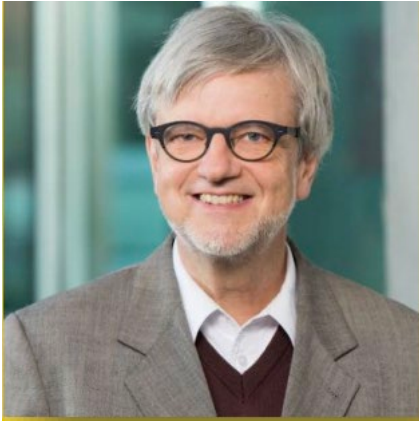


# Polycrisis and Systemic Risk: Emerging Perspectives on Assessment, Governance, and Community-Based Responses

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