



Ethical dilemmas in (un)sustainable tourism mobility

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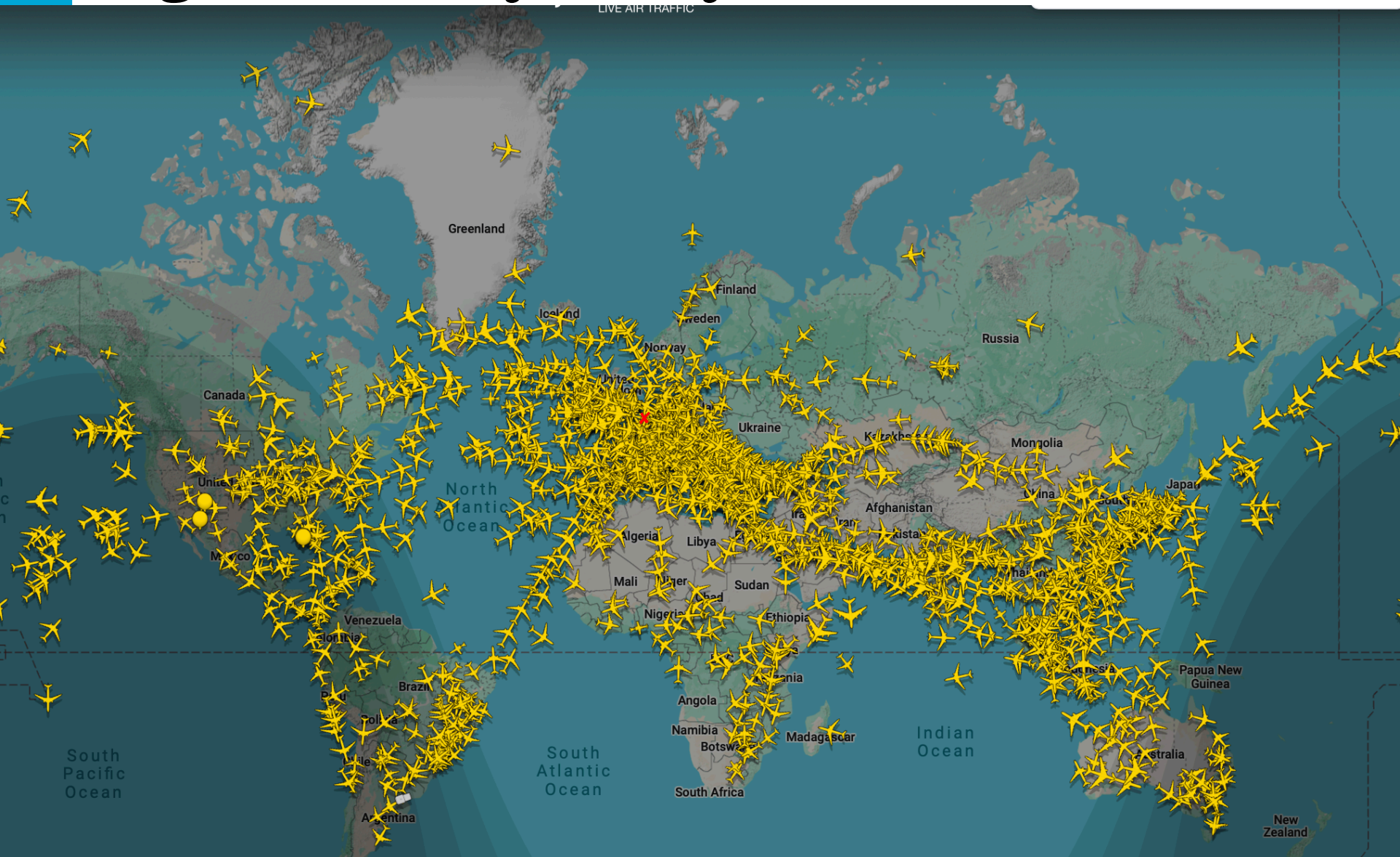
Ethics vs. Morality

- Ethics versus Morality
 - Morality is about good/bad, right/wrong, responsible/irresponsible
 - Ethics is a systematic reflection on morality
- Ethical principles and values
 - harm avoidance
 - equity and justice
 - responsibility (e.g., to take action, for future generations)
 - sustainability

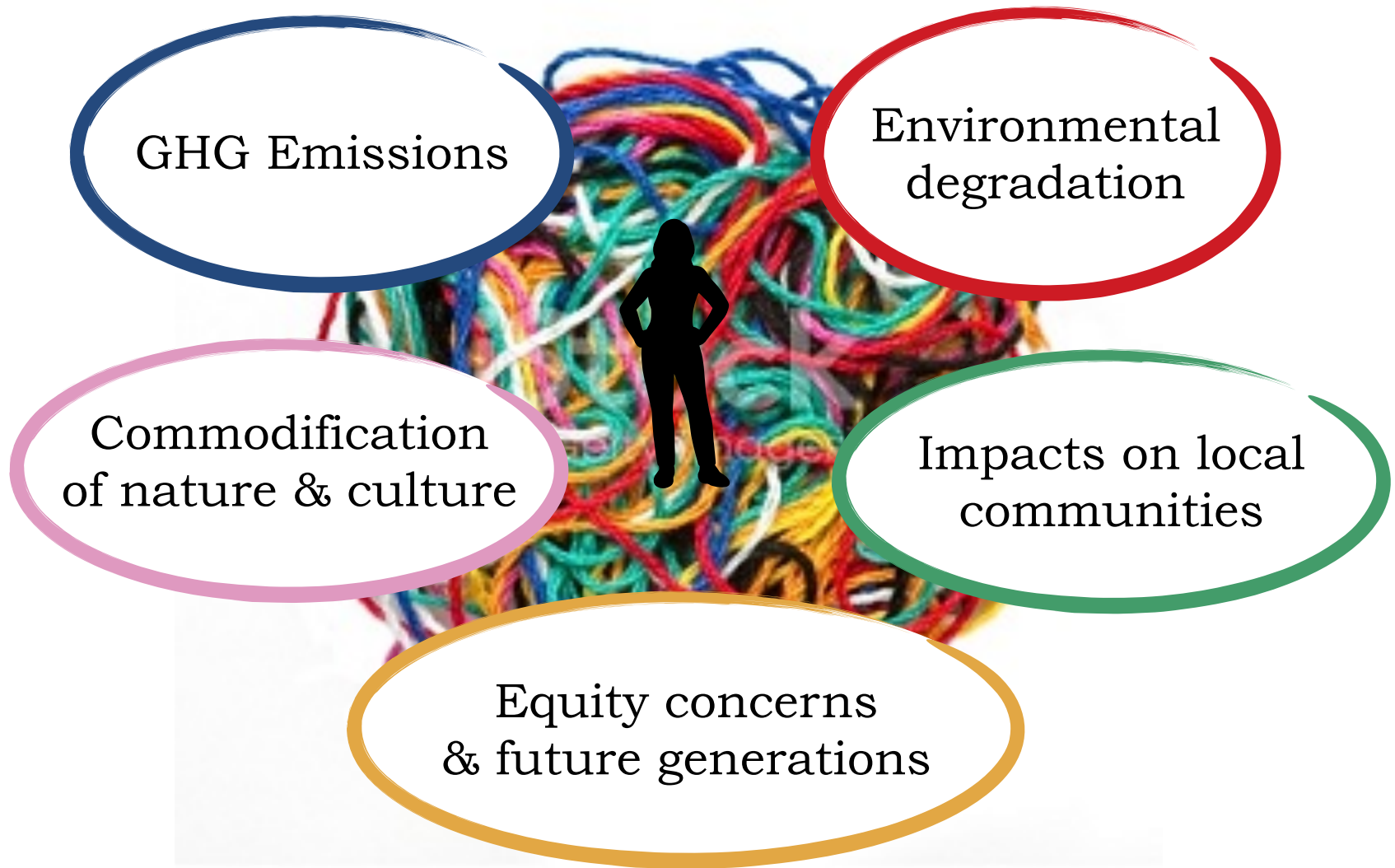
“Is?” vs. “Ought?”

How sustainable tourism mobility should look like?

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Cumulative Effects of Tourism Mobility



Many ethical dilemmas challenge the existing paradigm of tourism mobility...
Justice concerns are central to these dilemmas (e.g., equity)...

Systemic change is needed...



*Social acceptance is essential, but also **ethical acceptability** (Taebi, 2017)*

What do you think?

Should we distinguish—and prioritize—the reasons for traveling, knowing that not all emissions serve equal purposes?

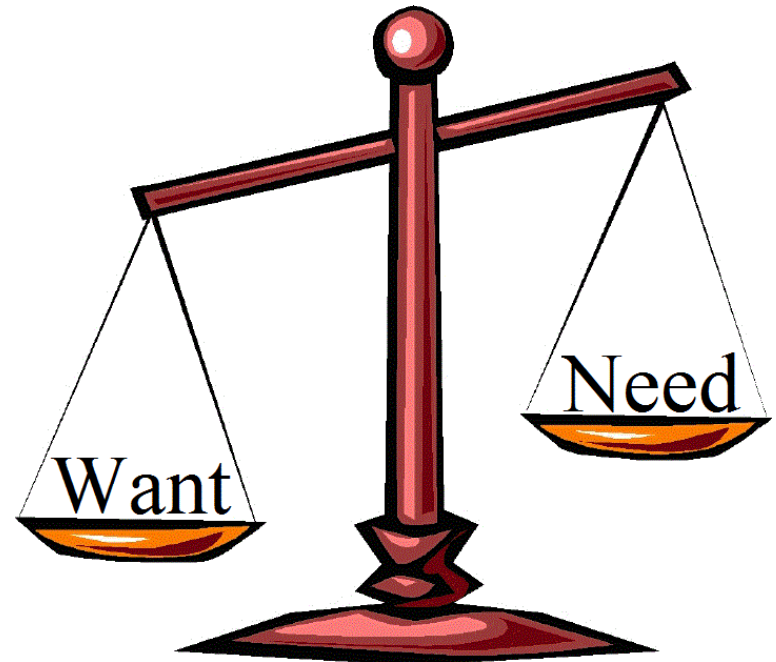


“Wants” vs. “Needs”

Should emissions from “wants” be treated the same as emissions from “needs”?

Henry Shue (1993) distinguishes:

- **Subsistence emissions** - basic needs like food and shelter.
- **Luxury emissions** - everything that significantly exceeds basic needs, for instance, frequent leisure flying.



Your flight:

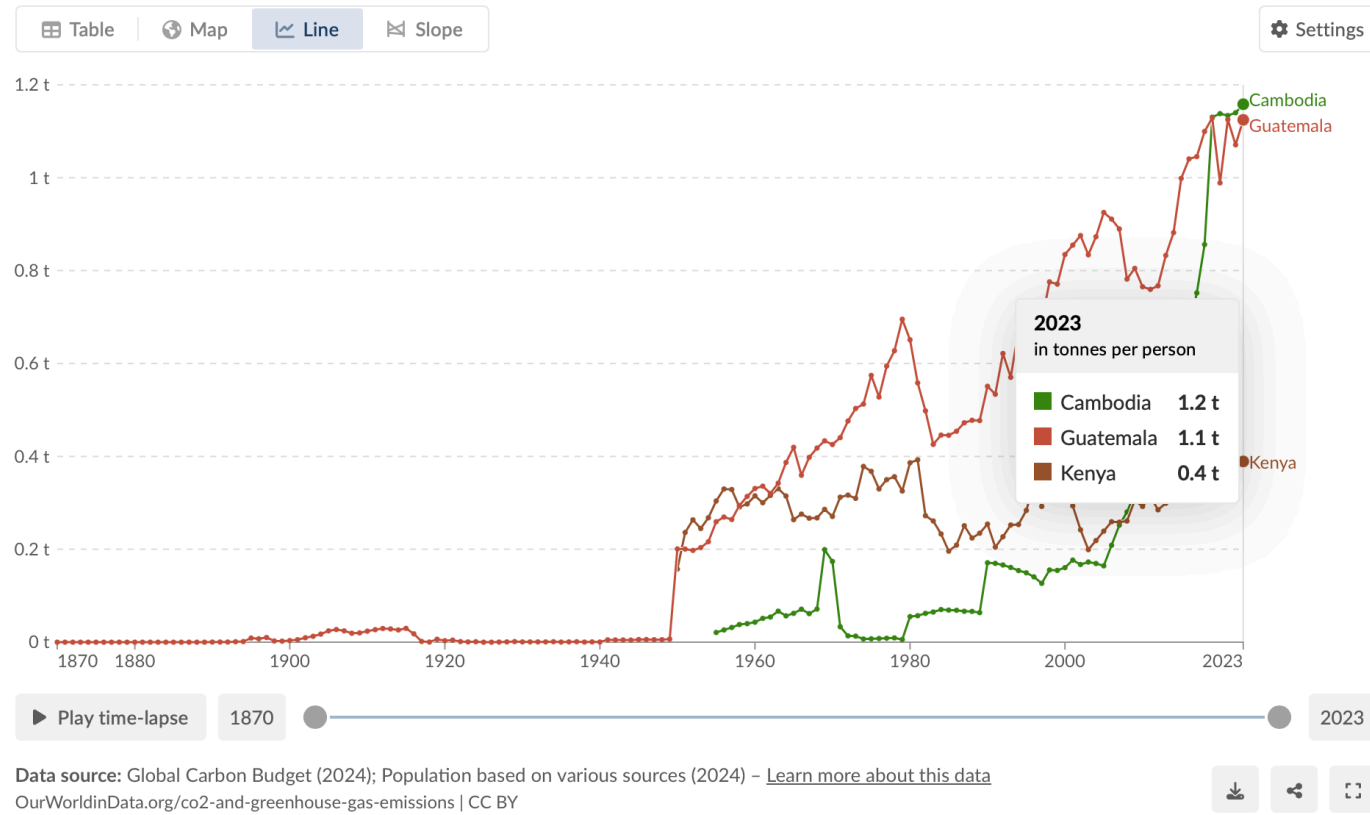
From: Amsterdam (NL), AMS to: Aruba (AW), AUA, Roundtrip, Economy Class, ca. 15,800 km, 1 traveller

CO₂ amount: 3.0 t



Per capita CO₂ emissions

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from fossil fuels and industry. Land-use change is not included.



Tourism mobility is **accessible** for some, **but at what cost and for whom...**

Intragenerational Justice



Who **benefits** the most? Who carries the **burdens**? Are benefits and burdens shared **proportionally**?

Intergenerational Justice

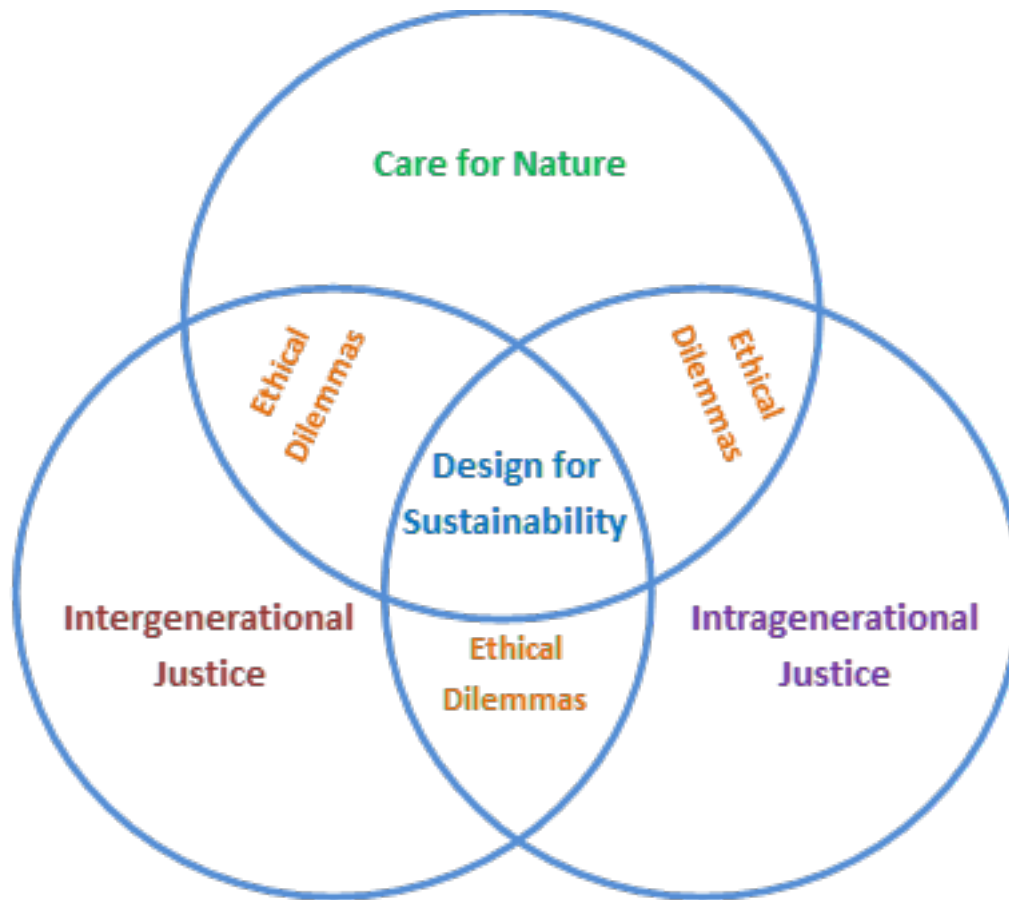
Considering tourism is scaling up, should our **planetary boundaries** be respected to preserve nature for **future generations**?

What is Sustainability?

OUR COMMON FUTURE

THE WORLD COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT

Author World Commission on Environment and Development
Subject Sustainability
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Van de Poel (2017) Value-based approach and systems perspective

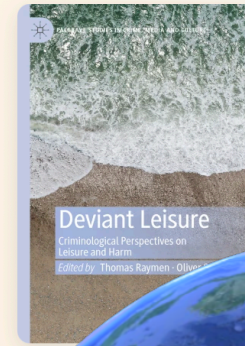
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Loving the Planet to Death: Tourism and Ecocide

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Tourism mobility is an anthropocentric paradigm

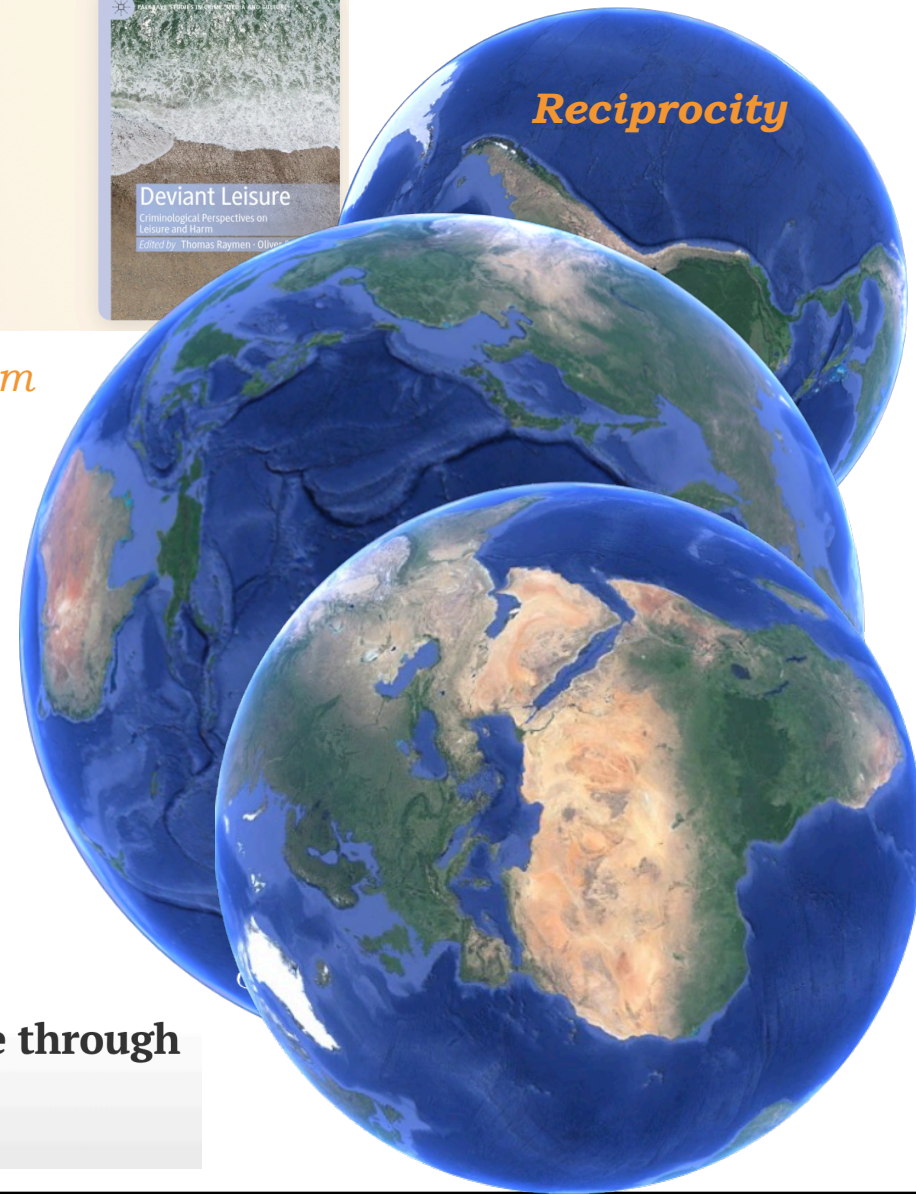
Care for Nature

Research Article

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