

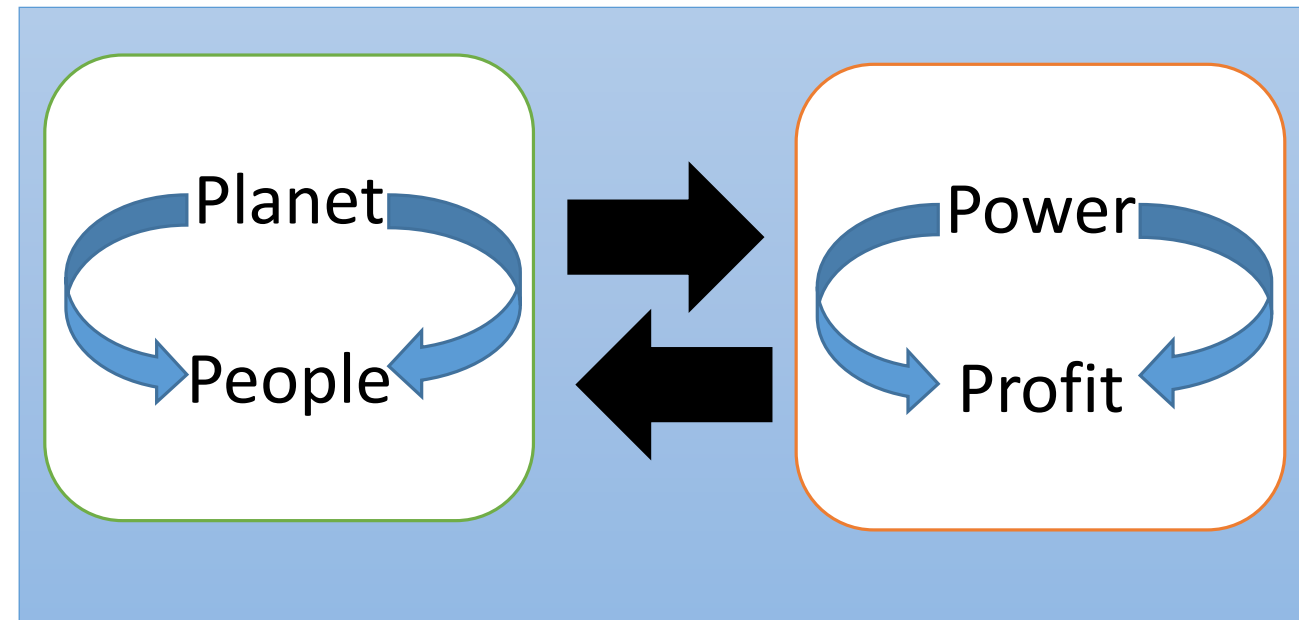
## Is the Anthropocene neutral?



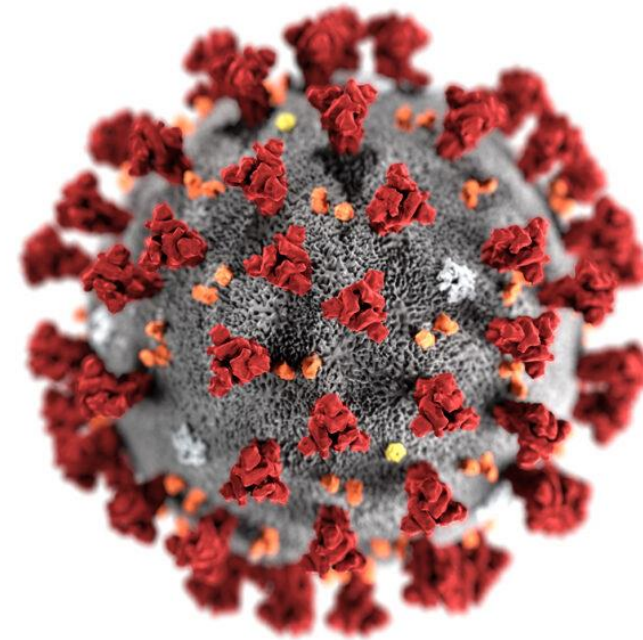
“Capitalocene is a kind of critical provocation to this sensibility of the Anthropocene, which is: **We have met the enemy and he is us**” (Moore 2017).

## The 'Capitalocene': Taking capitalism seriously...

- **Extermination of everything from megafauna to microbiota**
- **...understanding it not just as an economic system but as a way of organizing the relations between humans and the rest of nature**
- **altered relationship with other planetary beings**



# Is COVID 19 a 'Capitalocene' challenge?





The hand of human intervention in mutual symbiosis and harmony with nature © Olaf Hajek



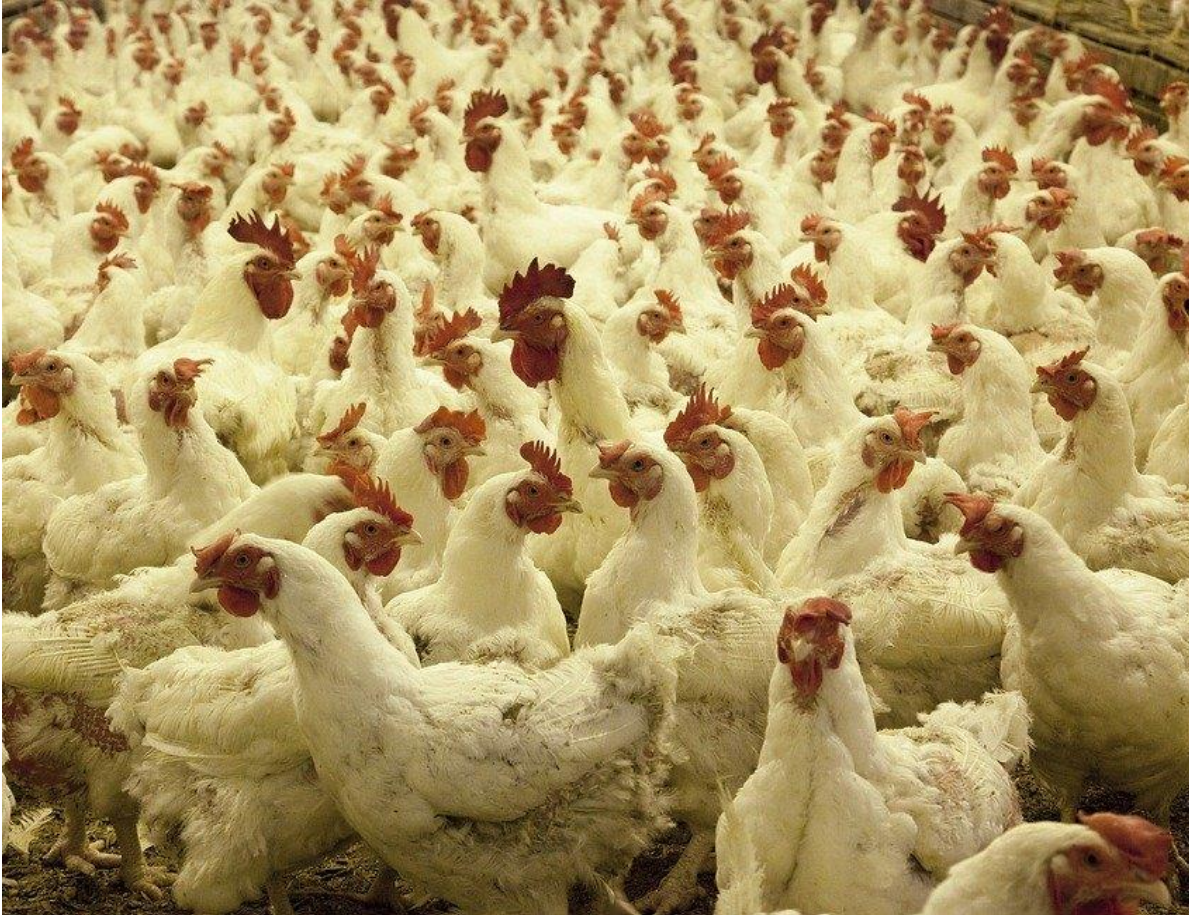


- **Van Dooren (2020): “the real source of the crisis is human, not animal”**
- **the ‘dysfunctional relationship’ (Dooren, 2020) or ‘metabolic rift’ (Foster, 1999) between humans and animals (and also avian species)**
- **our complex entanglement to our environment (Peterson, 2020); “interspecies intersectionality”**

# Wildlife trafficking

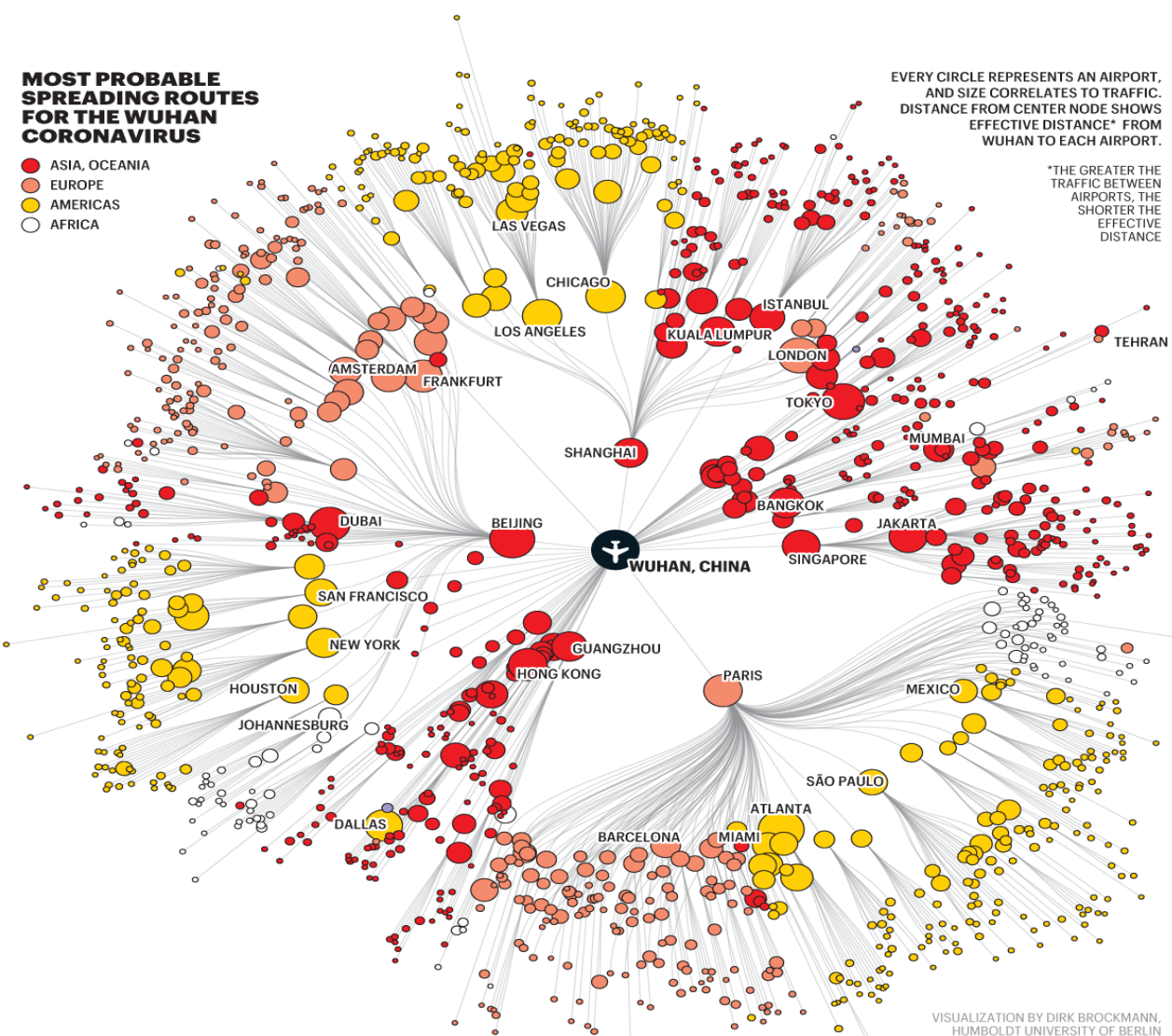


# Cities, consumption, cultural transformations



- dramatic rise in meat consumption; from eudemonic to hedonic notion of wellbeing
- cultural (and hence dietary) transformation
- 8–10 % annual growth (1990-2010) in the Indian poultry sector with an annual turnover of US\$7,500 million

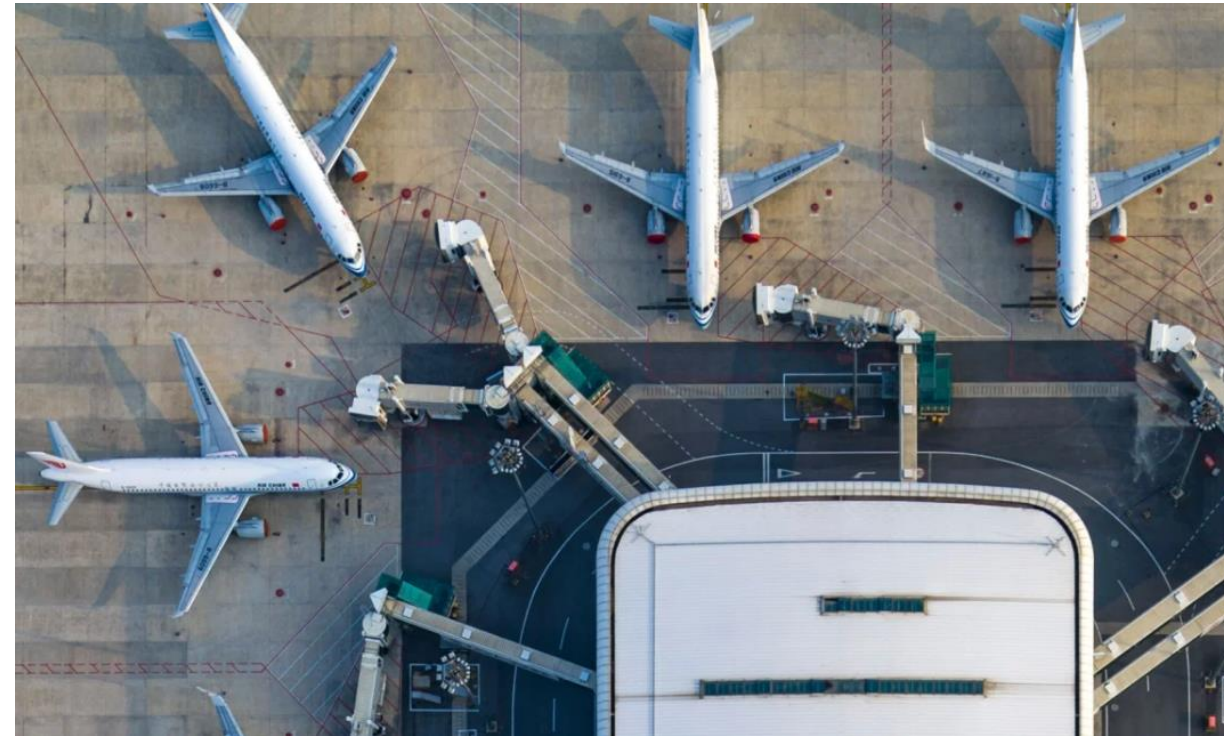




Source: <https://fortune.com/longform/how-coronavirus-spread-map/>

# Mapping a contagion!

“What were once local spillovers are now epidemics trawling their way through global webs of travel and trade” (Wallace, et al. 2020)





## Cities, 'circuits of capital', "neo-liberal disease"

- Global 'circuits of capital'; permits and payments
- Worldwide wild food industry
- Urban-peri-urban interconnections; the immediate "spill over effects"
- from "borderlines" to "borderlands" (Hinchliffe et al., 2012)

"...the expanding periurban commodity circuits shipping these newly spilled-over pathogens in livestock and labor from the deepest hinterland to regional cities" (Wallace, Chaves and Wallace 2020)

# From virus to integral ecology

- The war is not between viruses and the vaccines.
- Blurring and breaking boundaries – interconnectedness [naturesociety; urbanrural; citynature, etc.]
- Multi-spatial interconnections; multispecies entanglements
- Integral ecology and wellbeing



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