Nature & Machines Making Al work for **People & the Planet** Victor Galaz, Stockholm Resilience Centre

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Resilience is the long-term capacity of a system to deal with change and continue to develop.

It entails both the capacity to 'bounce back', adapt and (when needed) transform* in the face of changing circumstances.

Human-Environment-Machine

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Earth system changes

Amazon rainforest + Boreal forests + permafrost: ~ 10 yrs global emissions of CO₂

The world's oceans absorb ~ 25% of annual global carbon emissions

The total amount of carbon stored in terrestrial ecosystems is almost 60 times larger than the current annual global emissions of GHG

Amazonas 2019. Video: Avener Prado//The Guardian



A Changing planet







World's top 10% of income earners are responsible for between 25 and 43% of environmental impact.
World's bottom 10% income earners exert only around 3–5% of environmental impact.
Source: Teixidó-Figueras, J. et al. *Ecol. Indic.* 62, 163–173 (2016).

Earth system change – the "invisible hand" of increased social inequality



Sumaila et al. (2011), Nature Climate Change



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The Robots are Coming to Harvest Your

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The European Green Deal and Digitalisation

Conversation Will the EU witness a Digital Green Deal? Strengths and weaknesses of the digital age have become more apparent over the course of the pandemic, but how can policy makers address these challenges and interlink them with a comprehensive and ambitious ecological approach?

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Covid-19 and automation

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Microsoft, in collaboration with others, is using algorithms to convert satel

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How AI can enable a Sustainable Future

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The "digital-divide" is growing for modern technologies (HDR 2019) Automation in farming economic at large scales -> simpler ecosystems (monocultures)

Data ownership, transparency of data use, distribution of risks

As planetary changes drive automation and increased applications of intelligent machines

- who benefits? And how do "we" redirect harmful distributional and environmental effects?

Resilience principles

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Resilience of complex sociotechnical system

Resilience of people and planet

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Building resilience of our living planet

Social opportunities, dignity, equity

Technological change for people and planet **Thank you** E-post: victor.galaz@su.se Twitter: @vgalaz www.stockholmresilience.su.se



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