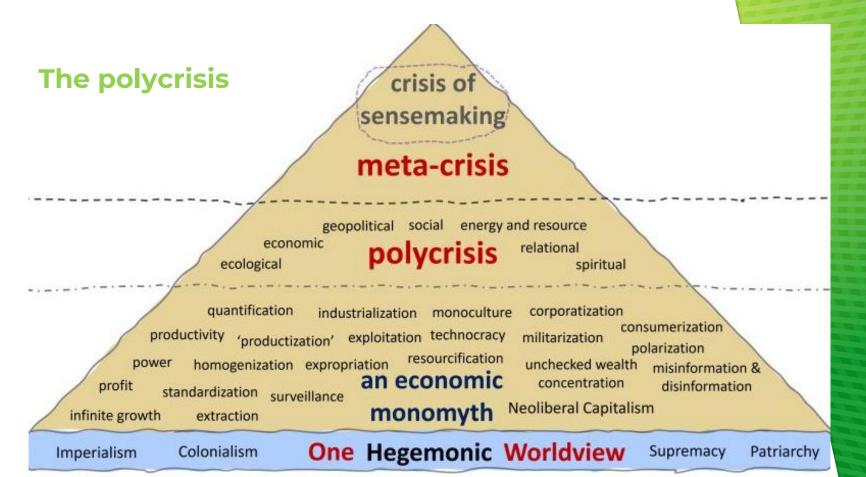
# Systematising concerns about the climate/polycrisis in evaluations/evaluation systems

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# **Approach**

- Evaluation has a key role to play in learning about how we can get system change to mitigate climate breakdown
- But mindsets need to change and evaluation itself needs to be transformed to be used through the policy cycle and not just support the status quo, but the transformative action needed
- IEAc exploring this through 3 Horizons work on potential for evaluation's contribution to addressing the polycrisis (3HEi)
- Survey of key thinkers/activists around using evaluation, collaborative analysis building on AI, tested at variety of events, refined
- Collaborate with partners on taking forward areas of work, building on existing transformational initiatives, informing EvalAgenda 2.0



# **3HEi Overview**

Horizon 1
Current situation

EVALUATION IS NOT
EFFECTIVE IN
ADDRESSING OR
VOICING THE DEEPENING
POLYCRISIS AND THE
TRANSFORMATIONS
REQUIRED

Horizon 2 How we get to H3

COORDINATED
AND COHERENT
ACTION TO CHANGE THE
EVALUATION FIELD TO
BETTER ADDRESS
THE POLYCRISIS

# Horizon 3 Aspirational future

EVALUATION IS
ADDRESSING
THE POLYCRISIS
SYSTEMICALLY AND
SYSTEMATICALLY,
USED ACROSS POLICY AND
ORGANISATIONAL CYCLES.
A CORE COMPETENCY AND
CONTINUES TO EVOLVE.
VALUED BY
WIDER SOCIETY.



# COORDINATED AND COHERENT ACTION TO CHANGE THE EVALUATION FIELD TO BETTER ADDRESS THE POLYCRISIS.

- Comprehensive repositioning of evaluation in critical domains.
- Inclusion of diverse voices and approaches that address complexity.

# **SURVEY QUESTIONS**

## 1. Transformative Initiatives:

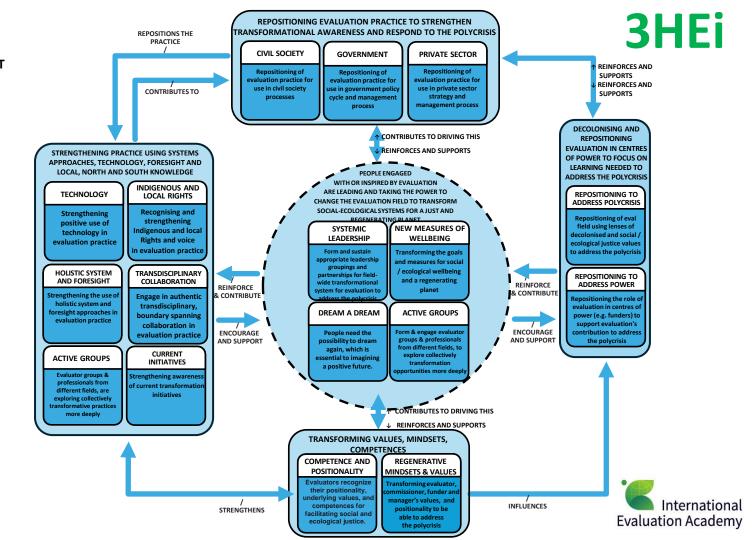
What current initiatives can you see right now that have the potential to transform the evaluation field and move it from Horizon 1 to the aspirational future in Horizon 3?

### 2. Future Initiatives:

What new initiatives do you feel should be started to help the transformation towards Horizon 3?

### 3. Your Contribution:

What principles or concepts will guide your work towards H2+ initiatives and help avoid their capture by H1? Please indicate with whom you would like to collaborate.





We will hold a seminar on this in June

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