GLCb2020 Environmental threats and security

Contemporary environmental threats

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Agenda

- Pollution
- Overconsumption
- Waste

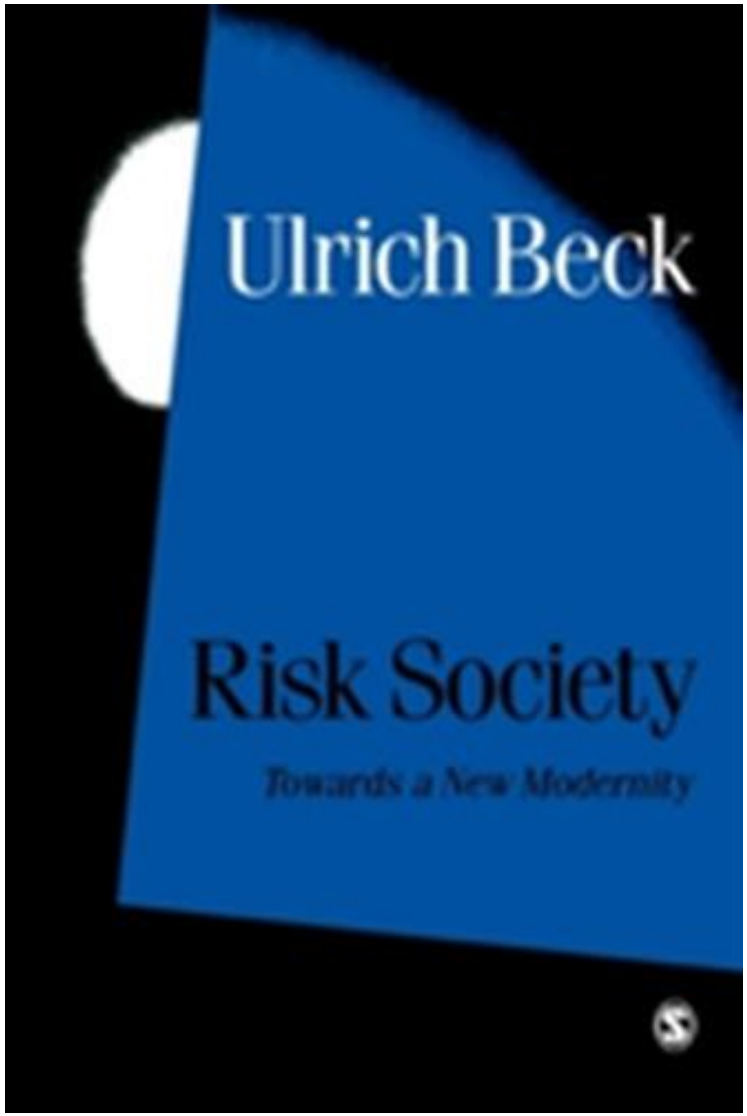
What is killing us?

	Type of pollution	Deaths (2010)
1.	Household air pollution (smoke)	3,546,399
2.	Outdoor air pollution (particulate matter)	3,223,540
3.	Led poisoning	674,038
4.	Water/sanitation pollution	337,476
5.	Ozone	152,434
6.	Residential radon exposure	98,992

Source: Lim et al. (2012)

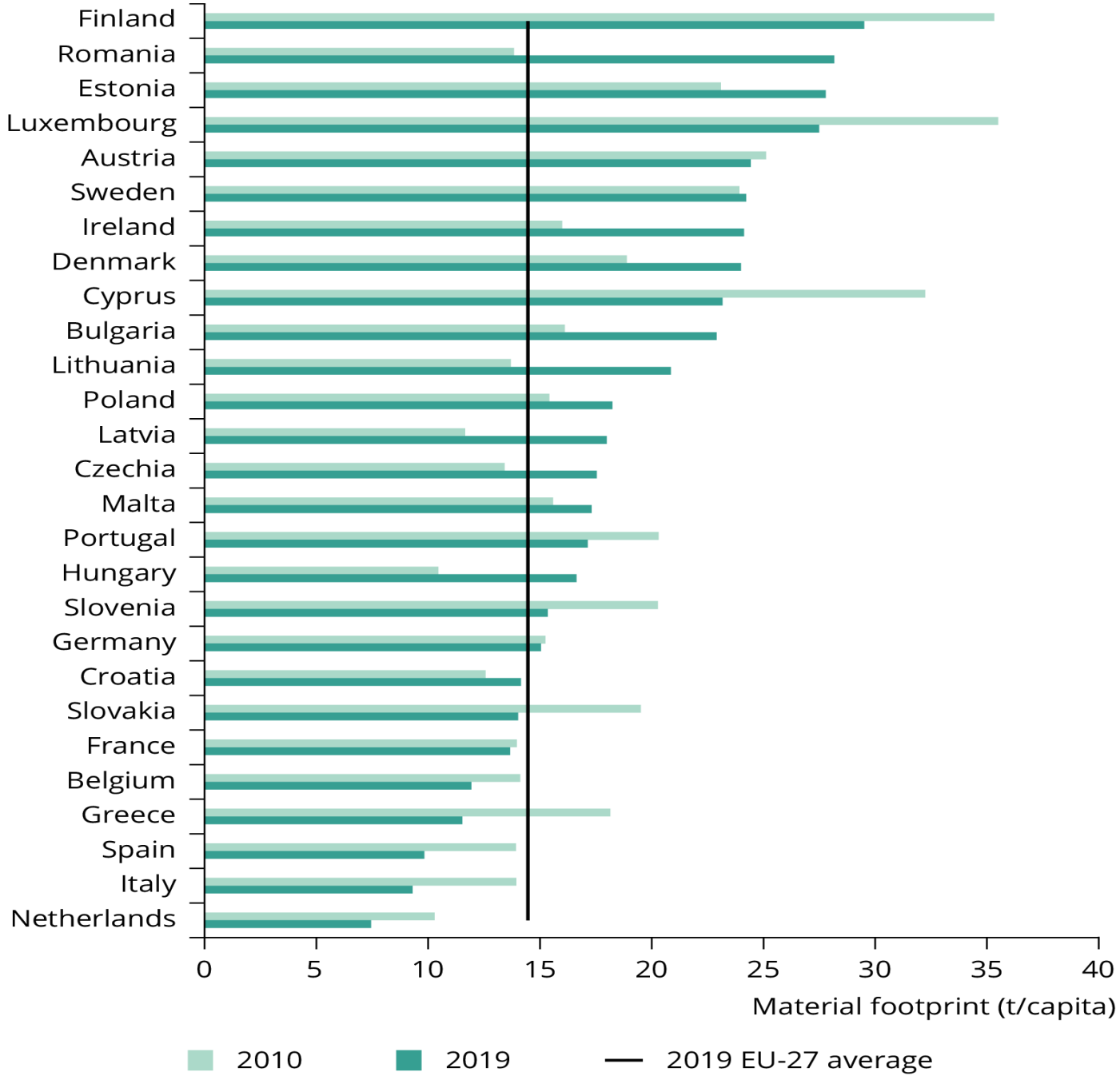
“Risk society”

- Ulrich Beck (1992)
- People who live in risk society accept pollution and disasters as a necessary part of life.
- “Insecurity” is becoming an everyday part of life.



Overconsumption

- **Material footprint**: “the total amount of raw materials extracted to meet final consumption demands”
  - Indicator of the pressure put on the environment due to economic growth and satisfaction of people’s material needs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Material footprint (t/capita)
2010
2019
2019 EU-27 average

Obsolescence and consumption

- **Technological obsolescence**
  - Due to technological innovation
- **Psychological or dynamic obsolescence**
  - A change in the product style as a way to manipulate consumers
- **Planned obsolescence**
  - Limit the durability of products to stimulate repeat consumption

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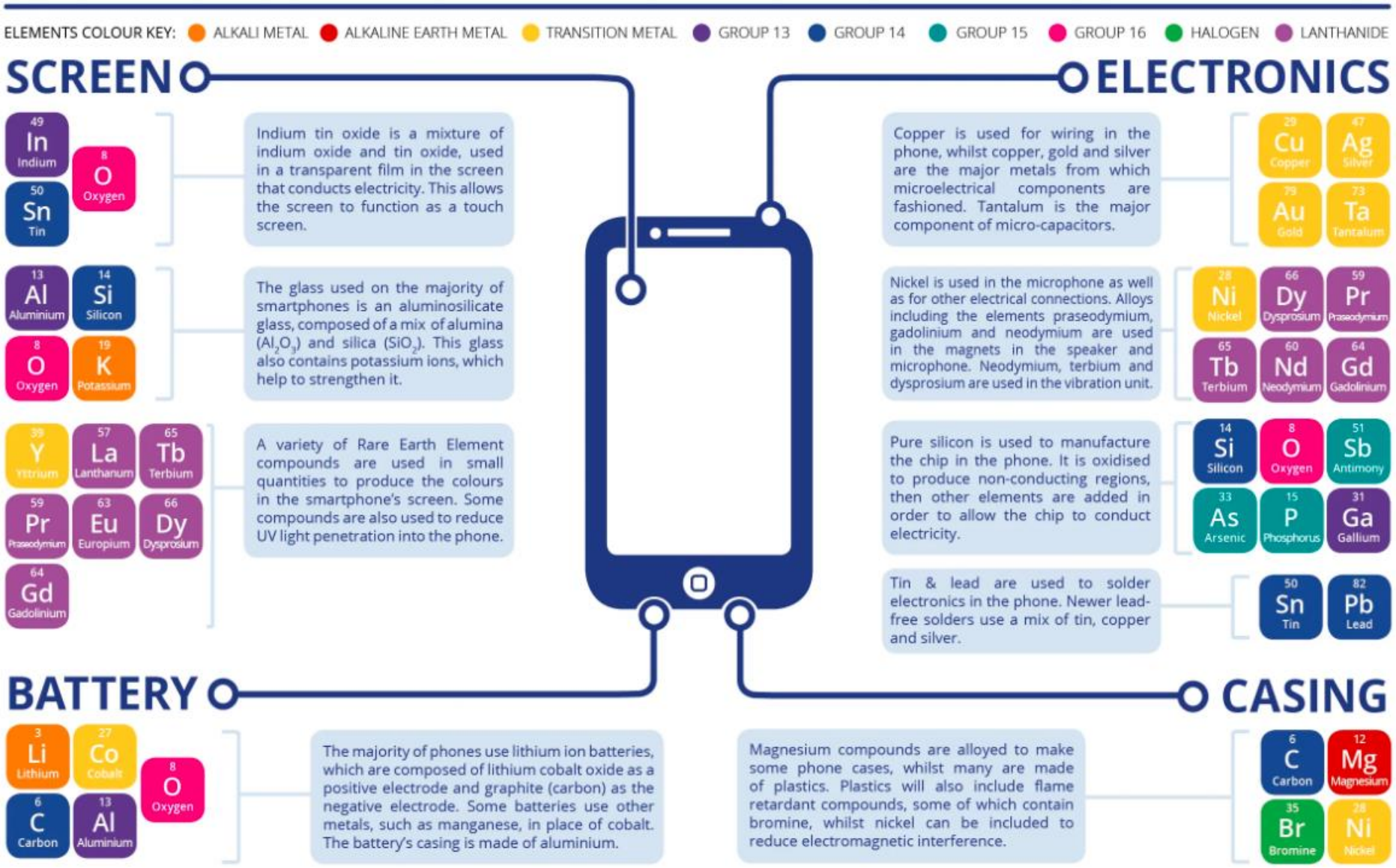
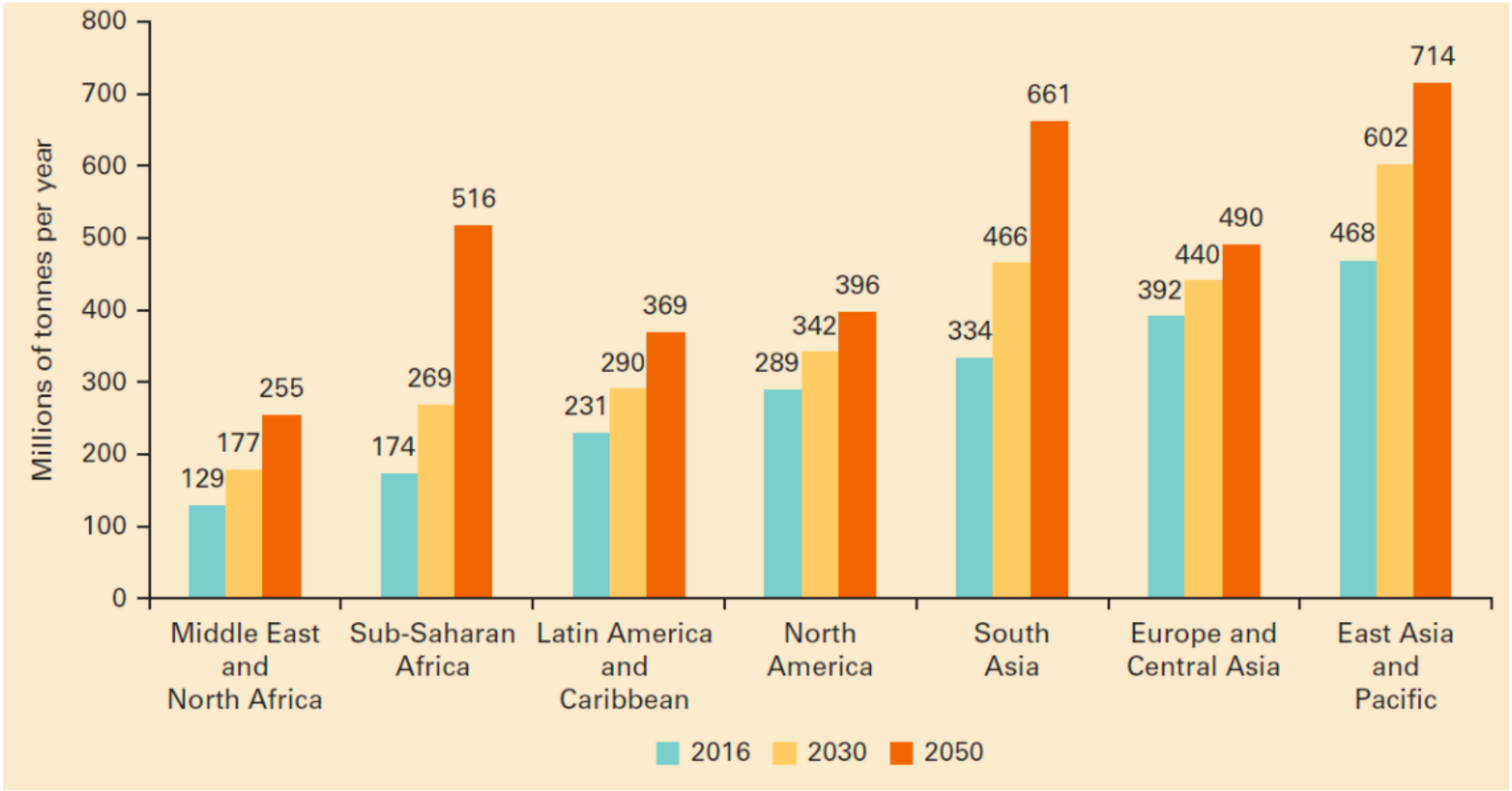


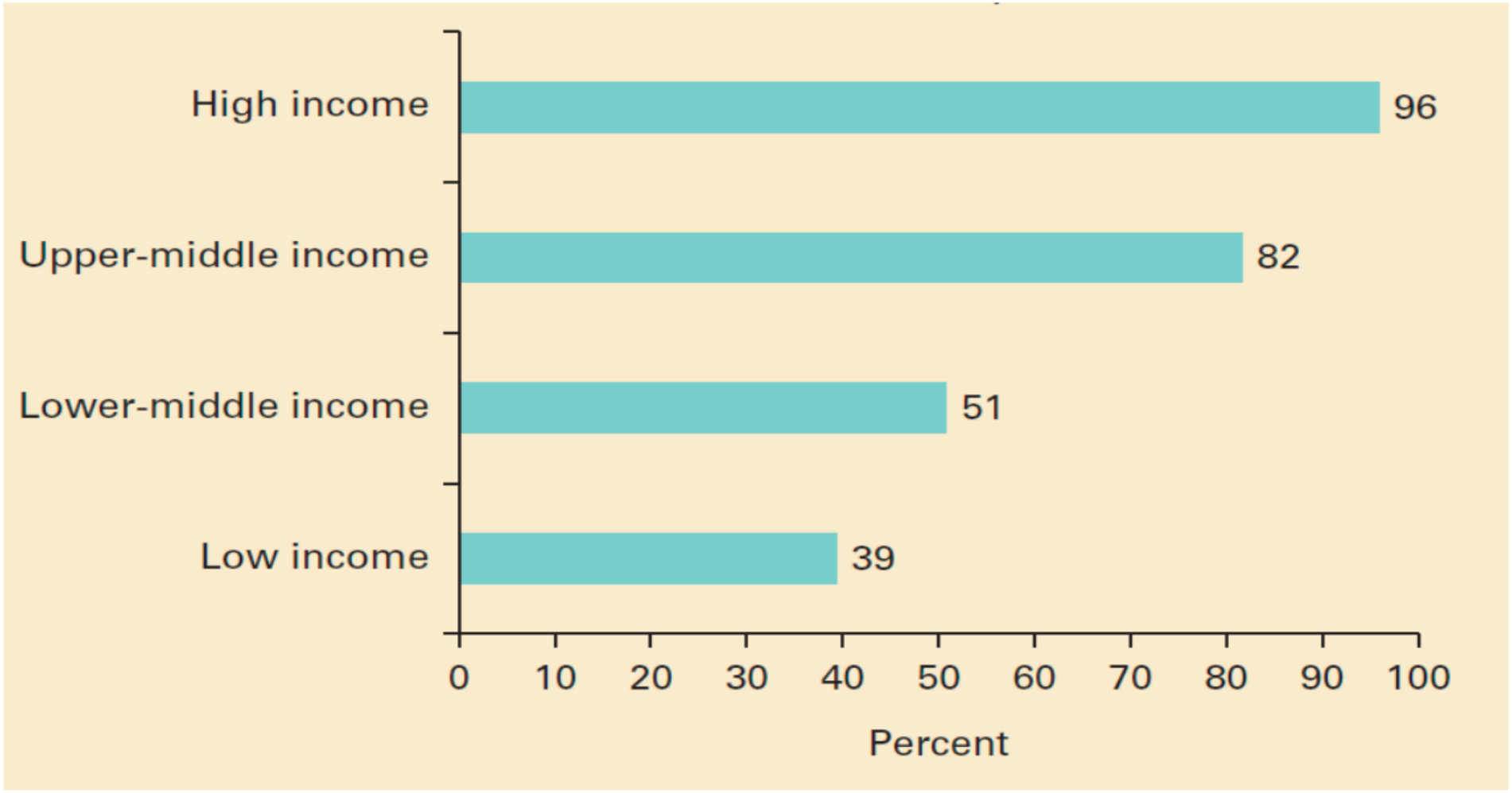
Consumption and waste

Projected waste generation, by region (millions of tonnes/year)



Source: World Bank

Waste and income



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