

# SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION

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# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Happiness versa growth

Circular economy

The inertia of economic growth

Resource scarcity

The finality of resources

Eco-innovations: green-blue solutions and urban greening

The Social Innovation Community approach

The Sustainable Urbanisation – International Leadership Programme (SULP)



# JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER

*“Europe should be big on big things and small on small things”*

## SMART GROWTH

Growth that considers

*Economy*

*Environment*

*Equity*



# CLIMATE CHANGE – A BIG THING!

**The first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century was the warmest even!**

**Climate is one of the biggest security issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century:**

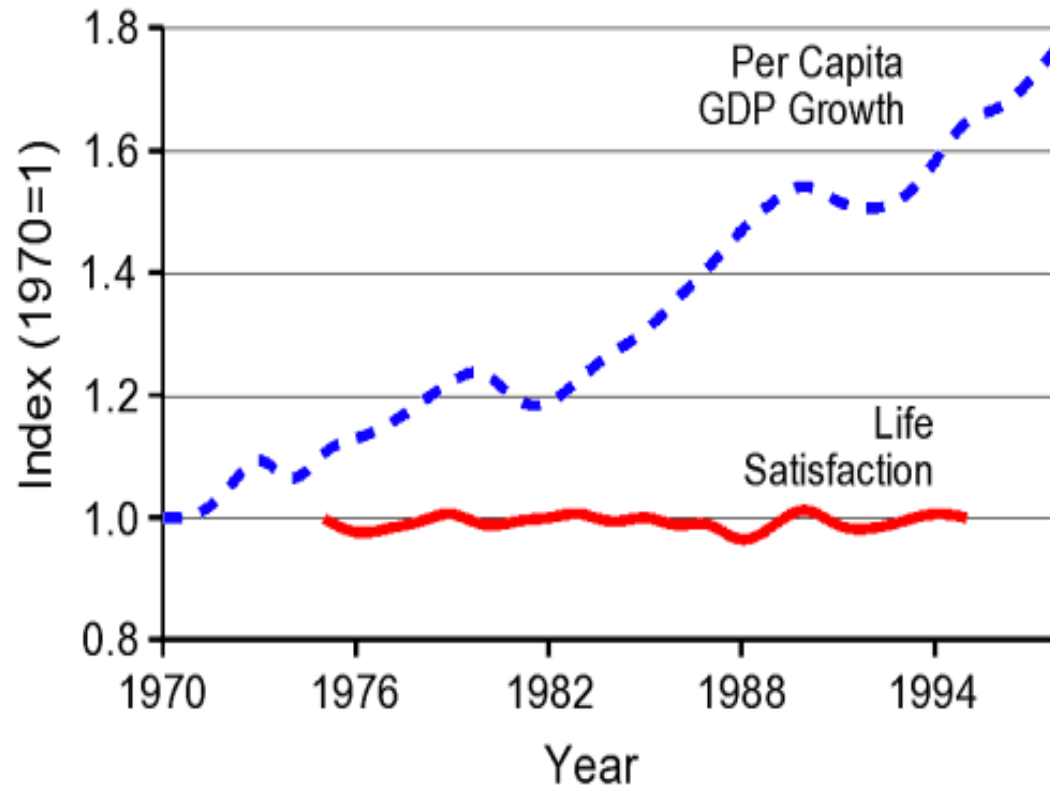
**Ex. 1:** Climate related disasters: Copenhagen storm water outburst, Haiti, Fukushima 'triple disaster', Philippines, etc.

**Ex 2:** Earthquake and tsunami: Daiichi nuclear power plant - 243 billion euro in damage restoration

**Ex. 3:** Demographic climate migration: 25 mio. people from Africa to Europe within the next decade as a consequence of flooding and draught



# HAPPINESS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Source: *Redefining prosperity: Resource productivity, economic growth and sustainable development*, SDC, 2003



# FROM A LINEAR TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

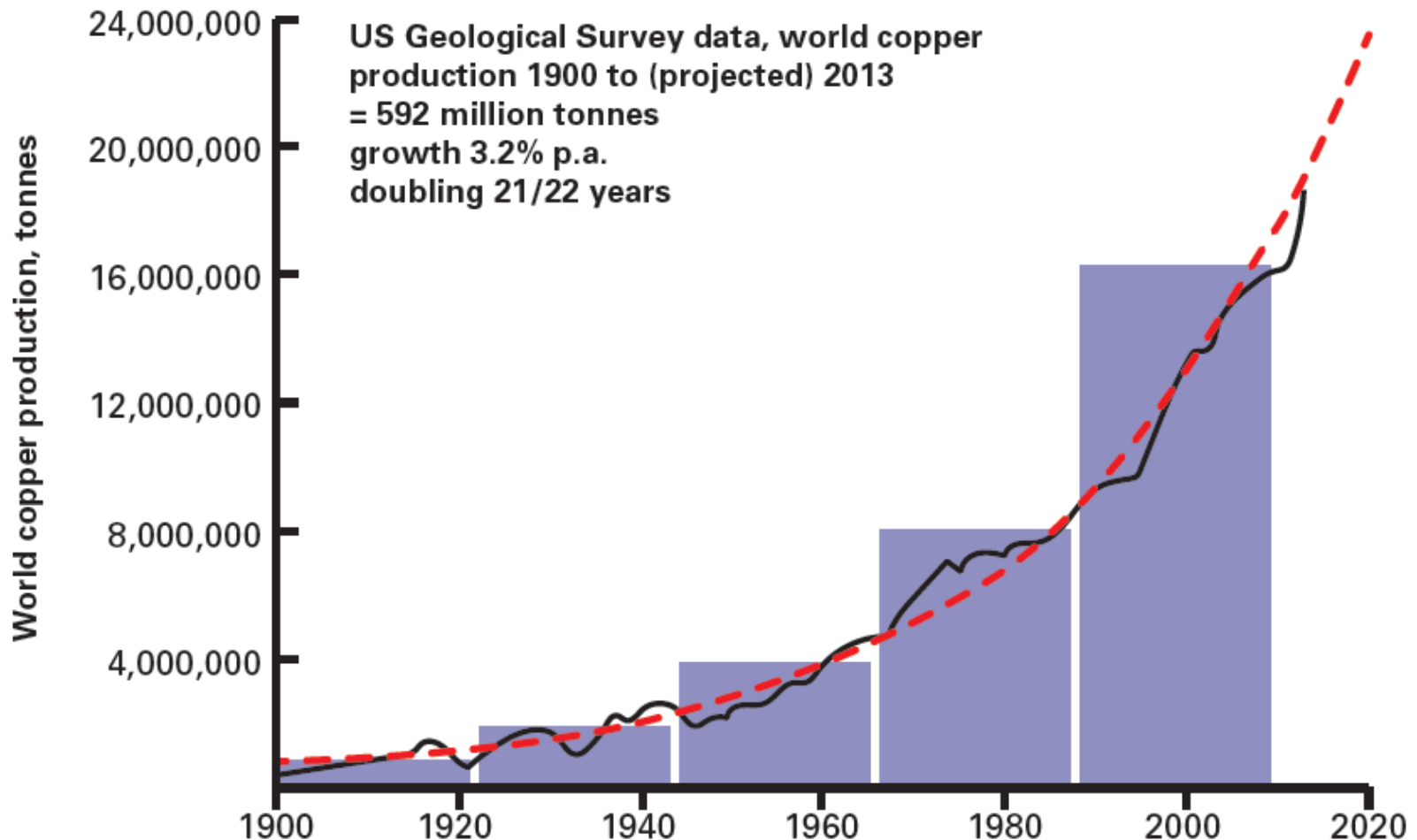
**Circular economy is an industrial model that decouples revenues from material input** (Source: McArthur, 'Towards the Circular Economy', 2014)

- Products are disassembled and reused
- Waste is eliminated or reduced
  - Linear economy: manufacturing for disposables and recycling have great energy losses and labour costs.
- Products are divided in consumable and durable
  - Consumables are regenerated
  - Durables are designed for reuse

**Consumers become USERS with a continuous contract with businesses and the public sector.**



# GLOBAL COPPER LEVELS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



# INERTIA OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

Exponential growth functions are everywhere in the economy. They are both created by growth and initiate further growth by our operations.

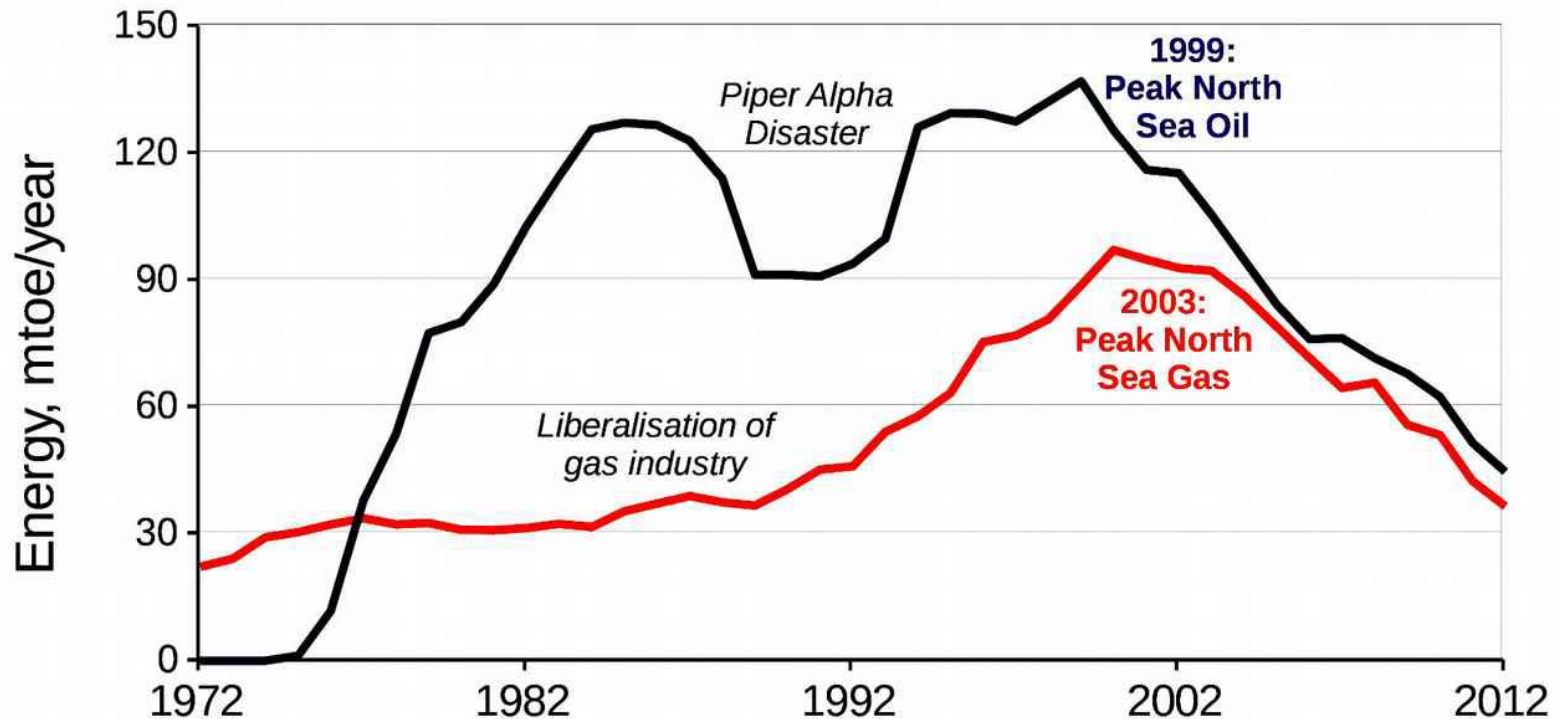
## **Additional strain**

By end of this century, 85% of the World's population will live in cities leading to five billion new urban citizens.





# FINALITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES



# INFLATION ADJUSTED “REAL” OIL PRICES

50 years, from 1924 to 1973 – \$13.81/bl.

Post-war boom, from 1949 and 1973 – \$12.77/bl.

Post “First Oil Crisis”, 1974 to 1998 – \$42.58/bl

*Recent, 2003 to 2012 – \$77.96/bl*

('Real oil prices', *Statistical Review of World Energy*, BP 2013)



# CONFLICTING GOALS

Since early industrialisation, we follow a linear economy of 'take-make-use-dispose'

Due to resource scarcity, there are increased resources prices and supply risks

Squeezed between increased resource prices, supply risks, markets in recessions and stagnation

– *Combined resource competition with market competition*



# CONCLUSION

Our present economic difficulties will not go away, if we try to apply linear economic rules of take-make-use-dispose – developed in an era, where limits did not apply.

We are not proposing ‘de-industrialisation’. We propose a retooling of economics and commerce to work within ecological limits.



# EXAMPLES OF ECO-INNOVATIONS GREEN AND BLUE SOLUTIONS

ECO-INNOVATION IS 'INNOVATION THAT IMPROVES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE'





**BISHAN-ANG MO KIO PARK, SINGAPORE**

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# AGGRESSION AND VIOLENCE IN THE INNER CITY: EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENT VIA MENTAL FATIGUE

- Urban greening -> improved mental health -> people's ability to engage in reflective and effortful thought processing increases.
- One result is illustrated by neighbourhood social ties and support networks are stronger around greener neighbourhood spaces
- ROBERT TAYLOR HOMES – Chicago – sample 145 residents randomly assigned to inner-city social housing:





# LAKE MICHIGAN AND PARKS OF LAKE SHORE DRIVE – CHICAGO

Within 3.2 km  
of the case  
study site...

*‘Cities  
should be  
designed  
with nature  
at every  
doorstep’*

Kaplan (1985)



# CURRENT RESEARCH INTO *HOW-TO* DO SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION



Social Innovation  
Communities  
in Sustainable Cities



# CITY STUDY CASES

**Napoli, Italy** – Cultural heritage restoration

**Bucharest, Romania** – Promoting green building standards

**Platanias, Crete** – Urban planning & tourism

**Madrid, Spain** – House eviction prevention

**Goteborg, Sweden** – Waste and recycling

**Vienna, Austria** – Urban mobility



# RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Main RQ: **How can sustainability serve as an engine for social innovation in cities?**

**RQ1** How can Social Innovation Communities enhance our understanding of **sustainability-driven urban innovations?**

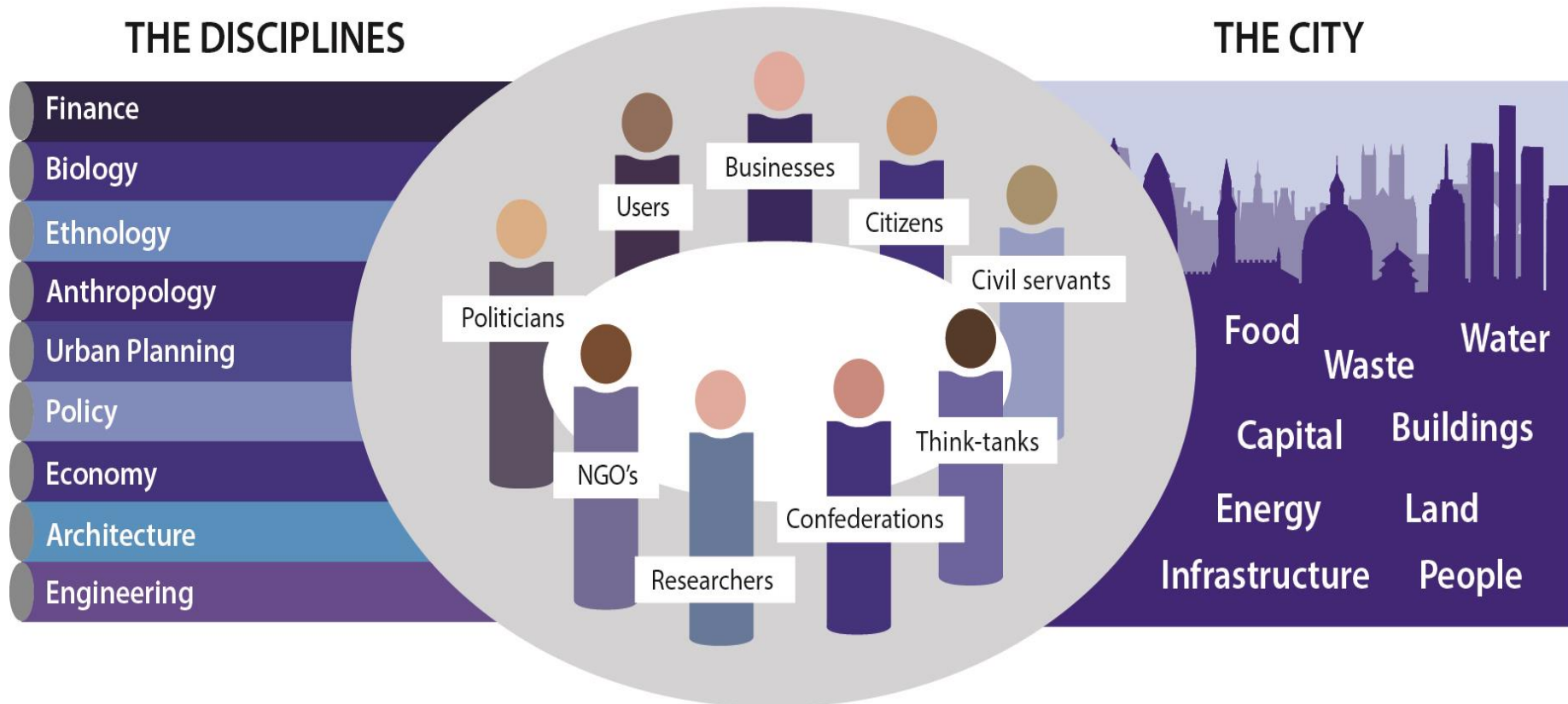
**RQ2** How can Social Innovation Communities contribute to sustainability goals as a source for **equitable economic development** in cities?

**RQ3** How can we replicate and up-scale Social Innovation Community **governance techniques**, in order to contribute to long-term economic development in cities?



# THE SOCIAL INNOVATION COMMUNITY APPROACH

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# A SYSTEMIC MULTI-STAKEHOLDER APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION

A systemic approach to innovation emphasizes the role of actors, networks and institutions; innovation systems are seen as knowledge or technology producing systems.

Firms are key actors that use knowledge and technologies to develop competitive products and services, and introduce them to the market.

Firms are connected through networks to other actors, the government, actors providing funding, and intermediaries that transfer knowledge and connect actors.

(Boons et al. 2012)



# FOCUSING ON THE HUMAN ASPECT OF SOCIAL INNOVATION COMMUNITIES

**My research shows that the critical success factors in partnerships, communities and other types of close collaboration are:**

1. **Trust** – belief in the partner’s expertise, reliability and intentionality
2. **Communication** – sharing of meaningful and timely information
3. **Collaboration** – the shared responsibility of the common activities in order to harvest benefits of idiosyncratic investments and relational rents.
4. **Commitment** – the desire to develop a stable relationship, the willingness to make short-term sacrifices to maintain the relationship and the confidence in the relationship. Loyalty and commitment go hand-in-hand.
5. **Interpersonal relations** – grown over time, - partners stand on the same historical, philosophical and strategic ground supported by common experiences, values, principals and hopes for the future.



A silhouette of a global city skyline in shades of blue, featuring various architectural styles including domes, minarets, and modern skyscrapers.

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**CBS**

**THEME: SOCIETY**

*People, communities and sustainable urbanisation*

**17-21 November, 2014 – Denmark**



**TU DELFT**

**THEME: LIVING**

*Sustainability in the built environment*

**16-20 February, 2015 – The Netherlands**



**OXFORD UNIVERSITY**

**THEME: MOBILITY**

*Sustainable urban transport*

**20-24 April, 2015 – United Kingdom**



**PEKING UNIVERSITY**

**THEME: TECHNOLOGY**

*Management of environmental technology*

**15-19 June, 2015 – China**



**INSEAD**

**THEME: ECONOMY**

*The sustainable business model*

**28 September – 2 October, 2015 – France**



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