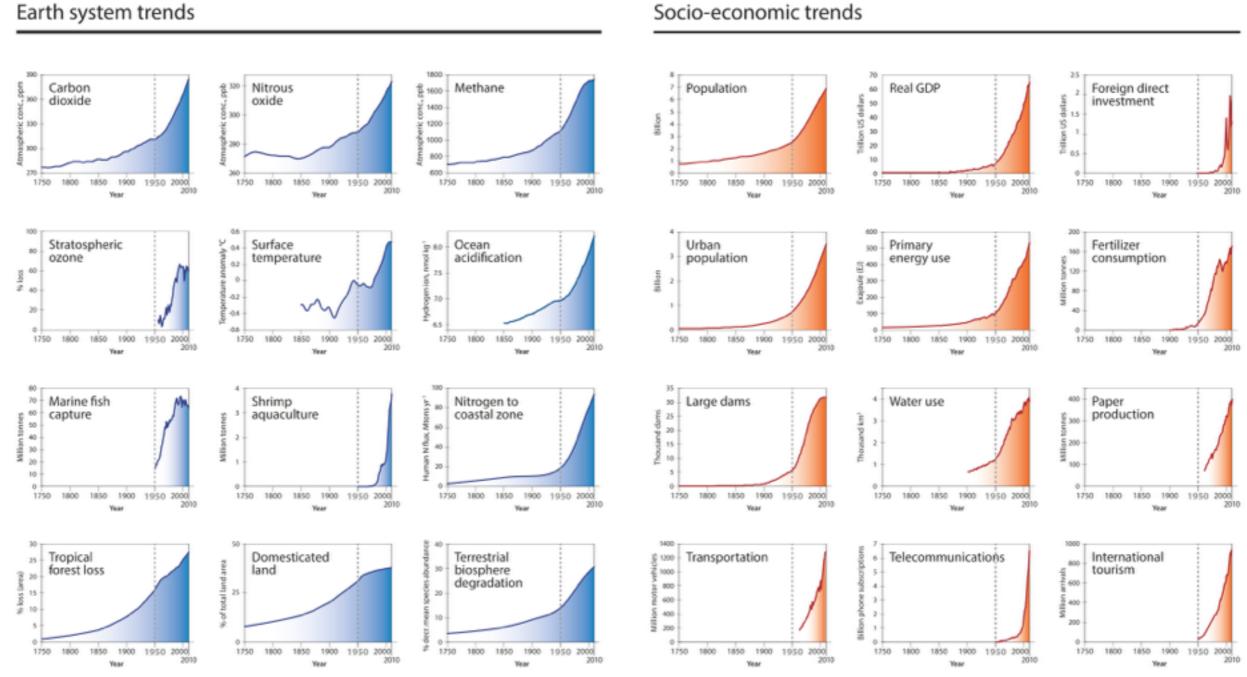


Human society embedded into digital environment

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Great acceleration



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WEF Global Risks 2018

• A Tangled Web

Artificial intelligence "weeds" proliferate, choking off the performance of the internet

- Precision extinction Al-piloted drone ships wipe out a large proportion of global fish stocks
- War without Rules State-on-state cyberattacks escalate unpredictably owing to a lack of agreed protocols
- Walled Off

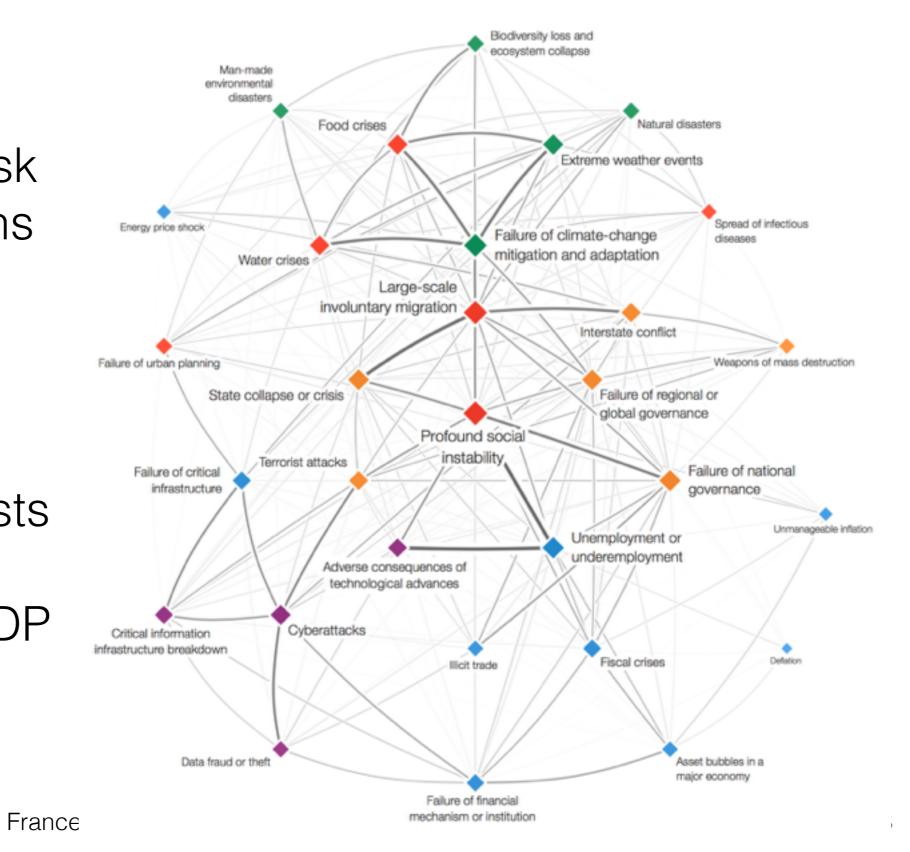
Regulatory, cybersecurity and protectionist concerns lead to the fragmentation of the internet

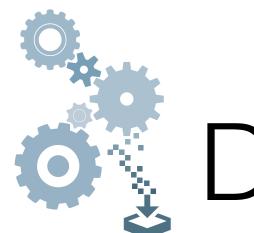


Need for System Thinking

WEF Global Risk interconnections MAP

2017 cybercrime costs US\$600 billion, 0.8% global GDP (McAfee)

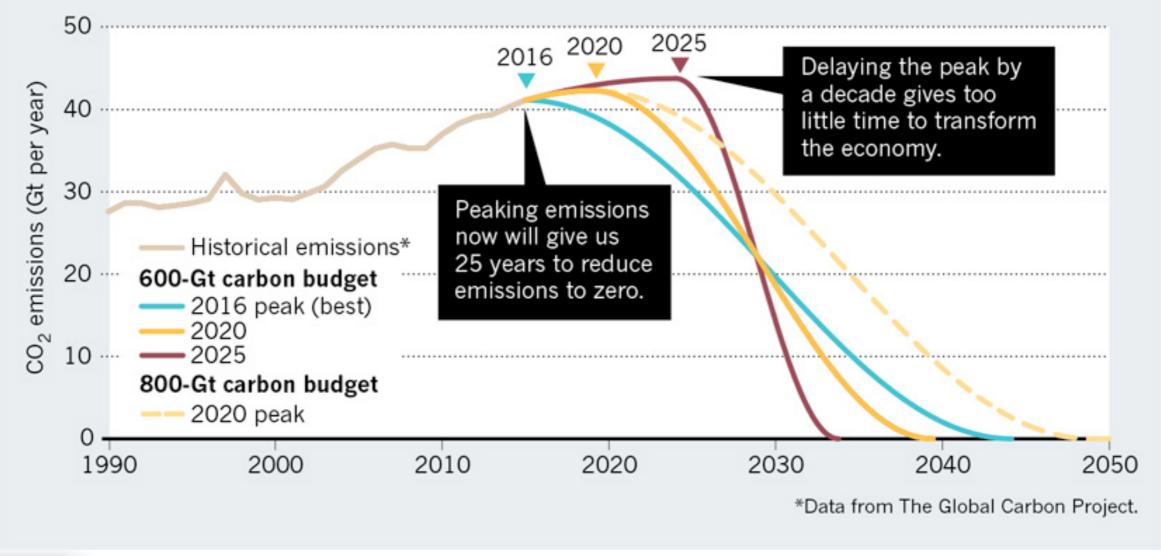




Drastic changes ahead

CARBON CRUNCH

There is a mean budget of around 600 gigatonnes (Gt) of carbon dioxide left to emit before the planet warms dangerously, by more than 1.5–2°C. Stretching the budget to 800 Gt buys another 10 years, but at a greater risk of exceeding the temperature limit.





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Vertical vs horizontal control?

Need for norms and protocols in the Cyberspace to ensure

- No escalation
- Deterrence
- Non proliferation
- Prohibition of classes of cyber-weapons

International framework

- Old laws applied to new paradigm
 - UN Charter,
 - Geneva Conventions,
 - Laws of Armed Conflict,
- New laws?



SECOND EDITION

Prepared by the International Groups of Experts at the Invitation of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence



Attempts for UN control

1998 First UN Treaty proposal ban on electronic & information weapons Russia & China favors, US against



ITU World Conference Dubai 2012 political clash between blocks on the role of UN

UN Group of governmental experts (UNGGE) 2004 2015 Norms adopted by G20 2017 Failure to agree





US Position

Against new UN vertical framework

Cyberspace as a Common pool resource With community self-organization (Elinor Ostrom)

Promotion of norms

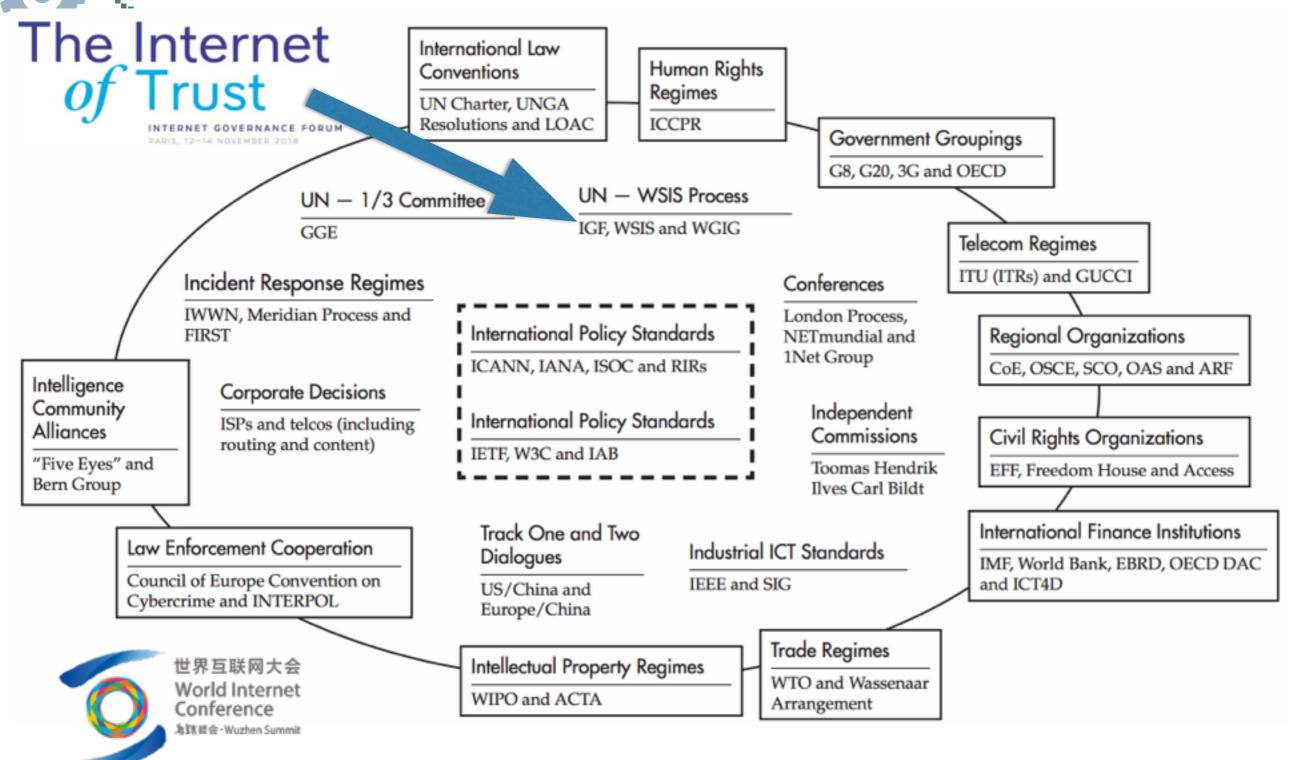
- taboo against targets vs weapons (compliant with humanitarian laws)
- private retaliation to attacks
- extraterritorial laws

Bilateral agreements

- EU–US Privacy Shield
- China US 2015 agreement on cyber espionage for commercial purposes
 after conflict on IPR & US indictment of PLA officers



Regime Complex



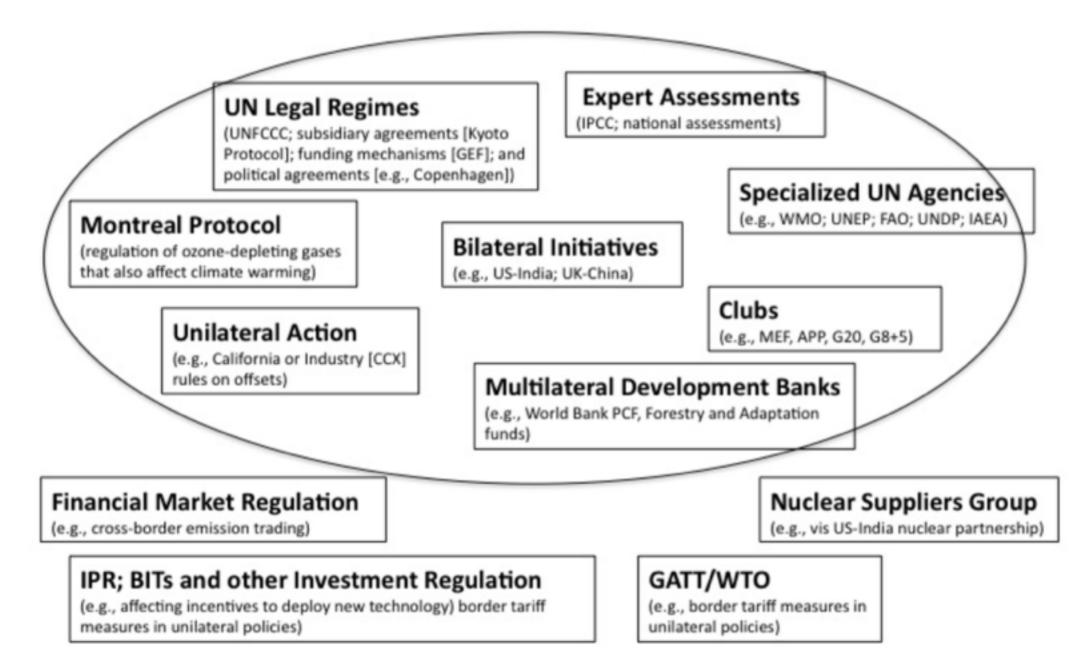
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Regime complex for climate change



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From control of territories to networks of control



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