

A Call for Papers: “Overshoot and Collapse?”

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Based on a range of evidence and a number of insight/foresight “signals” published during the past 60 years on “the state of the world,” it seems quite clear that humanity faces an unprecedented global emergency which could very well lead to what global systems theory model builders have referred to as an “overshoot and collapse” scenario. Though many variables interact in this complex scenario, the main drivers seem to be population explosion, vital resources depletion, pollution, global climate change, and peak oil: on the horizon, humanity appears to be destined for a collision of economic growth and escalating human demands with inherent environmental and resource limits.

So, how can/should foresight theorists and practitioners respond to the “global problematique” – or “mega-crisis” – the ever-increasing prospect of an “overshoot and collapse” future?

A pioneering, prominent educator and futurist, Richard Slaughter, in his recent publication, *The Biggest Wakeup Call in History* (BWCH), views the “global problematique” and the collective “mega-crisis” of industrial civilization not through the specialized eyes of a scientist or policy analyst in government or the private sector, but as an individual who has devoted most of his life, educating and working with other futurist practitioners. A primary aim has been to discern vital signposts that serve as warnings to humankind as well as pointing toward alternative, livable futures.

Following Slaughter’s sustained efforts to issue a “wakeup call” in BWCH, *On the Horizon* is preparing a themed issue on climate change, peak oil, and the prospects for averting civilizational collapse as seen through the eyes of foresight theorists and professionals.

*All articles will be in the form of a response to themes that are explored within BWCH. They will be similar to those found in the extended articles within some quality lay journals. As an academic journal, On the Horizon will accept responses in the form of full-length articles **from 2,000 – 4,000 words, including abstracts, keywords, references, and footnotes**, all of which will be professionally evaluated.*

This themed issue will use BWCH as a starting point and springboard for further inquiry and reflection. Though futurists, planners, and policy makers provide the focus here, others are welcome to contribute an abstract of their proposed article to the editor of *On the Horizon*, Dr.

Tom Abeles, or the guest editor of this special edition, Dennis Morgan. An overview of BWCH can be found at: www.richardslaughter.com.au.

Please note: *authors of accepted abstracts who do not already have a copy will be able to receive a pdf of this work upon which to base their submissions.*

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