

Greetings, Beyond GDP class, OLLI staff, and guests,

First, in response to Avi's insightful observation last Wednesday that the difference in HDI values for the first 22 ranked countries is arguably insignificant (#1 Switzerland 0.962 vs. #22 Israel 0.919), the UNDP clusters countries into four groups by HDI values: LOW (<0.550), MEDIUM (0.550-0.699), HIGH (0.700-0.799), and VERY HIGH (>=0.800). The VERY HIGH group includes 66 countries. For more, see [UNDP HDI Rankings](#).

Now, looking ahead to Week 5 . . .

First Hour: (from the syllabus) **The SDG indicator crisis and a robust response by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network.**

Reliable global data and consensus statistical methodologies were found to be available for only 40% (98 out of 232) of the original SDG indicators. [SDSN](#), a UN affiliate since 2012, has led a global network of centers of research and knowledge to develop and publish a common set of reliable country-level quantitative indicators to track progress each year. Similar reports are available to track progress by U.S. states (2018) and major U.S. cities (2019).

**** For a "sneak" preview, view the two-page profile for Colorado in this report (pp60-61) from SDSN:** <https://resources.unsdsn.org/sustainable-development-report-of-the-united-states-2018>

Second Hour: **Food Insecurity: post-Pandemic and Climate Change Challenges**, presented by **Patti Iwasaki**

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For some background, Patti suggests the following reading materials and videos:

1) **YouTube (20min):** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5YcvKvxWaCE>

#FoodCrisis #Ukraine #ClimateChange

A world going hungry? How conflict and climate change disrupt global food supply. Business Beyond -- 319,162 views Jul 5, 2022

2) **Article (20pp):** Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems, 17 September 2021 (20pp)

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<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fsufs.2021.686492/full>

3) **Article (3pp):** Cox, N., & Beynon-MacKinnon, Z. (2020). Observations and suggestions during COVID-19: Harnessing pre-existing elements to increase food security. Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development, 10(1), 25–27. <https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2020.101.035>

4) **Video (3min):** “Heyday for the Hillside Hub: Food to Power's neighborhood.” Food center opens with a public celebration. See [Staff report](#), SouthEast Express, Jun 14, 2022 Updated Jun 18, 2022

We welcome your questions and/or comments. Feel free to contact us anytime via email or texting.

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