



HIGHER EDUCATION, THE NATION-STATE AND GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

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GLOBAL SEPTEMBER TEMPERATURE 0.5C ABOVE PREVIOUS RECORD



An aerial photograph showing a narrow, dark channel of water flowing through a massive, cracked ice sheet. The ice is white with numerous cracks and crevasses, and the water is dark, reflecting the sky. The perspective is from above, looking down the length of the channel.

WEST ANTARCTIC ICE MELT WILL RAISE
GLOBAL SEA LEVELS 5 METRES BY 2100

WILDLIFE POPULATIONS HAVE BEEN
REDUCED BY 69% SINCE 1970



A landscape showing desertification. In the foreground, a large, dead, bleached tree trunk stands prominently. The ground is dry, sandy, and cracked, with sparse, low-lying, brownish vegetation. In the middle ground, another dead tree trunk is visible. The background shows a flat, open plain with a few scattered trees under a clear blue sky with light clouds. A dark green rectangular box with a white border is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image, containing the text "DESERTIFICATION IS SPREADING" in white, uppercase letters.

DESERTIFICATION IS SPREADING

A close-up photograph of several golden wheat stalks, showing the intricate details of the grain heads and the long, thin awns. The background is a clear, bright blue sky, which is slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is warm and natural, suggesting a sunny day in a field.

GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM NEAR TIPPING POINT?

An aerial photograph showing a large area of deforestation. A dense green forest occupies the lower-left and bottom portions of the frame. To the right and in the upper-middle, a large rectangular area has been cleared, revealing reddish-brown soil. This cleared area is divided into numerous parallel, rectangular plots, suggesting agricultural use. Several dirt roads or tracks are visible, crisscrossing the cleared area. The background shows a vast, flat landscape under a clear sky, with a distant horizon line.

FOSSIL FUELS AND AGRIBUSINESS INCREASINGLY
SHAPE CLIMATE-NATURE POLITICS IN THE WEST

A photograph of an offshore wind farm at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. In the foreground, a dark beach is populated by numerous seagulls, some standing and some resting. The ocean extends to the horizon, with gentle waves breaking near the shore. A row of wind turbines is visible in the distance, their silhouettes softened by the low light.

UK GOVERNMENT BACKTRACK ON NET ZERO PLEDGES

COPI5 BIODIVERSITY SUMMIT WILL BE
CHAIRD BY UAE STATE OIL COMPANY



DRIVING US OVER THE CLIFF





LISTEN TO THE SCIENCE

The image features a dark, textured background. A horizontal band of white, wispy smoke or steam rises from a dark surface, creating a stark contrast. The smoke is dense and billowing, with some strands appearing to catch the light. The overall mood is mysterious and volatile.

VOLATILE AND UNPREDICTABLE

STATE COORDINATION



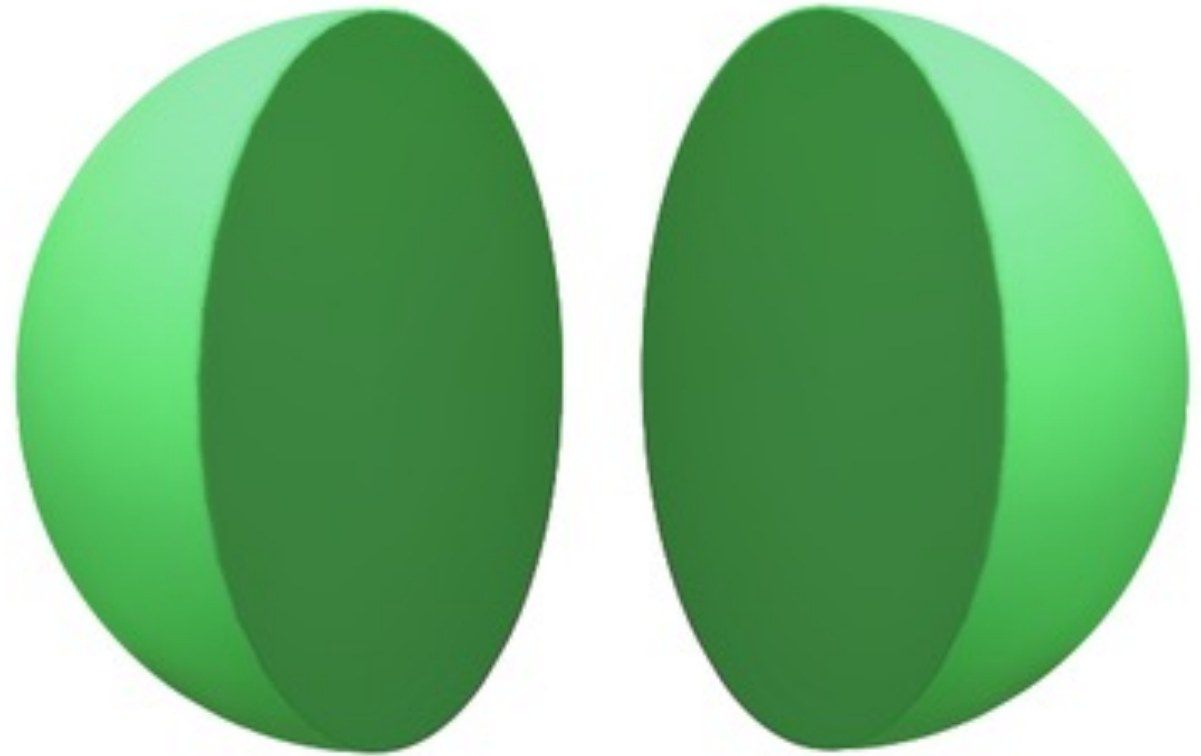
GRASS ROOTS AGENCY



EAST AND WEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO MORAL ORDER



Sphere



Hemisphere

HIGHER EDUCATION



1 NO POVERTY



UN SDGs

2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY




6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



A large crowd of graduates in black caps and gowns, looking upwards, with a text overlay. The graduates are densely packed, and their faces are visible, many wearing glasses. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

MORAL ORDER AND STUDENT LEARNING

A close-up photograph showing several hands of different skin tones gently holding small green seedlings with soil. The hands are arranged in a circle, creating a sense of unity and shared care. The background is softly blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the plants. A dark teal rectangular box with a white border is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'POLITICAL COMMUNITY' in white, uppercase, sans-serif font.

POLITICAL COMMUNITY

SCIENCE AS TRUTH TELLING



A GLOBAL TIANXIA?

‘... with respect to the political, only nation-states are deemed significant. It is for this reason that the world has only been exploited as a “common” resource and treated as a domain to be fought over and abused ... This is especially the case within ideologies of hegemonic nation-states, where other nation-states and even the high seas are conceived of as just so much territory to be dominated’

- Zhao Tingyang 2021, pp. 185, 187

All under Heaven

THE TIANXIA SYSTEM FOR A POSSIBLE WORLD ORDER

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WE SHOULD NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE
THE CHANGE THAT IS NEEDED



CHINA'S HIGHER EDUCATION HAS
A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE

