Embracing the Unpredictable: Navigating complex interconnected crises

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## Background reading.

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* [This is why polycrisis is a useful way of looking at the world right now](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/03/polycrisis-adam-tooze-historian-explains/). Adam Tooze. World Economic Forum.
* [What is a global polycrisis? And how is it different from a systemic risk](https://cascadeinstitute.org/technical-paper/what-is-a-global-polycrisis/)? Cascade Institute.
* [The Polycrisis: An Introduction](https://www.the-ies.org/analysis/polycrisis-%E2%80%93-introduction). Nick King and The Institution for Environmental Sciences (IES). (video).
* [Polycrisis’ may be a buzzword, but it could help us tackle the world’s woes](https://theconversation.com/polycrisis-may-be-a-buzzword-but-it-could-help-us-tackle-the-worlds-woes-195280). Michael Lawrence in The Conversation.
* [The Global South Perspective on the Polycrisis](https://mahb.stanford.edu/library-item/omega-collaborative-webinar-october-12-830-am-pdt-the-global-south-perspective-on-the-polycrisis-2/). Hosted by Tom Kruse. Millenium Alliance for Humanity and the Biosphere (MAHB) and Omega. (Video in Spanish).
* [Explaining Polycrisis and Metacrisis](https://www.realitystudies.co/p/explaining-polycrisis-and-metacrisis). Jesse Damaini. Reality Studies.
* [A crisis of crises: What is the Metacrisis?](https://www.sloww.co/meta-crisis-101/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CThe%20metacrisis%20is%20the%20underlying,fundamentally%20change%20how%20we%20act.) Kyle Kowalski. SLOWW
* [Prefixing the World](https://perspecteeva.substack.com/p/prefixing-the-world). Jonathan Rowson, Perspectiva.
* [Understanding Polycrisis: Definitions, Applications, and Responses](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4593383) (academic paper). SSRN. Sienna Mark, Samantha Holder, Daniel Hoyer, Rod Schoonover and Daniel Adlrich.
* [Redefining philanthropy for global collective resilience: Embracing the polycrisis paradigm](https://impacttrust.org.uk/redefining-philanthropy-for-global-collective-resilience-embracing-the-polycrisis-paradigm/). Impact Trust.
* [What is polycrisis philanthropy](https://www.devex.com/news/what-is-polycrisis-philanthropy-107059?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=devex_social_icons)? Stephanie Beasley on Devex.
* \[What happens when a cascade of crises collide](https://homerdixon.com/what-happens-when-a-cascade-of-crises-collide/)? Thomas Homer-Dixon and Johan Rockstrom.
* [The global polycrisis reflects a civilizational crisis that calls for systemic alternatives](https://omega.ngo/2023/06/the-global-polycrisis-reflects-a-civilizational-crisis-that-calls-for-systemic-alternatives/). Zack Walsh.
* Building Trust for Resilience Societies. [The Global Listening Project](https://global-listening.org/).
* [The Tasks of Now: Toward a New Era in Climate Resilience Building](https://www.climateresilienceconsulting.com/climate-adaptation-field-status), Packard Foundation.
* Increasing the impact and influence of regenerative responses to disaster, displacement and development. [Re-alliance](https://www.re-alliance.org/).

## Sites for Information, Knowledge Resources & Newsletters

* [Phenomenal World: The Polycrisis](https://www.phenomenalworld.org/series/the-polycrisis/). A newsletter and series of essays and panels exploring intersecting crises with a particular emphasis on the political economy of climate change and global North/South dynamics.
* [Polycrisis.org](https://polycrisis.org/) a project of the [Cascade Institute](https://cascadeinstitute.org/) working in consultation with the polycrisis community and the support of the [V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation](http://vkrf.org/).
* [The Long View](https://omega.ngo/the-long-view/). A monthly summary of the best coverage of polycrisis news and views curated by Omega
* [The Millenium Alliance for Humanity and the Biosphere](https://mahb.stanford.edu/).
* [Nate Hagens](https://www.natehagens.com/). The Great Simplification.

## Case Studies

[The Faces of Disaster](https://www.seedsindia.org/faceofdisasters/). SEEDS India.

SEEDS India Programme Learning : repository of reports [here](https://www.seedsindia.org/programme-learning)

[Haiti’s Fragile Peace: A Case Study of the cumulative impacts of Peace Practice](https://www.cdacollaborative.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Cumulative-Impact-Case-Study-Haitis-Fragile-Peace.pdf)

[Haiti: A path to stability for a nation in shock](https://www.crisisgroup.org/latin-america-caribbean/haiti/b44-haiti-path-stability-nation-shock). International Crisis Group.

[No End in Sight: A Case Study of Humanitarian Action and the Syria Conflict](https://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/no-end-sight-case-study-humanitarian-action-and-syria-conflict). Relief Web.