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Facing Global Environmental Change
Environmental, Human, Energy, Food, Health and Water Security Concepts

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- This requires a „Reconceptualization of Security“
- Global mental mapping of the rethinking on security

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Reconceptualization of Security
Global Environmental Change

3 Reasons for a Reconceptualization of Security

- **Global Change**: Fall of Berlin Wall (7 Nov. 1989)
- **Globalization**: Non-state Actors and Processes
  - Terrorism and organized Crime: Weapons, Drugs, Human trafficking (children, women, organs etc.)
  - Uncontrolled Financial transfer and Speculation: worst global economic crisis since 1929
- **Global Anthropogenic Environmental Change**
  - Nobel Laureate Paul Crutzen (MPI for Chemistry in Mainz): Anthropocene: phase of Earth history since industrial revolution
2 Key Themes of this book: GEC & Sectorialization of Security

- **Facing Global Environmental Change (GEC)**
  - 1: Contextualization of Global Environmental Change (chap. 1-3)
  - 2: Securitization of GEC (chap. 4-14)
  - 3: Securitization: Extreme Natural & Societal Outcomes

- **Sectorialization of Security**
  - 4: Energy security (chap. 23-32)
  - 5: Food Security (chap. 33-35)
  - 6: Health Security (chap. 36-40)
  - 7: Water Security (chap. 41-58)
  - 8: Environmental Security (chap. 59-73)
  - 9: Human and Gender-Security (chap. 74-96)
  - 10: From Knowledge to Action (chap. 97-100)
Chap. 4: Securitization of Global Environmental & Climate Change

3 fold debate & discourse on climate change:

- **Theory:** Securitization of Waever (Copenhagen school)

- **International Security:**
  - German, British and European debate
  - Goal: Strategies of conflict prevention by a proactive Environmental, economic and development policy

- **National Security:**

- **Human Security:** HS Network, Greek presidency (5/2008)

- **GECHS Project of IHDP:** Social Vulnerability of poor and marginalized population groups
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