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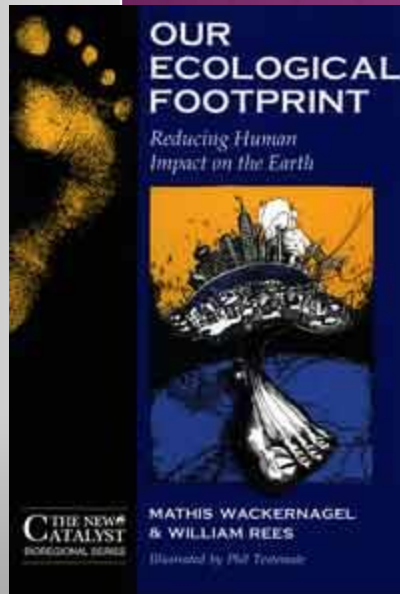
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Globalization, Eco-Footprints and the Unsustainable Entanglement of Nations

His path-breaking book, *Our Ecological Footprint* (co-authored with Dr Mathis Wackernagel), first published in 1996, is now available in English, Chinese, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Latvian, and Spanish.



This presentation uses ecological footprint analysis (EFA) to argue that the increasing 'entanglement of nations' resulting from globalization and trade contributes to unsustainability both by accelerating global ecological degradation and by increasing the risk of international conflict. EFA analyses reveal that many high-income nations have long exceeded their domestic biocapacities and now depend on trade goods and exported wastes to sustain their consumer lifestyles—i.e., globalization and trade enable wealthy countries to appropriate and deplete through commerce the 'surplus' biocapacity of other (mainly poorer) countries and the global commons. As a result, a) both trade-dependent countries and the world as a whole are in an unsustainable state of 'overshoot' and; b) the dependent relationships created through trade are increasingly vulnerable to global change (including climate change) exacerbated by trade, and therefore increase the risk of violent conflict and resource wars.

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