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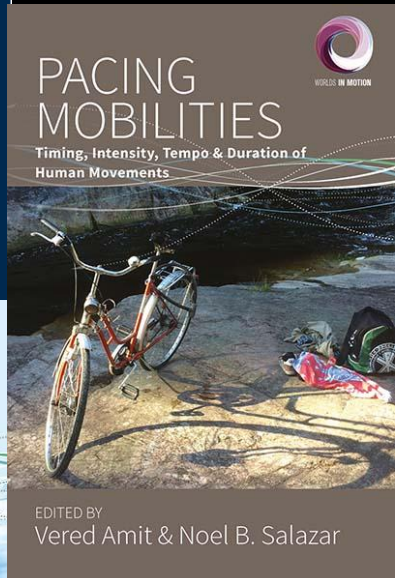
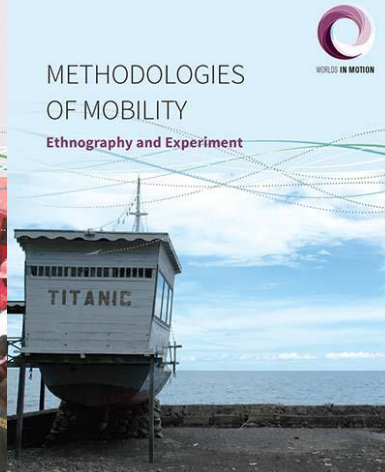
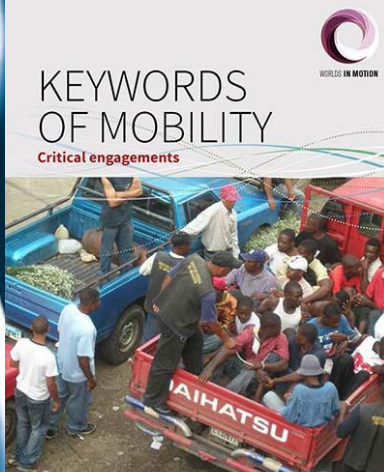
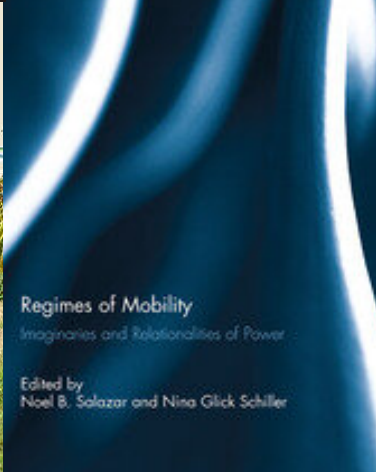
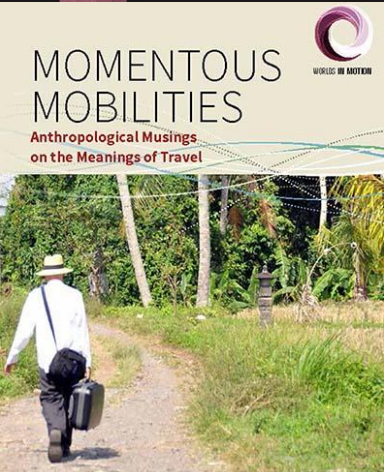
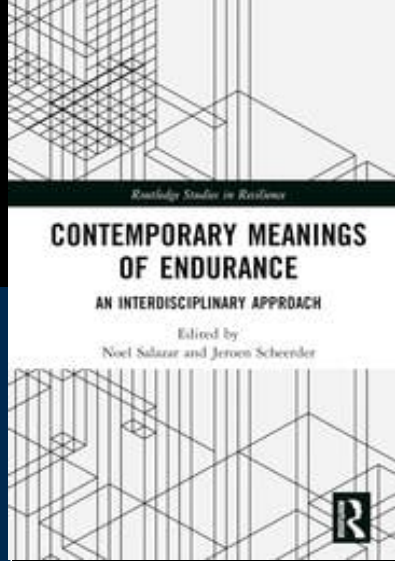
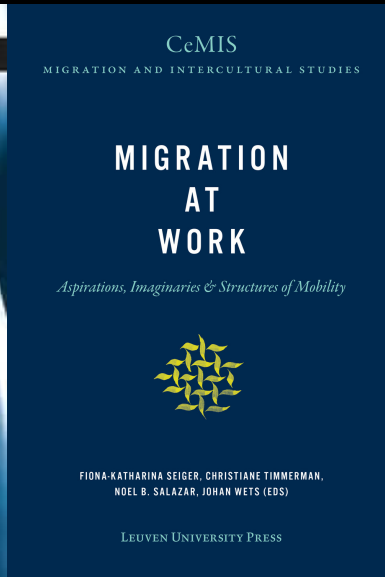
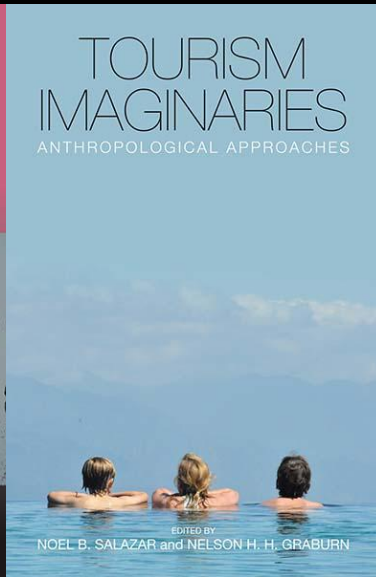
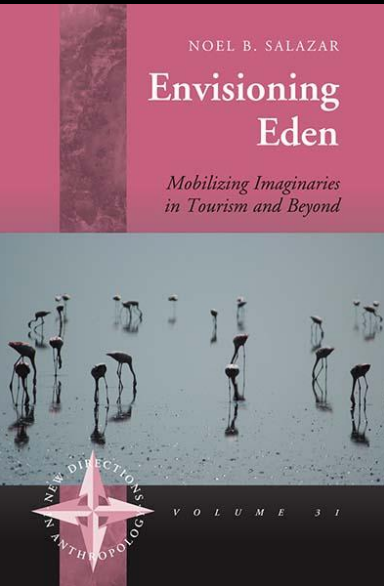
# Studying mobilities from a multi-scalar perspective

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# Getting Started...



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# SCALING UP

**“Everything is connected, everything  
changes, pay attention”**

**Jane Hirshfield (poet; 1953– )**



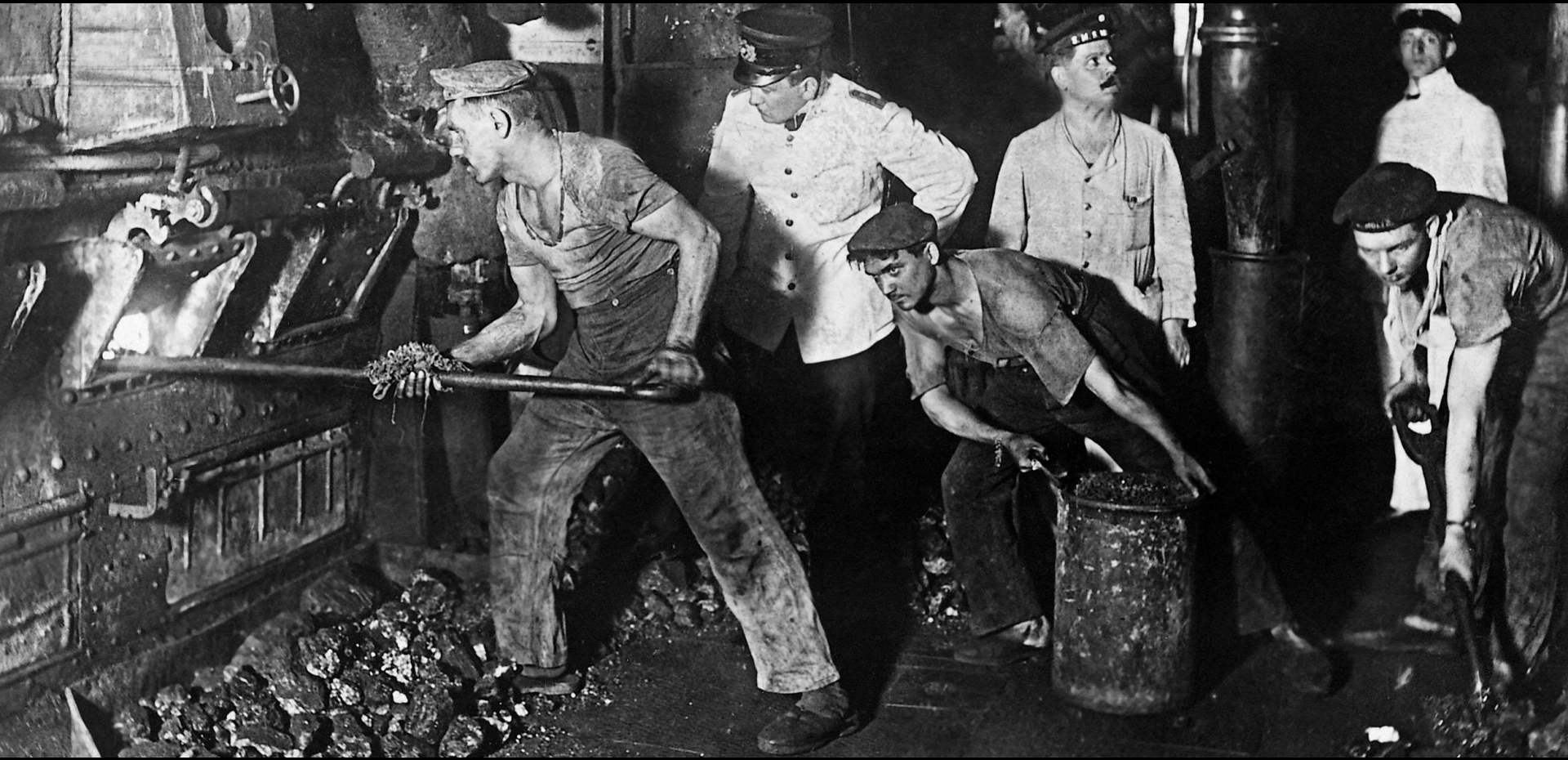


# Planetary Mobilities





# The Anthropocene



# The Kinocene

- Humans started surges in movement
- Complex flows and positive feedback cycles (carbon, nitrogen)
- Climate change politics: carbon markets





# Ontology of Motion

## THE BIRTH OF PHYSICS

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# Immobile Science



# **SCALING DOWN & SIDEWAYS**

**“Trust only movement. Life happens  
at the level of events, not of words.**

**Trust movement”**

**Alfred Adler (psychoanalyst, 1870–1937)**





## Covid-19 prevention measures

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**If you have flu-like symptoms (cough, fever, difficulty in breathing), please do not enter**



**Keep safe distance (2mm apart)**



**Avoid shaking hands**



**Avoid crowded places and public gatherings**



**There should not be more than one people in elevator**



**Wear face mask if it is necessary**



**Wear gloves if it is necessary**



**Wash your hands regularly with soap or water**



**Sanitize your hands frequently with an alcohol based hand rub**



**Avoid touching your face, nose or mouth**



**Avoid sharing personal things**

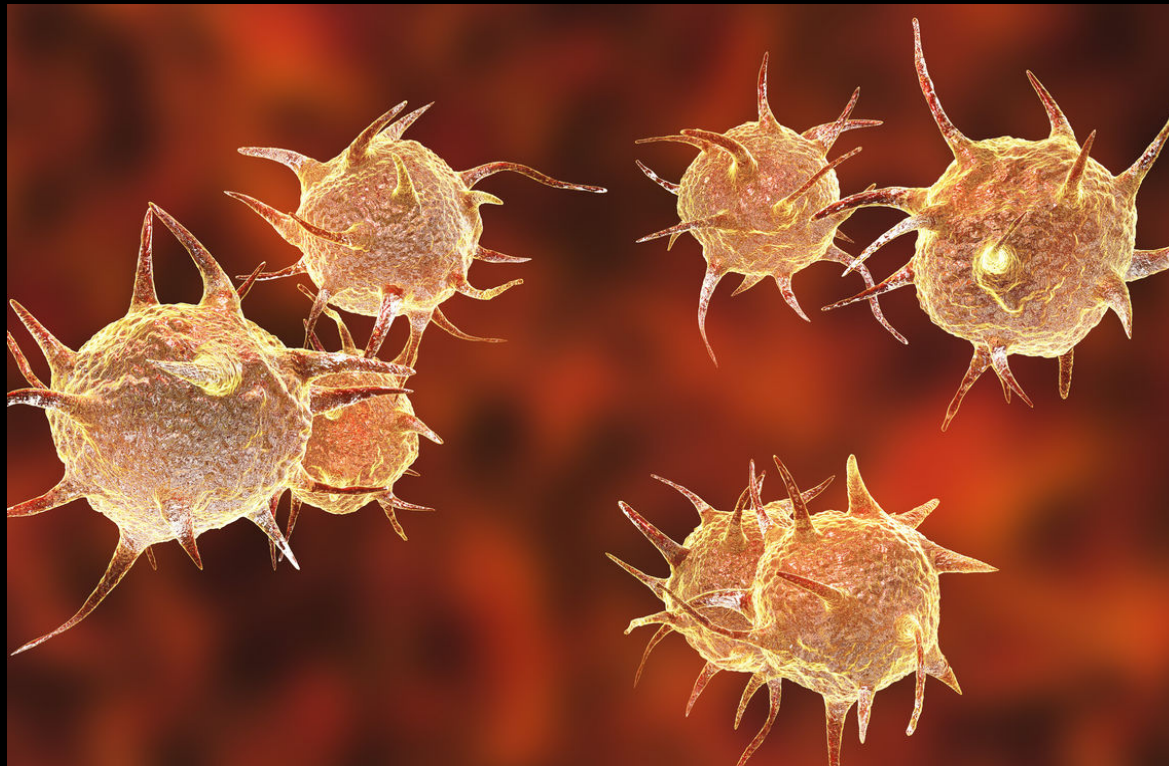


**Perform more regular workplace cleanings**



# Multicellular Mobilities

- Viruses have no locomotion
- Mobility economy, Anthropocene mobilities
- Covid-19 = disease of the Anthropocene



# Other-than-Human Mobilities



# Animal Mobilities

- Critical to biosphere functioning
- Global loss of mobility & motility
- Borders and boundaries
- Politics of mobility





# RESCALING THE HUMAN

**“We know as we go,  
from place to place”**

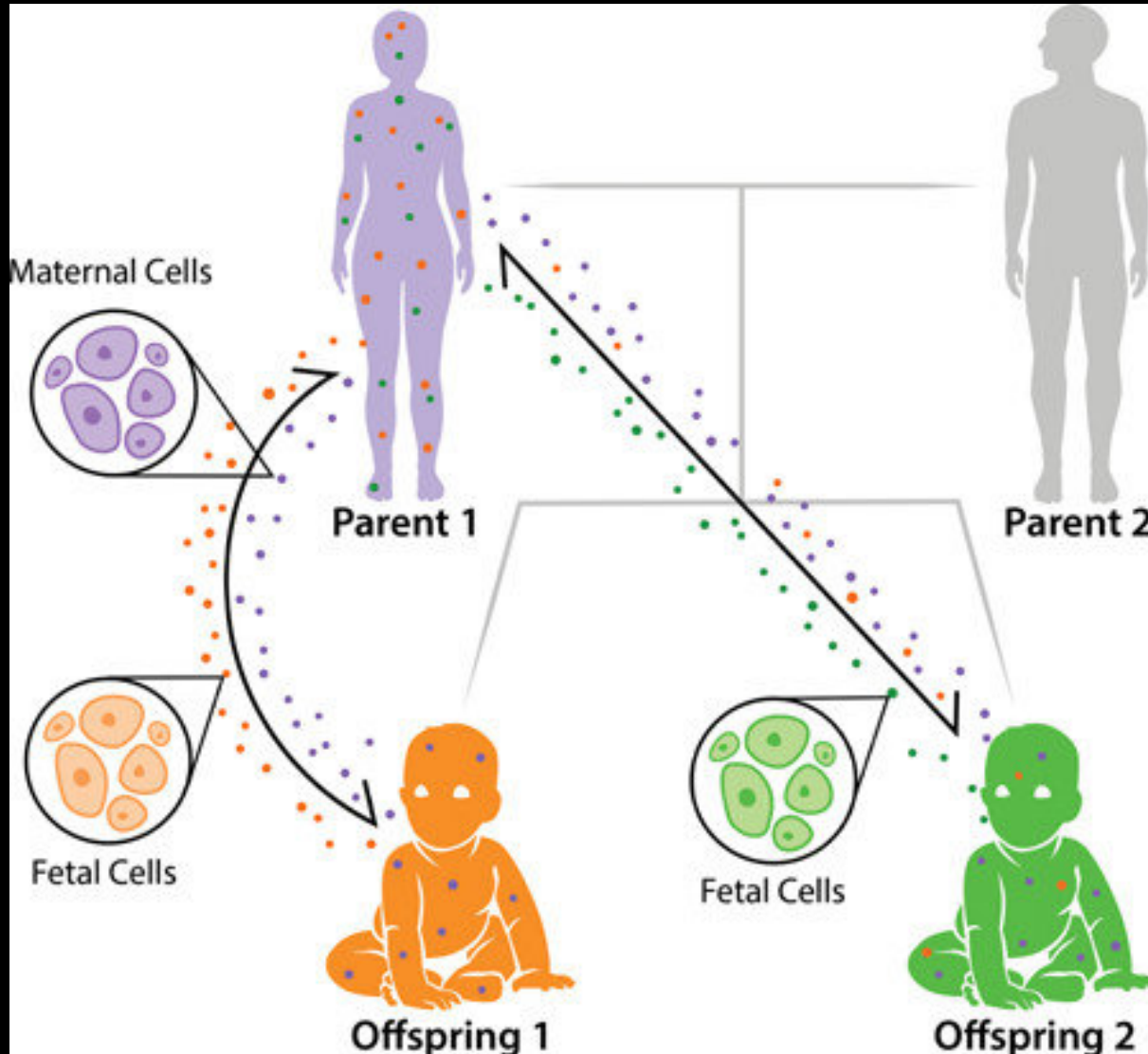
**Tim Ingold (anthropologist, 1948– )**

# Moving Life

- Human = life form in movement
- Phenomenology: “moving being”
- Quantum physics & Eastern philosophies



# Biomedical Sciences





# Multispecies Ethnography



# **RESCALING THE ENVIRONMENT**

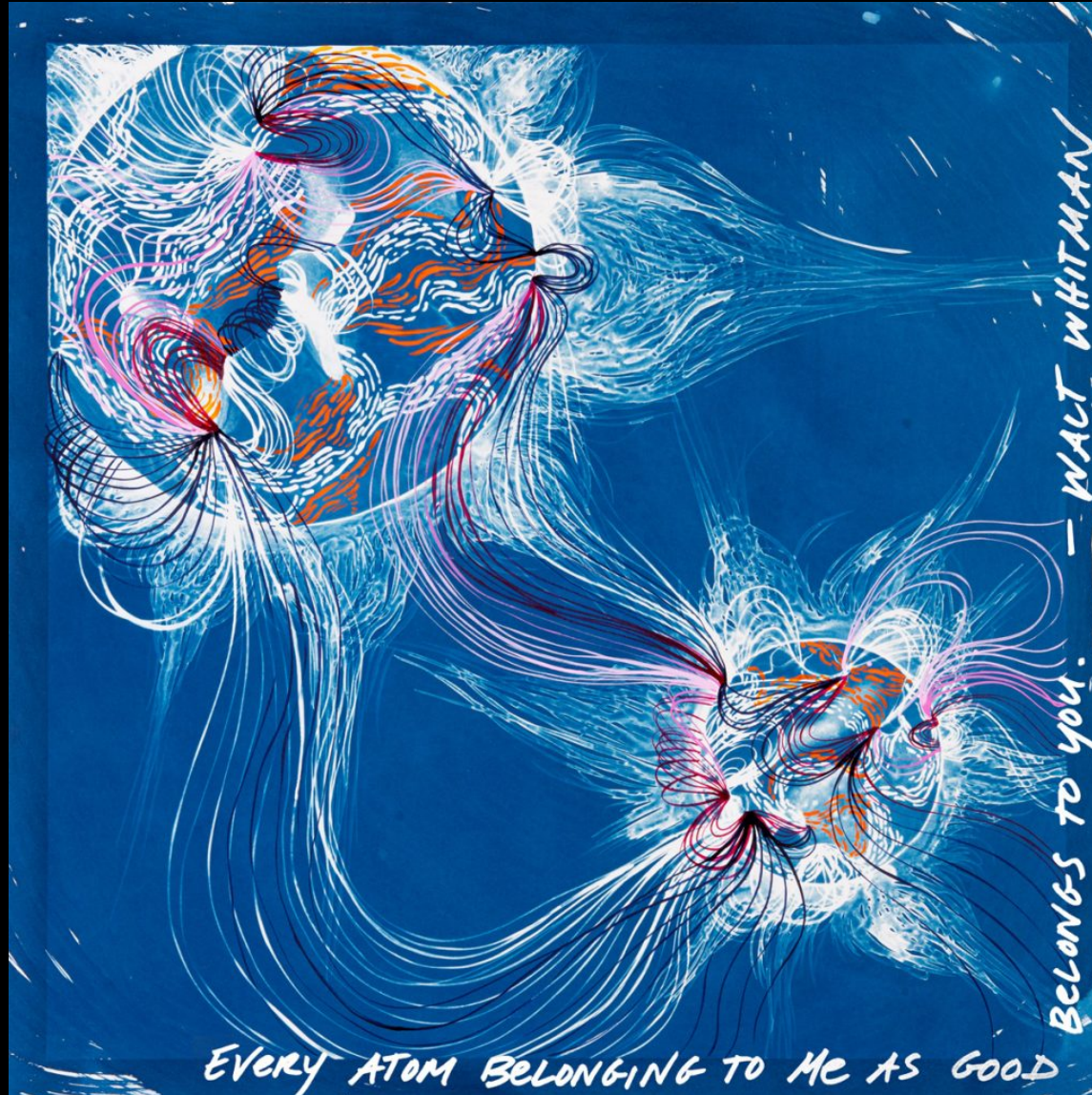
**“What we most need to do is to hear  
within us the sound of the Earth crying”**

**Thich Nhat Hanh**

**(Zen Buddhist Master, 1926–2022)**



# “We” are the Planet





# (Re)connecting

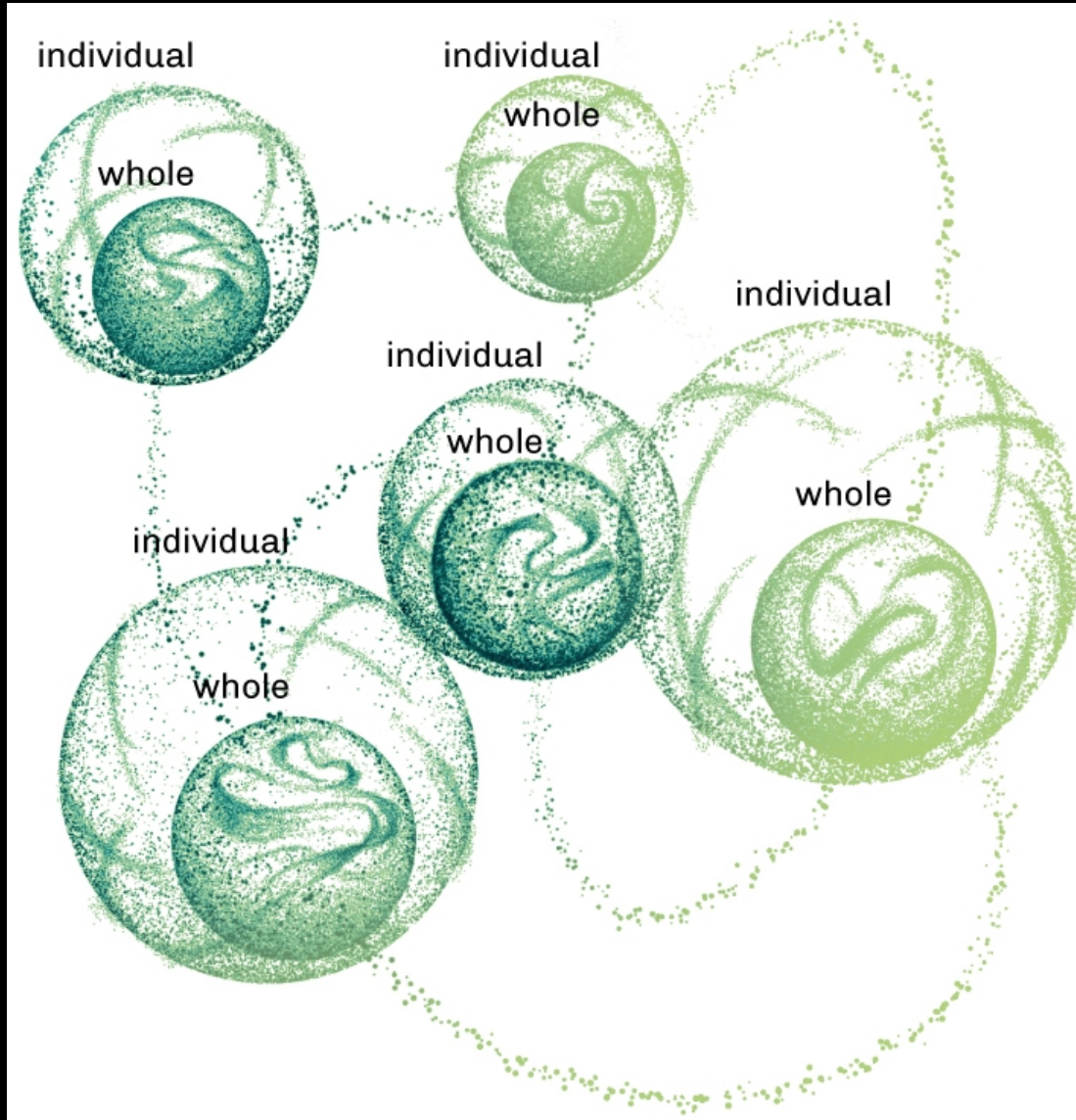
Do you think humans  
communicate with  
each other?

How could they?  
They don't have  
roots.

Yeah, I guess it's  
a crazy idea.

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# Planetary Commons







# Indigenous Mobility Traditions



# CONCLUSION

**“Survival, in fact, is about the connection  
between things”**

**Edward Said (postcolonial scholar, 1935–2003)**





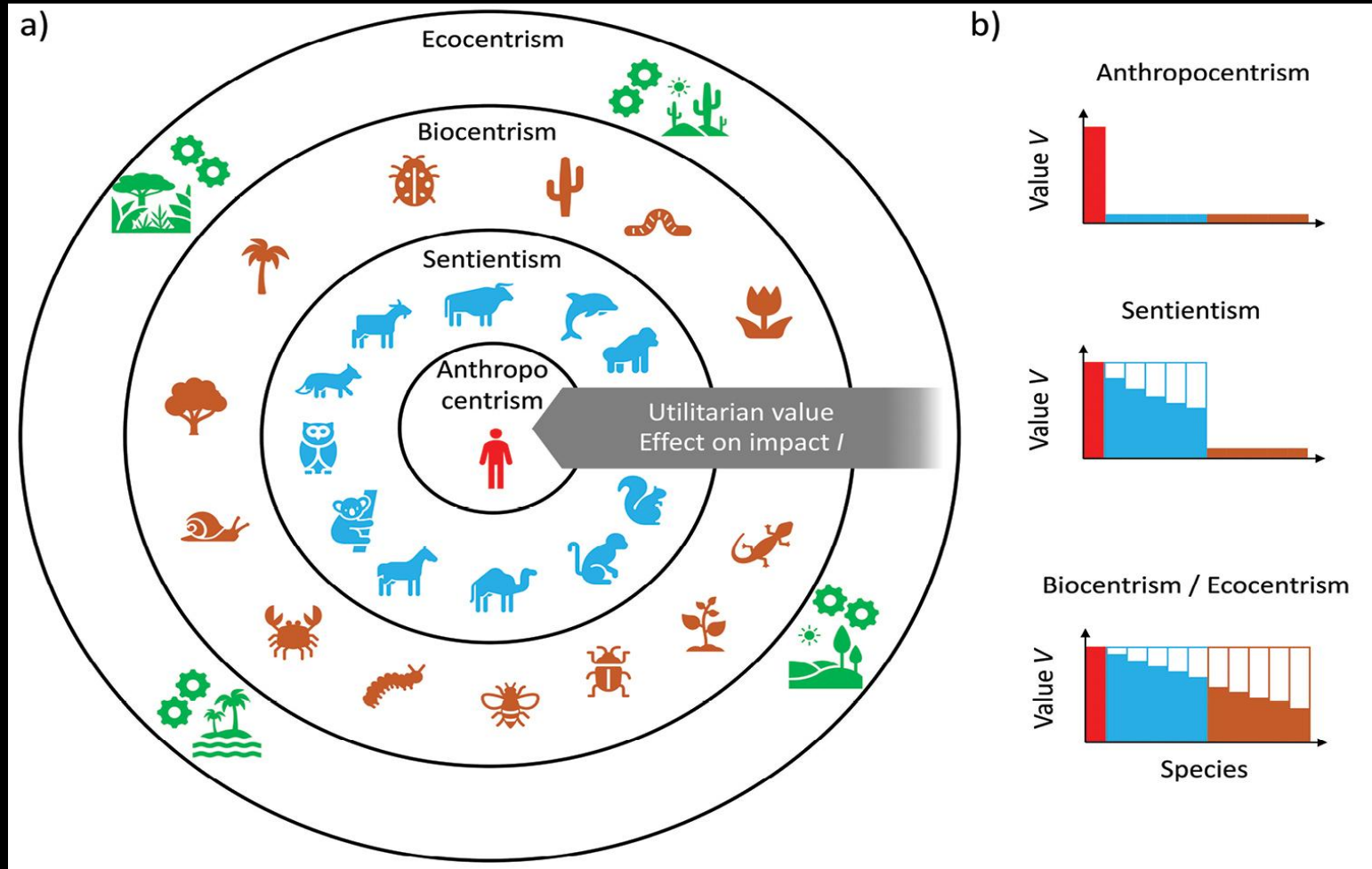
# Rethinking Life

- Scientific catch-up
- Life is mobile





# Planetary Conviviality



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# Relationality and Belonging

- Need for planetary solutions
- The planetary scale is too big for humans



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