

29th Sept - Workshop 2: Local/Regional Challenges + Book Discussion “Challenges around the World”

1. Bring one challenge from where you are from.

Bring a short description of what the challenge is, and why it matters. Why did you choose to share this challenge? Who will it affect and/or whom is it affecting? How are you affected or connected to this challenge personally?

Bring a small physical picture related to the challenge (print it out so we can paste it on the wall. It can be black & white or color, maximum post-card size).

The “challenge” can be anything you think that is relevant to this class. Think of something you have experienced or you have seen back home. You can choose a challenge that your home country faces at the national level, or something that is experienced at the city or local community level. The point is that you choose something that has a *local* perspective, compared to the *global* perspective!

2. Reflecting on the book “Collapse of the Western Civilization,” prepare to discuss and bring some notes to the questions below:

- On the last page of the Interview with Authors, the authors leave it to the readers to take away what they want from this book. What do you takeaway from this book? What are your general impressions, and would you recommend this book to a friend? Why, why not?
- Is their view of the world today (around the year 2000s) accurate?
- Is the future they describe realistic? What alternative futures do you see? Is there a more positive future? Think about the difference between the futures you imagine and the book describes. How could the future change into a more positive one?



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