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### "STORMY TIMES -CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL DISASTERS AS SOCIETAL CHALLENGES"

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#### **DIALOG BASIS – SCIENTIFIC NGO**

### DIALOG BASIS

#### LOCALLY GROUNDED, INTERNATIONAL ACTIVE

- Foresight Processes
- Think Tanks
- Expert Delphis
- Pro-active Stakeholder Dialogues
- Citizen Conferences 2.0
- Internetplatforms
- Conferences
  - Panel discussions
  - Creative Formats







Source: DHMD, Stiftung Risiko-Dialog, MLR, DIALOG BASIS



#### **DIALOG BASIS' SCIENCE BASE:**

UNIVERSITY OF STUTTGART, ZIRN UNIVERSITY OF ST. GALLEN

Interdisciplinary Research Unit on Risk Governance and Sustainable Technology Delvelopment (ZIRN) University of Stuttgart

- EU Framework Programme Research Projects
- Expert-Delphis
- Qualitative In-Depth Interview Studies
- Scientific studies on risk perception and risk appraisal
- Advisory opinions on risk perception of different societal issues
- Lecturing Dialogue Management and Professional Skills



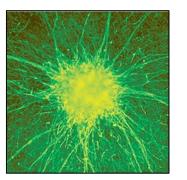


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- Analysis and dialogues on societal conflicts
- Analysis and dialogues on horizontal issues
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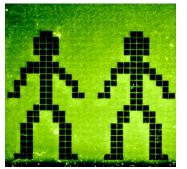
















## STORMY TIMES CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL DISASTERS AS SOCIETAL CHALLENGES



#### 3-Years Stakeholder Analysis Project

Interdisciplinary research team DE / CH

- DE: DIALOG BASIS
   University of Stuttgart
- CH: Risk Dialogue Foundation
   University of St. Gallen
- Desk Research
- 40 In-Depth-Interviews with stakeholders from academia, industry, political decision makers, media, NGOs, disaster reduction manager, local acteurs, non-organized citizens
- 6 Stakeholder-Workshops
- 1 Stakeholder- Conference
   GDV Innovation Platform Climate Change







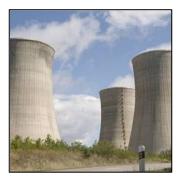


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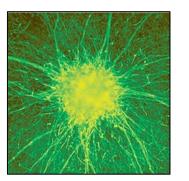


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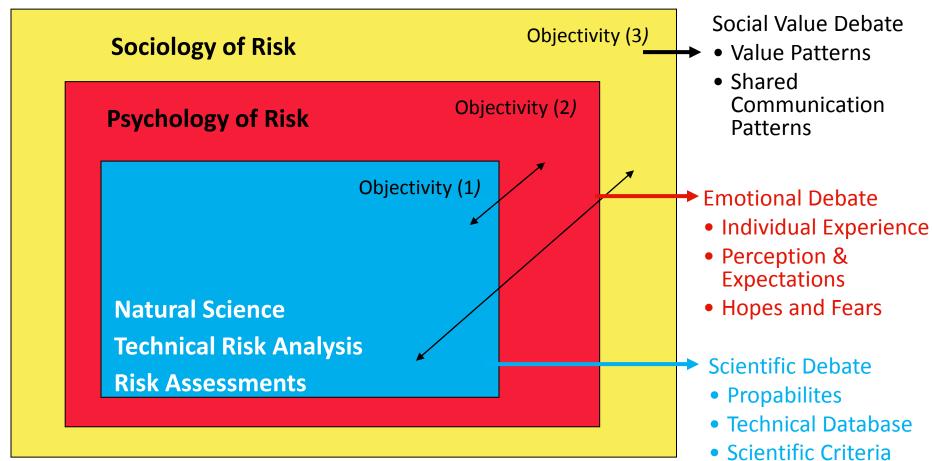


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### 3-LEVEL-MODEL OF RISK PERCEPTION AND RISK COMMUNICATION (M. HALLER 1995)







#### 2. SCIENTIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE DEBATE

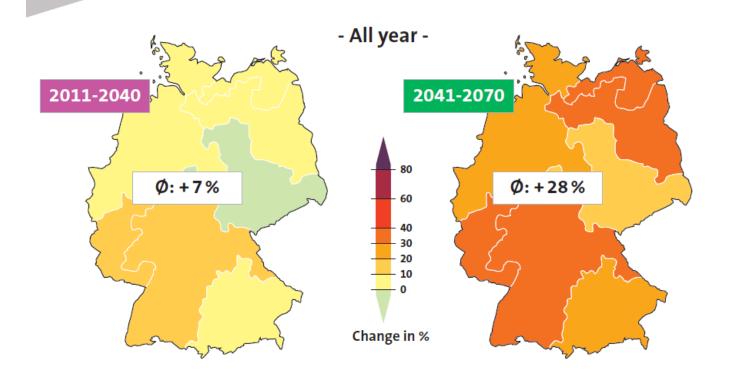


#### **LOSS SCENARIOS**



#### Storm/hail loss is becoming more expensive

Mean annual loss ratio 1984-2008 compared with ...

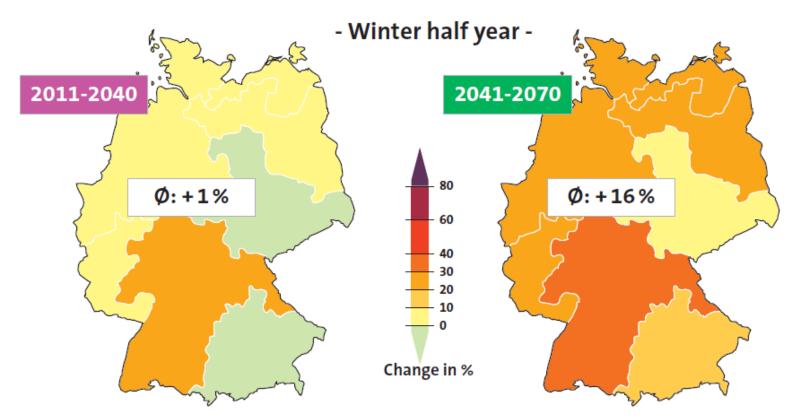


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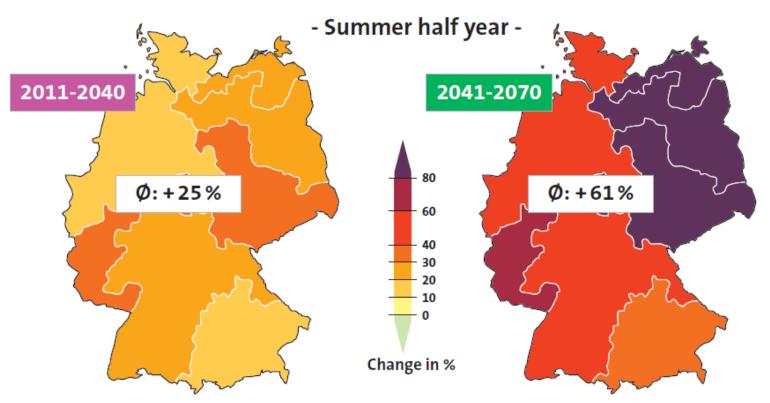


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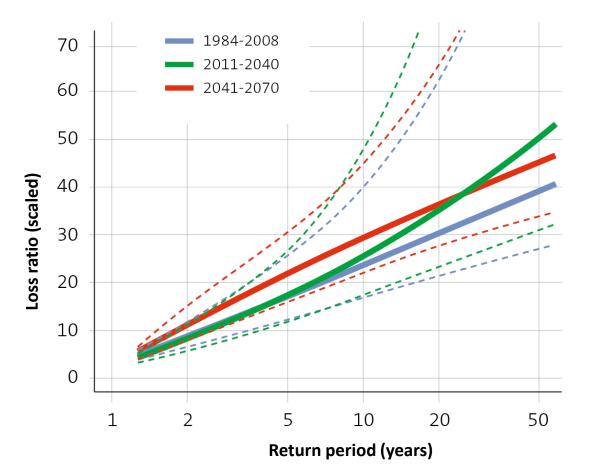


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#### PIK: STATISTICAL LOSS MODEL FOR STORM/HAIL





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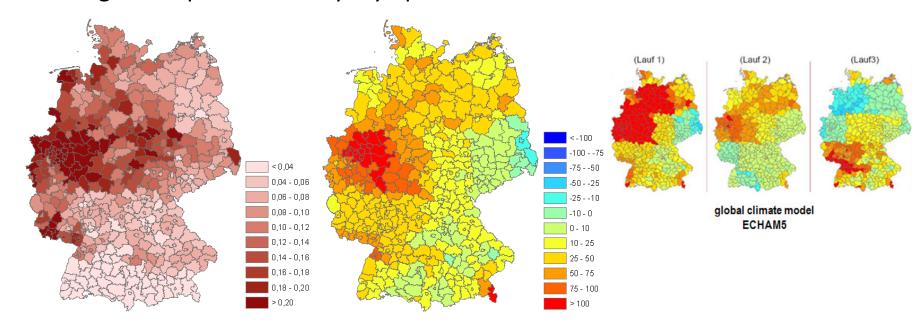
- Insured annual losses of the reference period when compared to the future losses under the A1B-scenario
- Dramatic shortening of return periods 1971-2000 vs. 2041-2070:
  - 20-year losses turn to10 year losses
  - 50-year losses occur every 25 years



#### FU BERLIN: DYNAMIC STORM LOSS MODEL

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- Statements of future changes in winter storm losses
- Relative changes in 2071-2100 under the A1B scenario when compared to simulated loss ratio 1961-2000
- Changes compared to today: by up to 100 %

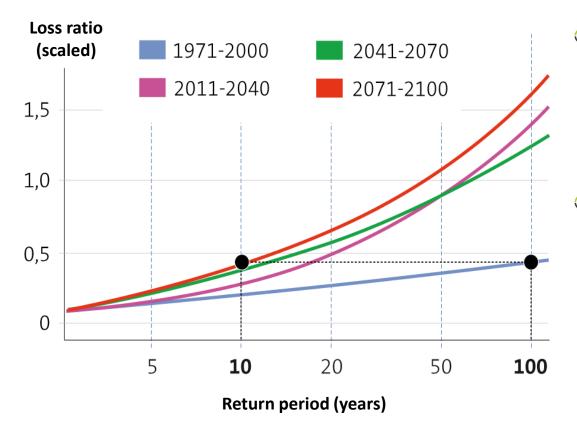


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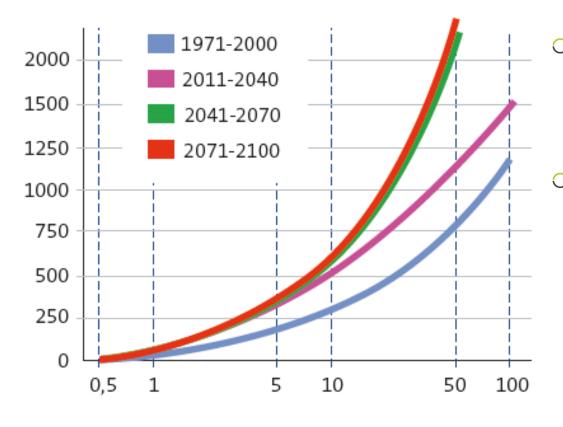
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- Insured annual losses of the reference period when compare to the future losses up to 2100 under the A1B-scenario.
- Dramatic shortening of return periods 1971-2000 vs. 2071-2100:
  - 20-year losses turn to6-year losses
  - 50-year losses turn to9-year losses
  - 100-year losses turn to12-year losses



#### PIK: FLOOD LOSS MODEL





- Mean loss per return period: mean value of several hydrological models. Data in m €.
- Flood losses, which now return every 50 years and cause losses of approx. 750 m €, could become twice as expensive in the future.

#### Return period (years)

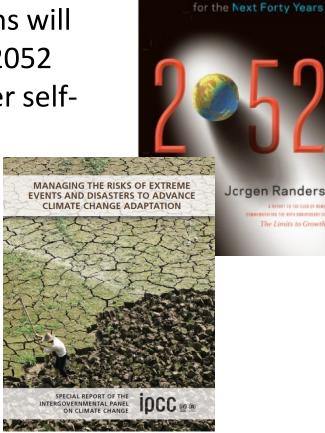
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#### **SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS ON RISKS**

We should prepare ourselves for risks though

- Club of Rome (2012): CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations will continue to grow and cause +2°C until 2052 and +2.8°C until 2080, which may trigger selfreinforcing climate change
- IPCC (2012): Evidence suggests that climate change has already led to changes in climate extremes such as heat waves and heavy rains – also in Europe





A Global Forecast

#### CLIMATE CHANGE SCEPTICISM IN THE MEDIA





Global warming? It doesn't exist, says Ryanair boss O'Leary

Outspoken airline chief says climate change is a plot by scientists seeking research cash

BY MARTIN HICKMAN, CONSUMER AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT | FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2010



#### The Telegraph



05/14/2010

#### SPIEGEL ONLINE INTERNATIONAL

The Climategate Chronicle

#### How the Science of Global Warming Was Compromised

By Axel Bojanowski



#### **OVER ALL ...**



- Huge Complexity Of Data
- Range Of Possible Results From The Scenarios
- Difficulties To Describe Concrete Local Effects
- Difficulties To Appraise Potential Hazards





# SCIENTIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE DEBATE CREATES

**COMPLEXITY, UNCERTAINTY, AMBIGUITY** 





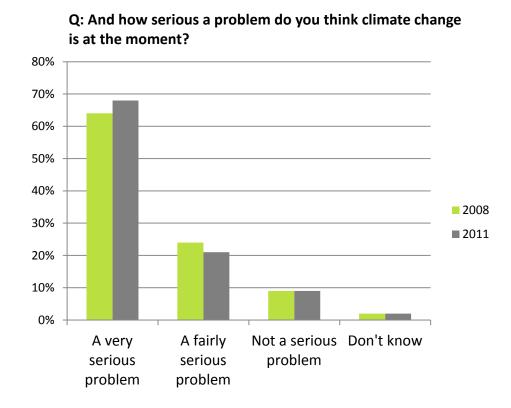
#### 3. PATTERNS OF PERCEPTION



#### **PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF RISKS**



- Climate Change one of the key problems globally
- Overlapping effect of the financial crisis
  - Eurobarometer 2011: 68
     percent of Europeans see
     climate change as a very
     serious problem
  - Only nine percent are not worried at all
  - The figures have remained constant in the last years



European Commission 2011: Special Eurobarometer 372. Climate Change, p. 14.



#### **CLIMATE CHANGE AS A SOCIETAL CHALLENGE**



"...we know enough to make good decisions about managing climate-related disasters. Sometimes we take advantage of this knowledge but many times we do not" Chris Field, Co-Chair IPCC Working Group 2

Randers, Jorgen 2012: 2052: A Global Forecast for the Next Forty Years. Club of Rome.



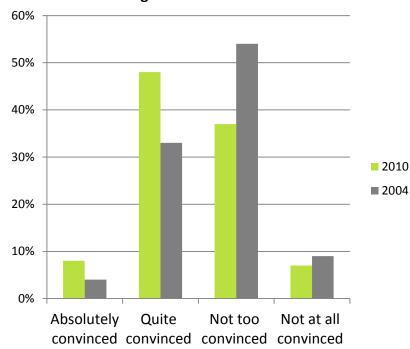
#### **PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF RISKS**

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Yet, in the western countries people are prone to think that the problems arise somewhere else

- In Germany, the majority (56%)
  is convinced that the German
  society can handle future
  climate impacts without too
  many problems
- In the last years, people have even become more confident

Q: How convinced are you that we in Germany can manage the problems that arise with climate change?



German Federal Ministry for the Environment & Federal Environment Agency 2010: Umweltbewusstsein in Deutschland 2010, 33.



#### **CLIMATE CHANGE AS A SOCIETAL CHALLENGE**



"...The awarenss of the broader public about the seriousness of climate change isssues in Germany is comparatively high. However, that doesn't mean that this knowledge has practical consequences for the daily life. This process of changing behavioral patterns is much slower." Grobe et al. 2012

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#### **OVERLAPPING EMOTIONAL DEBATE**

### DIALOG BASIS

#### Focus 2011 / 2012:

#### **Energy Transformation and Mitigation Activities**

- Highly Involved Political Acteurs in Germany after Fukushima
- Traditional Conflict Structures
- Increasingly Diverse Field of Opponents













#### **ADAPTATION OUT OF PUBLIC FOCUS**

**UNPREDICTABILITY OF PERCEPTION** 

**AMBIVALENCE IS INCREASING** 



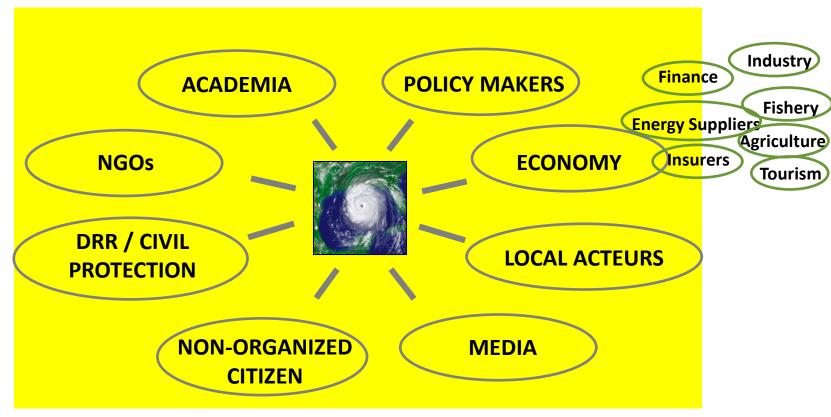


### 4. SHARED SOCIETAL PATTERNS FOR MANAGING CLIMATE CHANGE

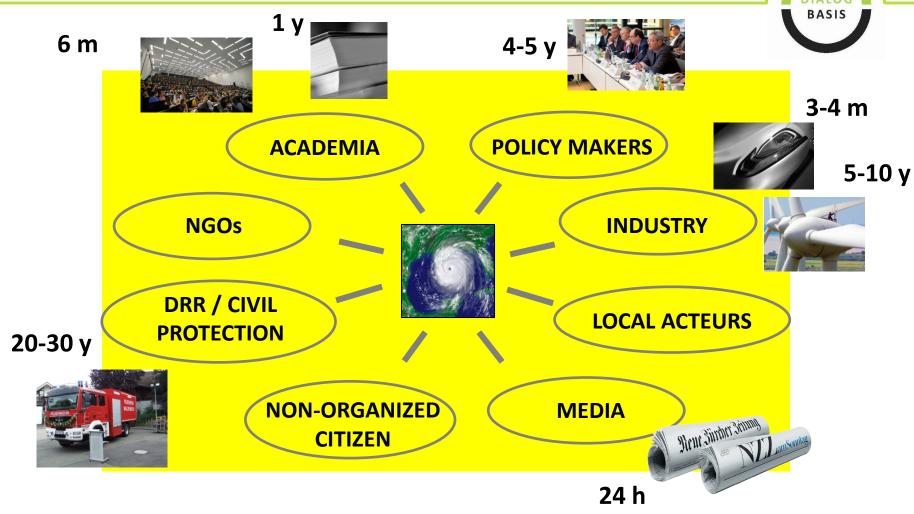


#### **DIFFERENTIATED STAKEHOLDER SUBSYSTEMS**





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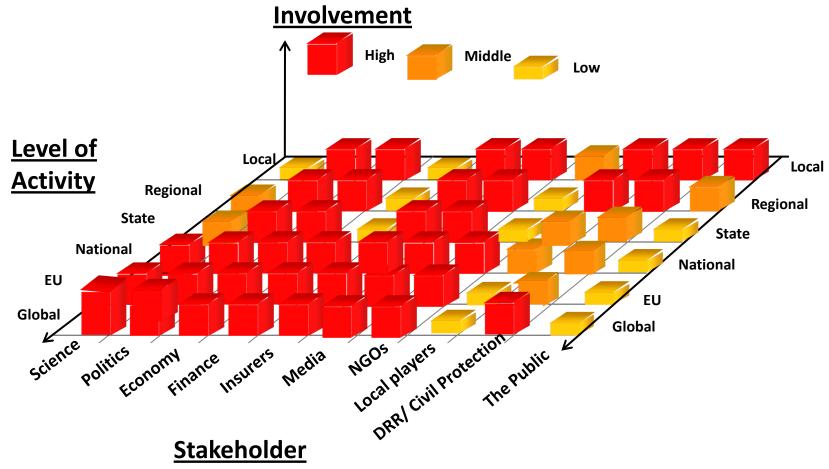
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#### **CLIMATE CHANGE:**

#### A MULTI-LEVEL STAKEHOLDER ISSUE







#### **FADING OUT EFFECT OF IDENTITIES**



- The more Climate Change is getting in the focus of all acteurs,
- the more identities will fade out,
- the more "new" forms of building identity will occure.







#### **CHANGE OF INFORMATIONAL BEHAVIOR (5 Y)**



From TV, Printmedia and Internet







To Social Media and Custom Made Information





Volatile informational behavior



### NEW UNDERSTANDING OF PARTICIPATION AND DEMOCRACY



Integrating new forms of information



Dialogues instead of information

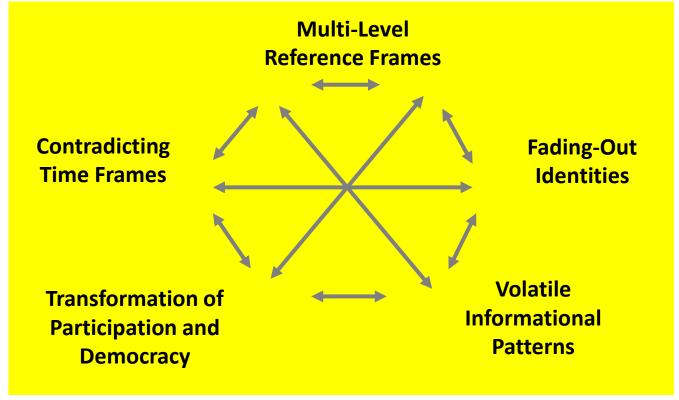


Decentralization of decision making



#### **ACCELERATING SOCIETAL CHALLENGES**







#### **NOT ONLY THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING**



#### **STORMY TIMES -**

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## 3-Years Stakeholder Analysis Project Providing:

- Analysis of current change in each of the subsystems
- Collating best practice examples
- Taking up recommendations from each of the stakeholders



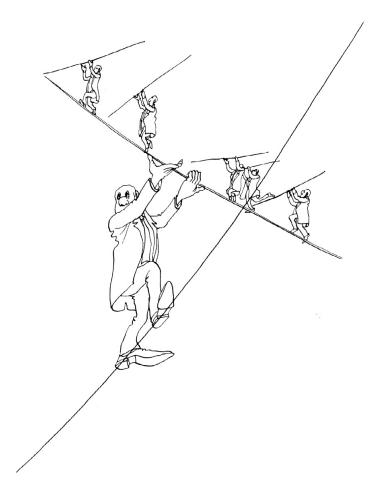


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#### THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO GO ON





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