# Storytelling: the necessary ally for a successful ecological transition

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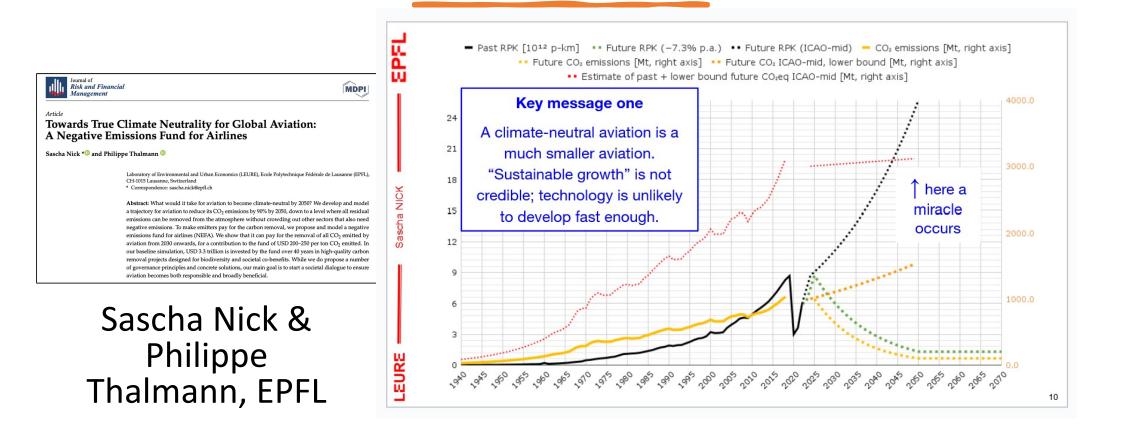


"Every approach that promises both bold action and the continuation of current practices and systems leads us inexorably into magical thinking."

Axel Steffen



# The aviation industry's belief in magic



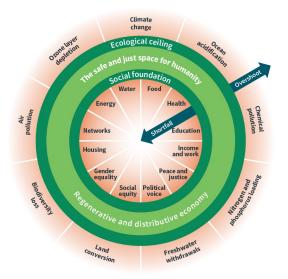
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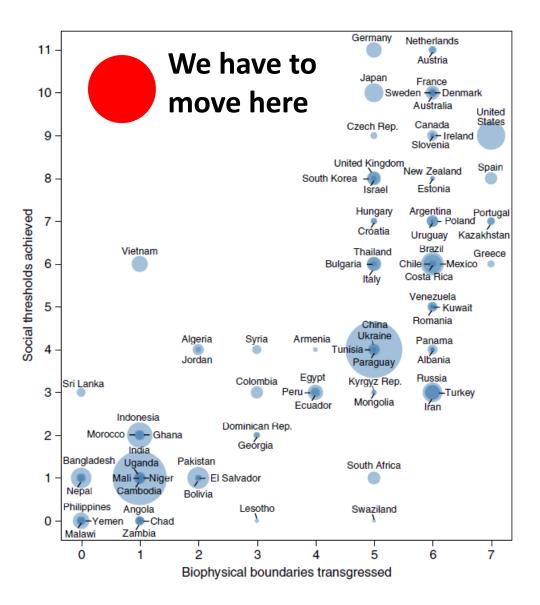
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#### A good life for all within planetary boundaries

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Humanity faces the challenge of how to achieve a high quality of life for over 7 billion people without destabilizing critical planetary processes. Using indicators designed to measure a 'safe and just' development space, we quantify the resource use associated with meeting basic human needs, and compare this to downscaled planetary boundaries for over 150 nations. We find that no country meets basic needs for its citizens at a globally sustainable level of resource use. Physical needs such as nutrition, sanitation, access to electricity and the elimination of extreme poverty could likely be met for all people without transgressing planetary boundaries. However, the universal achievement of more qualitative goals (for example, high life satisfaction) would require a level of resource use that is 2-6 times the sustainable level, based on current relationships. Strategies to improve physical and social provisioning systems, with a focus on sufficiency and equity, have the potential to move nations





# The magic of the ecological transition

We support change, as long as we do not have to change our own lifestyle



#### Ethical and green living Many Europeans want climate action – but less so if it changes their lifestyle, shows poll

Exclusive: YouGov survey in seven countries tested backing for government and individual action on crisis

#### Jon Henley Europe correspondent

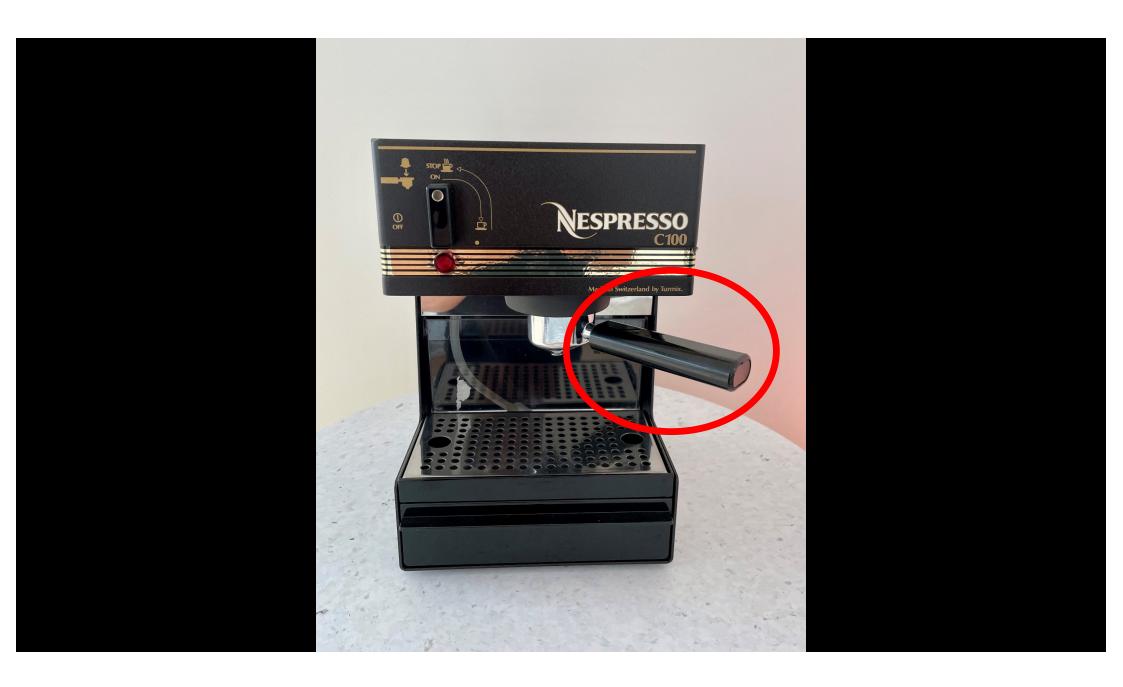
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Many Europeans are alarmed by the climate crisis and would willingly

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### Lion Man, 30.000 BC



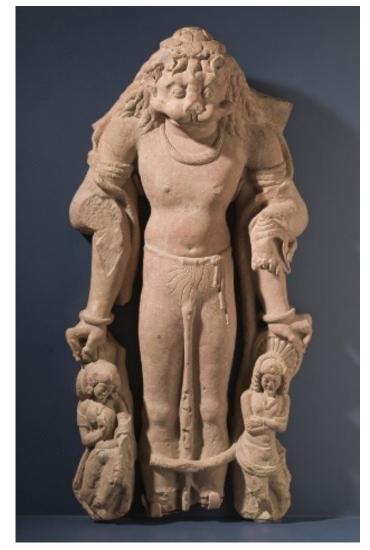
#### Lion Man, 30.000 BC



#### Sekhmet, 1390 BC



#### Vishnu, 400 AD





## The flute in the cave

# The lionman story came with music



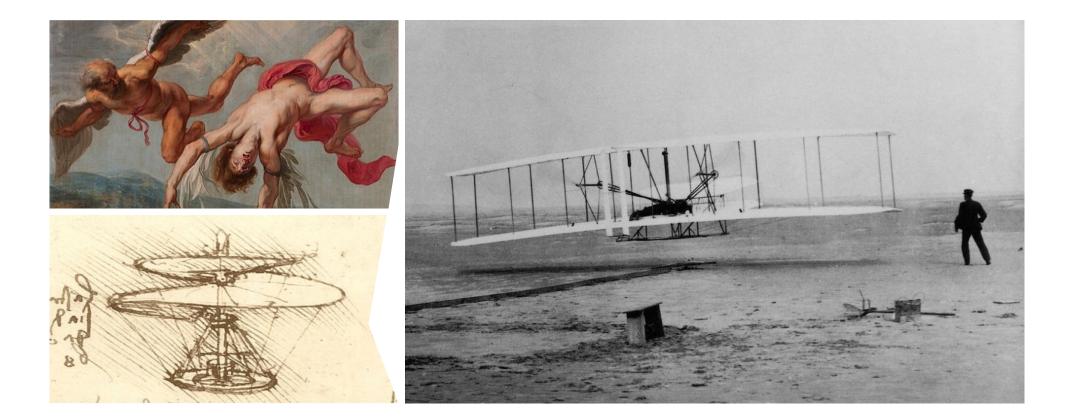
Lascaux: The first movie in the cave



For Aboriginals in Western Australia, it was *a sacred site* with 46,000 years of continual occupation. What we DO always depends on the stories in which we BELIEVE

For Rio Tinto it was a *highly profitable iron ore mine*.

### We first have to imagine what is not there before we can create it







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We will not solve the ecological crisis only by technological progress, we have to narrate a different civilization, a different economy, different organizations, different ways of life.

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