



# **GLCb2020 Environmental threats and security**

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## **Environmental security: history and concepts**

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# Agenda

- What makes the world dangerous?
- What is security?
- What is environmental security?

# Realism and global danger

- Rational agents with self-interests
- Danger and fear linked to the questions of war and violence

# Realism and security

- **Security:** a need to be protected from danger
- Security for states
  - Focused on the concept of sovereignty
  - Usually from military perspective
  - Power understood as military or economic power

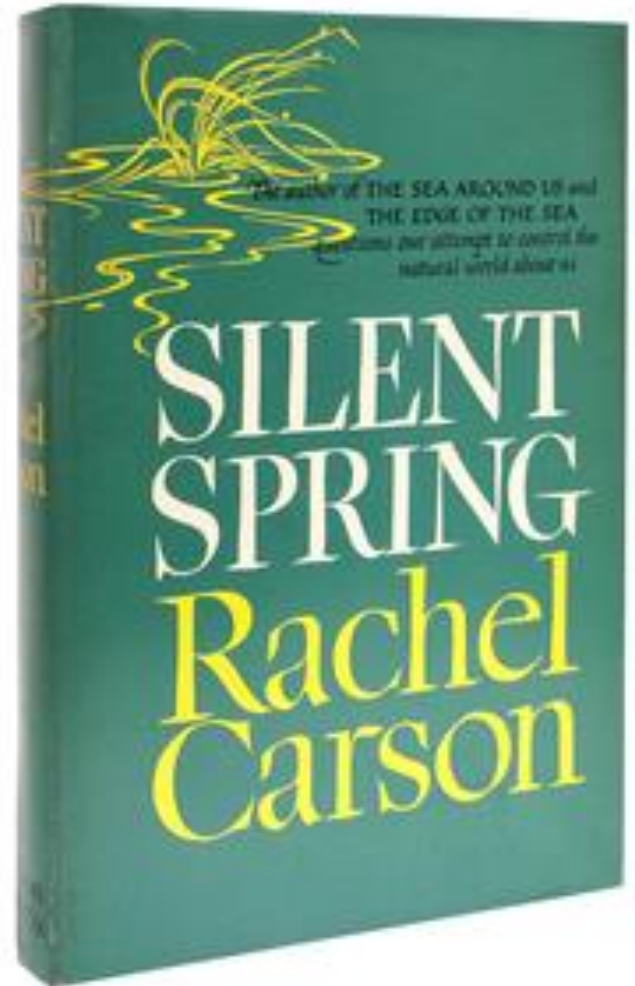
# Human security

- 1994 UN Human Development Report
- Focus on human life and dignity
- Dimensions: economic, food, health, environmental, personal, community, and political security

# Securitization

- Barry Buzan and the Copenhagen school
  - Security is not only military but also political, economic, social and environmental
  - Securitization agents, using speech acts, turn a problem into a security threat

# Securitization of the environment



# Environmental threats and politics

- **Three political dilemmas:**
  - 1) “Threats without an enemy”
  - 2) High cost and economic interests
  - 3) Need for global coordination
- *Should we explicitly link the environment and security? Why yes/no?*





Questions?