

# Overcoming barriers and enabling change towards Sustainable and Inclusive Wellbeing

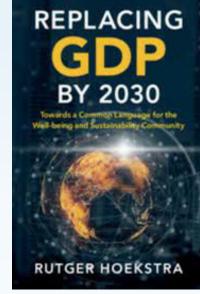
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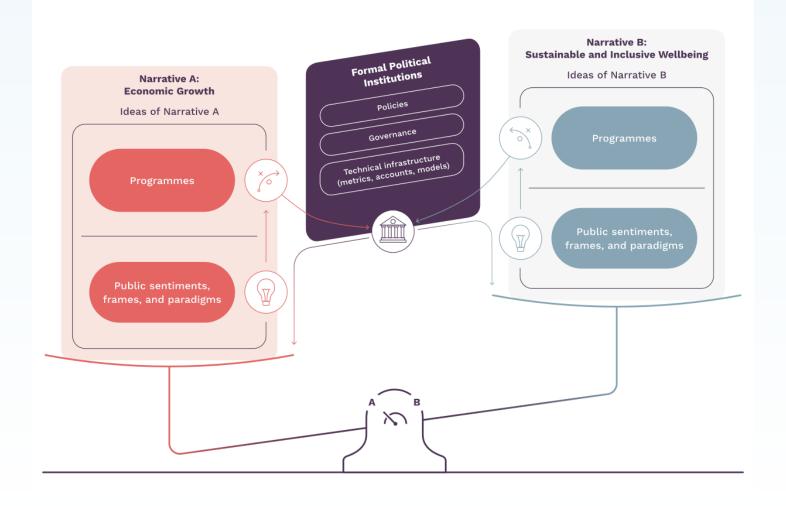
#### Intro

- Personal Intro
  - Book
  - Coordinator WISE Horizons
  - WP leader MERGE (ToBe, SPES, WISE Horizons, WISER, REAL)
- Managing expectations
  - Bottom-up and top-down
  - Long term and short term
- Three messages
  - Be more strategic
  - Be more coherent
  - Signs for optimism/What you can do



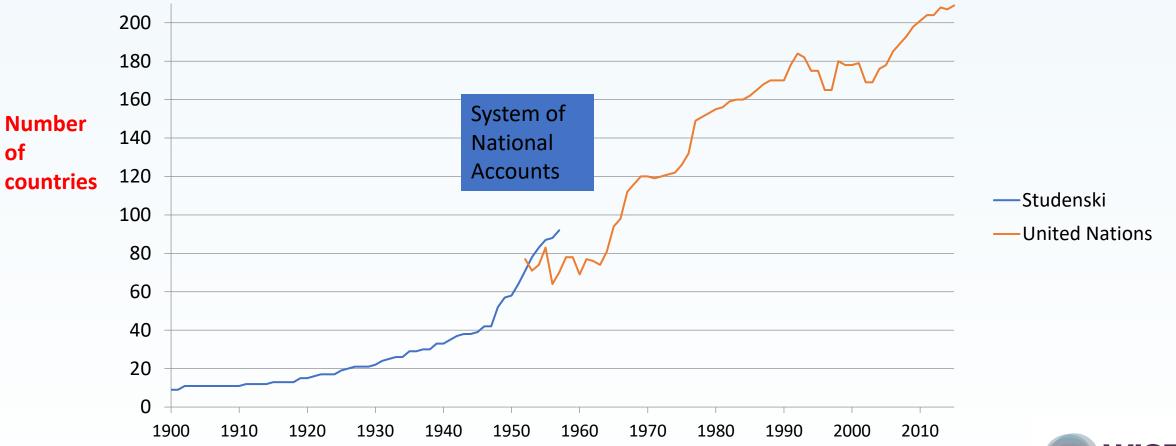


#### **Be more strategic**



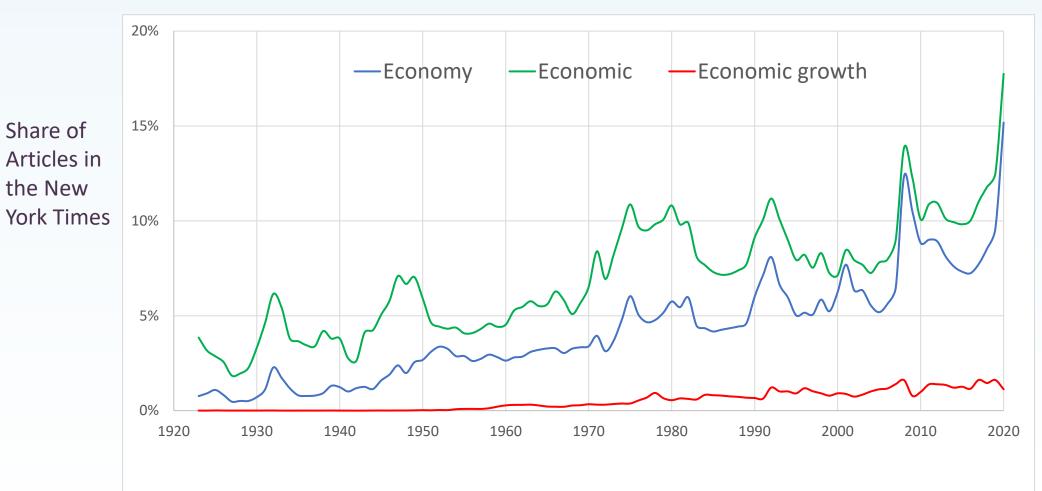


#### **Be more strategic: GDP Metrics**



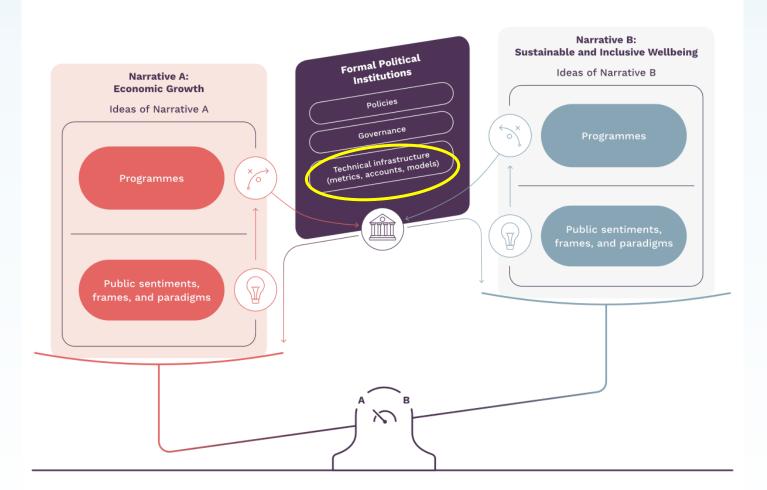


#### **Be more strategic: Narratives Impact**





#### **Be more coherent**



After 50 years of "Beyond-GDP":

- Sustainable Development Goals
- Doughnut
- Human Development Index
- Genuine Progress Indicator
- Comprehensive wealth
- Happy Planet Index
- Etc
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Terminological and methodological confusion!



#### **Be more coherent**

- Brundtland/Stiglitz
  - Wellbeing. Average quality of life. Related to health, education, material wellbeing, housing, social relationships etc
  - Inclusion. Distribution of wellbeing within countries (demographic groups) and between countries. Related to poverty, social exclusion, universality, accessibility, and affordability.
  - Sustainability. Future wellbeing. Related to all variables that affect long term wellbeing such as climate change biodiversity, innovation, human capital etc.

• Positive message

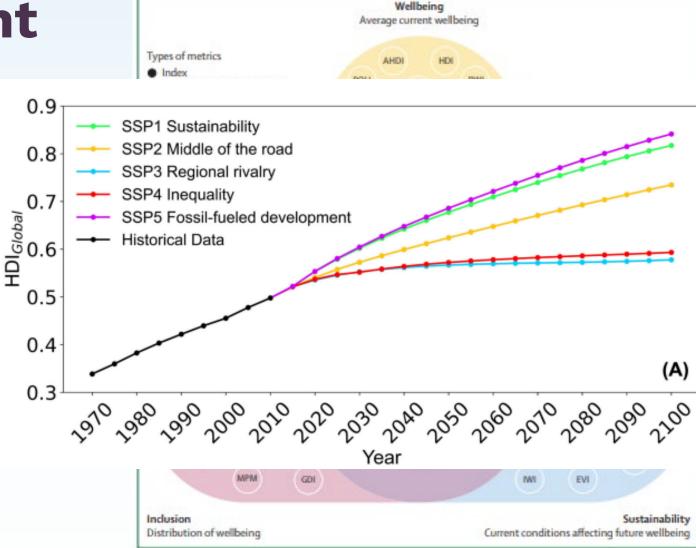
 $\odot$  Beyond-GDP  $\rightarrow$  Sustainable and Inclusive Wellbeing

 ${\rm \circ}$  Adjectives and nouns



### **Be more coherent**

- Metrics
- Accounts
  - System of Environmental
  - Labor Accounts
  - Time Use accounts
  - Demographic Accounts
  - WISE Accounts
- Models
  - WISE horizons
  - ToBe
  - MAPS





# Signs for optimism/What you can do (WYCD)

- Strategy/Coherence
  - Many initiatives (UN, OECD, EC are adopting "Sustainable and Inclusive Wellbeing")
  - WYCD: Use "Sustainable and Inclusive Wellbeing" instead of Beyond-GDP"
- Metrics
  - UN Pact for the Future: High level expert group
  - <u>www.beyond-gdp.world</u>
  - WYCD: Never create a new metric & work on consolidation
- Accounts
  - SNA2025 Chapter for wellbeing and sustainability
  - Framework for inclusive and sustainable wellbeing
  - WYCD: Pressure these frameworks to adopt planetary boundaries
- Modelling
  - Various modelling groups
  - **WYCD**: Develop and use these in policy making
- WYCD: Connect this to bottom-up and short-term strategy/action



## **Further reading**

#### Projects

- <u>www.wisehorizons.world</u>
- www.mergeproject.world
- www.beyond-gdp.world
- Literature
  - Can we project well-being? Towards integral well-being projections in climate models and beyond (nature.com)
  - Are beyond-GDP metrics converging? Consolidation of the measurement of sustainable and inclusive wellbeing MERGE (mergeproject.eu)
  - Beyond GDP: a review and conceptual framework for measuring sustainable and inclusive wellbeing (thelancet.com)
  - <u>A Novel History of Societal Progress and its Key Drivers</u> | WISE Horizons
  - <u>A European Agenda To Navigate Uncertain Times How to steer the EU towards wellbeing for all now and in the future MERGE (mergeproject.eu)</u>
  - <u>Tilting the Scale | WISE Horizons</u>
  - A review of macroeconomic approaches to modelling Wellbeing, Inclusion, and Sustainability | WISE Horizons
  - <u>A review of policy strategies around the world | WISE Horizons</u>
- Linkedin posts (please spread the news if you like!)
  - WISE Horizons: Posts | LinkedIn
  - <u>A novel history of societal progress (1820-2020)</u>
  - <u>Are beyond-GDP metrics converging?</u>
  - WISE triangle -review of Beyond-GDP metrics

