



PolyCIVIS Newsletter #September 2025

Dear PolyCIVIS community and friends,

Hello, bonjour, مرحبا, ciao, γεια σας!

We are excited to welcome you back after the summer holiday to the seventh edition of *PolyCIVIS News* - and a special welcome to all our new subscribers! It is a pleasure to have you with us, and we look forward to fruitful exchanges and discussions.

In this issue, we are pleased to share the latest updates from across the PolyCIVIS Network. You will find an exclusive interview exploring the concept of hope, a feature article, and full details on how to attend the upcoming Polycrisis Policy Brief Series webinar.

In this autumn edition, we turn the spotlight on:

1. Mark your calendars: Upcoming webinar of the Polycrisis and Policy Briefs series
2. Polycrisis in focus: Cambridge webinar on Global Sustainability with the participation of Prof. Malte Brosig (Polycrisis and Policy co-leader)
3. An exclusive interview on rebuilding hope: How do we foster optimism for our shared future?
4. Towards fair Africa - Europe partnerships: Preview of the AU–EU Summit in Luanda
5. Policy strategies for a polycrisis era - an article by Pr. Theodore N. Tsekos
6. Broadening the dialogue: Polycrisis Talks on polycrisis and polysolutions
7. Dakar Communiqué reaches wider European and African communities
8. PolyCIVIS highlights from the past few months
9. An opportunity you might be interested in
10. Interesting reads
11. Join the conversation: Why join our dynamic LinkedIn Group

The PolyCIVIS team



On Thursday 9 October, you are invited to a unique webinar where you can engage directly with leading experts and explore what the polycrisis means for policy and practice.

Speakers:

Dr. Rachel Ainsworth

Dr. Daniel Hoyer

Dr. Saheed A. Lawal

Prof. Malte Brosig, Polycrisis & Policy - WITS

Dr. Faith Mabera, Polycrisis & Policy - WITS

Moderator: Sara Giancesello, Policy analyst - Gender and Youth focal point, ECDPM

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Webinar: “Polycrisis in the Anthropocene”, organized by Cambridge University Press

2 October 2025, 4:00 BST

We are delighted to announce that Professor **Malte Brosig** (University of Witwatersrand & PolyCIVIS Policy co-leader) will be among the distinguished speakers to present his paper "How do Crises Spread? The Polycrisis and Crisis Transmission".

[Register here](#)



WEBINAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2,
4:00-5:00PM BST

**POLYCRISIS IN THE
ANTHROPOCENE**

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INTERVIEW



“We need to learn the art and science of orchestrating change for good.”

ANI DASGUPTA

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF WORLD
RESOURCES INSTITUTE (WRI)

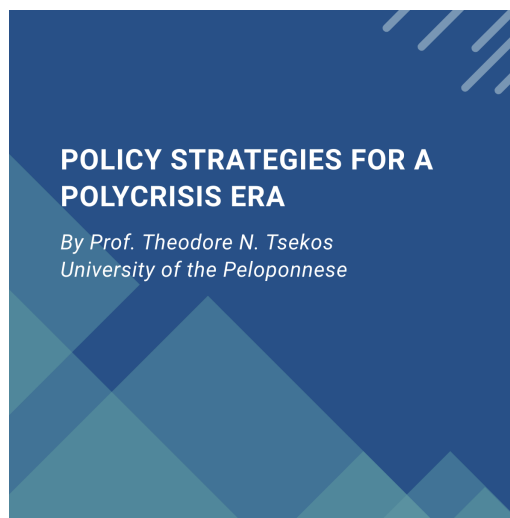
[READ THE FULL INTERVIEW](#)

We had the opportunity to speak with global environmental leader **Ani Dasgupta**, - President and CEO of **World Resources Institute (WRI)**- a leading voice in driving systemic change across climate, nature, and human development. In our conversation, we explored reasons to be hopeful for the future and highlighted the crucial role of young people in driving change. Don't miss this opportunity to read his perspectives, with his new book ***The New Global Possible*** as a starting point.

[Read the interview](#)



The 7th African Union–European Union Summit is approaching. Held in Luanda, Angola, this event is widely seen as a defining moment for Africa–Europe partnership. Read commentary by Andrew Bradley, Scientific Coordinator of PolyCIVIS.

[Read more](#)

Professor Theodore N. Tsekos (University of the Peloponnese) contributes an article to PolyCIVIS sharing his views on policymaking approaches to tackle wicked problems in a polycrisis environment.

[Read the article](#)

Polycrisis Talks webinar series

Before launching the second series of Polycrisis Talks webinars, let's look back at season one: from the mining crisis in Katanga to resilient communities in Mozambique, the conflict-ridden Sahel, and the narrative-rich landscapes of Greece. The new series is just around the corner, set to deepen our understanding of polycrisis and uncover new polysolutions.

[Read more](#)

PolyCIVIS [BIP on Strategic Foresight](#)
has been successfully launched!

interested in contributing are invited
to submit proposals by 10 October
2025.

Submit your
proposals

INTERESTING READS

Top Recommendations from PolyCIVIS' Communication & Dissemination team

IPSOS EDUCATION MONITOR 2025

This third edition of the Ipsos Education Monitor delves into public perceptions of education systems, challenges facing today's youth, and the impact of technology in classrooms across 30 countries.

The New Global Possible:

Rebuilding Optimism in the Age of Climate Crisis

Ani Dasgupta takes an honest look at lagging climate action and maps out what can be done to rebuild hope for the future.

Enjoy your reading!

Join the [PolyCIVIS online community on LinkedIn](#)! This group is a space to stay connected and informed about the PolyCIVIS network, but also to connect, exchange ideas and share insights on polycrisis-related themes.

Welcome, we're excited to have you here.



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Thank you for reading!

We have a lot more to share over the project's lifetime including the latest news, opportunities, and events about PolyCIVIS!

Do you know someone who would enjoy reading this newsletter? You are welcome to share it!

Follow us on social media and visit our [website](#) for more updates and opportunities.

Please contact us at polycivis@ulb.be if you would like to receive further information.

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