# MEGATRENDS

### **DECREASING BIODIVERSITY**

We are in the midst of a mass extinction of plants and animals caused by human activity. A million species are under threat of becoming extinct within the next few decades unless the situation rapidly improves by reducing the consumption of natural resources, slowing population growth and expanding protected areas. The deterioration of the state of the environment threatens the well-being of hundreds of millions of people and will also cause annual economic losses measured in hundreds of billions US dollars.

### **DECLINE IN CONCENTRATION AND CREATIVE THINKING**

The easy availability of information and intensifying competition for attention has reduced people's ability to concentrate. To cope with the flood of information they face, people draw quick conclusions based on headlines, photos and memes. There is less and less time for boredom and careful thinking.

### **CONFUSION IS POWER**

The amount of disinformation is growing and efforts to influence opinions are increasingly geared towards instigating confusion and discord. This increases the perception of the world being complex and a desire for simple solutions.

## **DECENTERING CURRICULA**

questions for re-evaluating diversity and inclusiveness in HMEIs

• from case studies to questions

## providing answers / toolkits / guidelines

VS.

finding ways of asking questions

## WHAT DO WE STUDY? DO WE TEACH?

## HOW DO WE STUDY? DO WE TEACH?

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## WHERE DO WE STUDY? DO WE TEACH?

WHO IS THE STUDENT? IS THE TEACHER?



