

Open science in a burning planet

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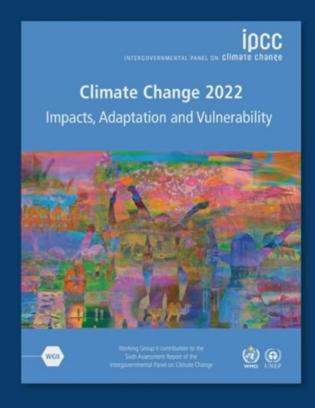
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The scientific evidence is unequivocal: climate change is a threat to human well-being and the health of the planet.

Any further delay in concerted global action will miss the brief, rapidly closing window to secure a liveable future.

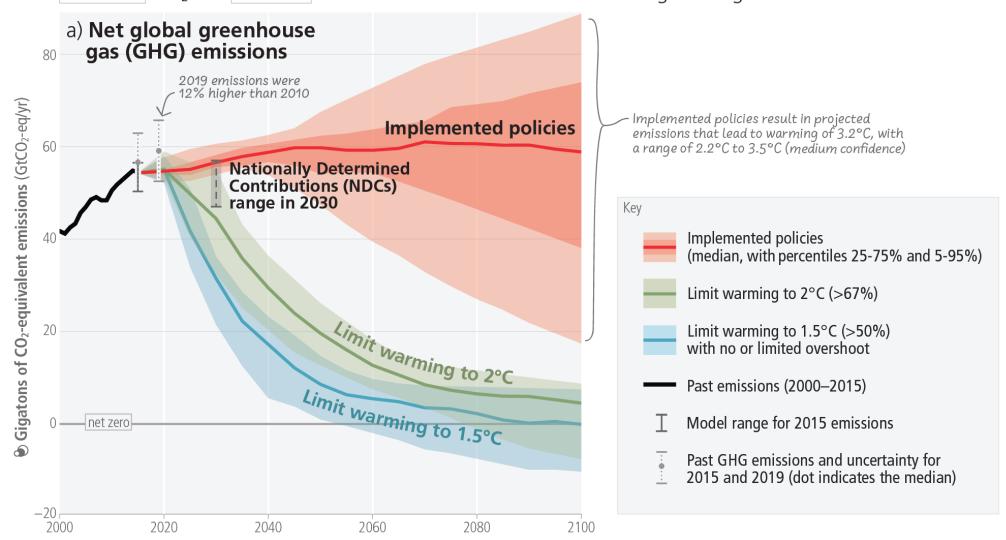
This report offers solutions to the world.



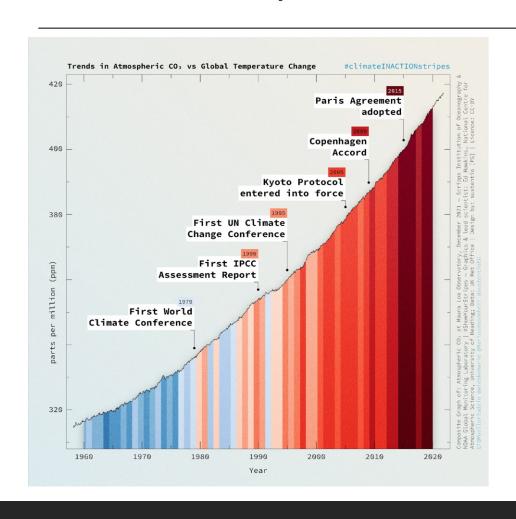


Limiting warming to 1.5°C and 2°C involves rapid, deep and in most cases immediate greenhouse gas emission reductions

Net zero CO₂ and net zero GHG emissions can be achieved through strong reductions across all sectors



What is open science in this context?



Political drivers

- Endless growth-based economic model
- Corporate capture of democracy, via media and the state
- Billions of public money funneled into fossil fuel industries

The role of scientists and universities

"As producers and gatekeepers of knowledge, and as providers of education and training, our universities play a key role in the reproduction of unsustainability. (...) This means that, as workers within these institutions, academics and researchers are faced with a choice: to be agents of this reproduction or to be advocates and activists for change."

Our levers for change

- We exist in rich hubs of knowledge and expertise
- We are well connected across the world, and to decision-makers
- We have large platforms from which to inform, educate and rally others
- We have implicit authority and legitimacy.

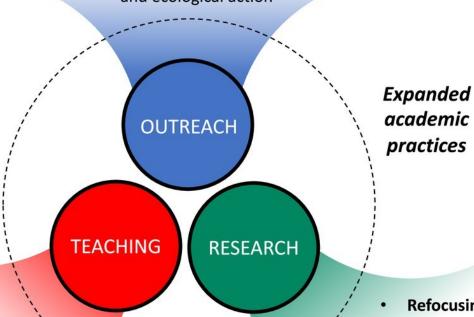


- Scientists in civil resistance: road blockades; wall-pasting of scientific posters; academic occupations of corporate and state institutions; academic strikes
 - Scientist-activism: scientists taking public roles in protest movements
 - Academic advocacy: promoting climate and ecological action

Established

academic

practices



- Street teach-ins
 - Classroom occupations
 - (Self-)interruptions of established curricula
 - Radical curricular transformation, providing tools for societal change

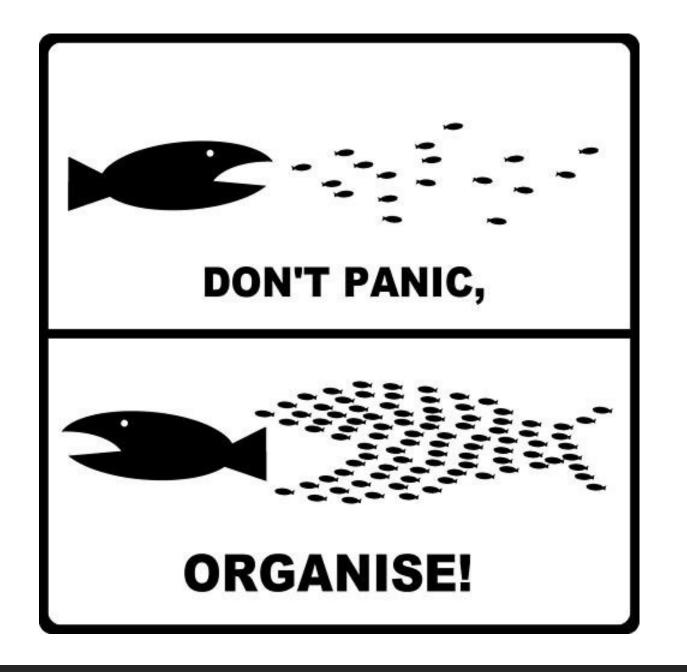
- Refocusing and repurposing of research
- Interdisciplinary dialogue with social sciences, humanities and indigenous peoples
- Implementation of regenerative research practices
- Scientific support for activism: e.g. compiling evidence, assisting in networking and strategy

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Beyond the labs and out to the streets

- Teach-ins
- Strikes
- Occupations
- Boycotts
- Direct action: blockades, paper pasting



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Next Scientist Rebellion Lund Meeting: November 27, 17:00