

"FROM FREE MARKETS TO
FREEDOM FROM MARKETS"

*"Anyone who believes exponential growth
can go on forever in a finite world is either a
madman or an economist"*

Kenneth Boulding

*"The more we extend the sphere of activities
about which we can say 'This is not for sale'
or 'I can't put a price on this', the richer are
our individual and our social lives"*

Andre Gorz

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Welcome!

The first international degrowth conference, held in April 2008 in Paris, was a great success. The degrowth declaration of Paris is now a reference. Following this first conference the words “economic degrowth” have successfully been introduced into academic journals and into the public imagination. Conferences on the topic, research into it, and debate among politicians and in the press are emerging more and more.

However, believe it or not, there are still voices that support an increase in consumption and production in the North. At best, they try to present it as “green growth”, as the critique of GDP is almost “in fashion”. We realise now that there is something else beyond GDP!

However degrowth is not only about moving beyond GDP: it is about recognizing that there is something beyond money, something beyond the omnipresence of markets and exchange in our relations, that there is something else beyond being only consumers and producers, something else apart from industrial society. The exploitation of resources and humans can actually degrow. Sharing is fundamental and so is the deepening of democracy.

But to prove that degrowth is possible, that we can actually do something else than continuing our paths towards economic, social and ecologic catastrophes, we need to address the practical aspects of degrowth. For this the list of working group topics talks by itself, and obviously the challenge is enormous.

One important aspect: we are not going to find ONE solution. Each participant will realise that we are not working alone: there are complementarities and multiple-dimensional problems and solutions. We certainly need to get out of the economists’ thinking and challenge the globalised markets, but at the same time we need local vegetable markets and some kind of open localized economies. We need to do less and do a lot differently. For this reason degrowth is not just a transition, it is a transformation

We welcome you to the second degrowth conference in Barcelona. This conference is a special one. It involves keynote speeches, art and roundtable discussions. Posters will be on display throughout the days, stimulating informal debate. Poster tours will enable us to hear about each of the conference papers. Research and action about degrowth requires cooperation, for this the working groups are designed to actually enable construction of propositions as well as identifying what we know and what we don’t know, defining a research agenda. The conference intends to support networking, research and outreach and Monday will be the day for this and for outlining our future plans.

This conference has already involved a large number of organisers, of volunteers, and a wide base of support. Like the type of research and transformation that is needed the process has been highly cooperative. We thank you all deeply.

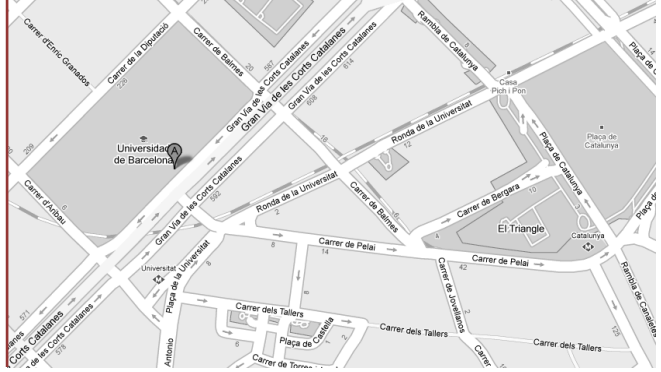
Francois Schneider and the Organizing Committee

Venues

Working Sessions:

University of Barcelona.
Ed. Rectorado
Gran Via de les Corts
Catalanes, 585
08007 Barcelona

Metro Stop: Universitat



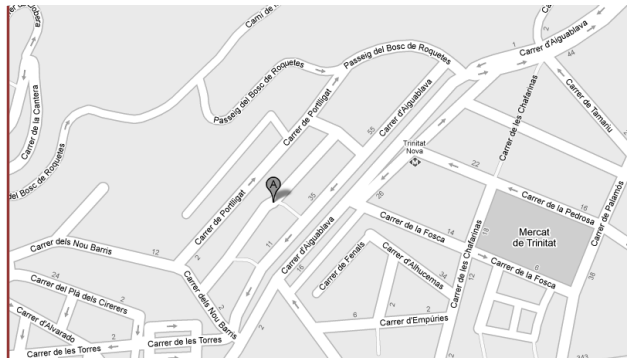
Social Event Saturday 27th:
Església de Santa Mònica
(Santa Mònica Church)
Rambles de Santa Mònica, 9.

Metro Stop: Drassanes









Social Event Sunday 28th :
Ateneu Popular de Nou Barris.
Carrer de Portlligat s/n

Metro Stop: Trinitat Nova



Schedule

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Fri, 26th							Registration			Welcome and Opening	Panel 1		Perejaume		Video + Panel 2				
Sat, 27th	Presentation	Presentation of Action Working Groups			Poster Tour				Working Groups and Assembly								Social Event		
Sun, 28th	Presentation	Presentation of Research Working Groups			Oral Presentations 1-6				Working Groups and Assembly								Social Event		
Mon, 29th	Panel 3				Working Groups' Results	Parallel Sessions 1-4		Clo-sure	Afternoon: Visit to "Can Masdeu"										

Notes:

- **Sessions with red background are for registered people only.**
- In **Bold** are the sessions which have parallel work.
- Please note that on the **28th of March we enter Daylight Saving Time**, and the clocks will change at 2 am to 3 am.
- **Complementary Event:** 'Universitat Lliure del Decreixement' (Degrowth Free University) in Barcelona, 26-29 of March 2010. This event with complementary (and open to all) working groups is organised by the Xarxa pel Decreixement (Catalan Degrowth network). For more information please write to universitatlliure@decreixement.net.

Program

Friday 26 March 2010 (Open day)

Language note: *Today's sessions in English will be simultaneously translated into French, Spanish and Catalan.*

13.00-15.30: Registration

Registration will take place at the lobby of the University of Barcelona.

15.30- 15.40 Welcome.

Didac Ramirez (Rector of University of Barcelona)

Louis Lemkow (Director of ICTA)

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

15.40-16.00 Opening

"Aujourd'hui la Decroissance"

Joan Martinez-Alier (ICTA-UAB) will present the goals of this conference reflecting on the importance of degrowth in a context of economic and ecological crisis.

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

16.00-18.00 Panel 1:

"Climate Change and Economic Crisis: Is prosperity possible without growth?": The affinities of ecological economics and degrowth are strong and can be traced back to Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen, intellectual father of ecological economics, and the first to use the term "degrowth". This panel includes some of the most distinguished ecological economists of our times, discussing about the present double ecological and economic crisis. Topics to be touched include well-being and welfare indicators, environmental valuation and commodification, employment, security and gender relations under a shrinking economy and the need for a "new economics". The possibility and desirability of a smooth degrowth trajectory will be debated, building bridges between the ecological economics and degrowth research communities.

Panelists: Dick Norgaard (UC Berkeley), Peter Victor (York University), Jeroen van den Bergh (ICTA, UAB), Ellie Perkins (York University).

Moderator: Giorgos Kallis (ICTA, UAB)

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

18.00-18.30 Coffee

18.30 - 19.30 A different language about degrowth

Perejaume (artist)

Moderator: Iago Otero (ICTA, UAB)

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

If we are to make sense of our current situation, we need to listen to different languages, literally (meaning languages other than English), but also in a wider sense, meaning languages of representation other than this of science, and voices other than those of humans. Perejaume is one of the most important contemporary artists of Catalunya and Spain. In 2005 he was awarded the Catalan National Prize of Visual Arts (granted by the Generalitat de Catalunya), in 2006 the Spanish National Prize of Plastic Arts, and in 2007 the Spanish National Prize of Graphic Arts. His work mixes forms of expression (painting, poetry, sculpture intervention) and is diverse in subject matter engaged with humans' relationship with nature and the society of the spectacle. Perejaume's work is motivated by a quest to give voice to nature and the landscape.

Perejaume will talk in his unique poetic language about the loss of our physical contact with nature and the arrogance of the urban world compared to the discretion of former rural cultures, from which to draw on to devise radically new worlds. His talk (in Catalan and accompanied by a text in English), will be followed by two videos.

19.30-19.40: Video

"Degrowth: an intro" Documentary by Leah Temper and Claudia Medina.

19.40-21.30: Panel 2

"The degrowth proposal: what is it about, how do we achieve it?"

Panelists: Francois Schneider (Research and Degrowth), Herve Kempf (Le Monde), Mauro Bonaiuti (University of Torino), Marco Deriu (University of Parma) Andrea Calsamiglia (XARXA pel Decreixement), Leida Rijnhout (General Secretary, ANPED).

Moderator: Federico Demaria (Research and Degrowth, and ICTA, UAB).

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

Degrowth is a pluralistic proposal with different components. Degrowth as an idea is continuously evolving. The degrowth community has matured: beyond a criticism of the growth economy, practical proposals are emerging for responding to the current economic, social and ecological crises. This panel brings together researchers and activists working for years on degrowth, and asks them to put flesh to the idea of degrowth. An answer will be offered to what the public often asks: good idea, but how do we do it?

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Saturday 27 March 2010 (Registered Only)

Language note: *The language of working groups will be English, but discussion will be facilitated where possible with informal language interpreters.*

9.00-9.30 Presentation

"Multiple sources, dimensions and strategies of Degrowth": this presentation identifies important aspects of degrowth as an introduction to the working groups on concrete proposals for degrowth in the afternoon.

Presenter: François Schneider (Research & Degrowth)

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

9.30-10.30 Presentation of the themes of this afternoon's Working Groups

Facilitation: Filka Sekulova (Research and Degrowth, ICTA, UAB)

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-13.30 Poster Tour

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13.30-15.00 Lunch

15.00-19.00 Working Groups and Assemblies

15.00-15.15 Plenary (reminding objectives and rules of working groups)

Location: Paranimf

15.15-16.20 Working groups session I

16.20-17.15 Parallel general assemblies.

17.15-18.45 Working groups session II

19.00 Toast for the collection of key proposals and research questions

Location: Central patio UB

Group	Title	Working Room	Assembly
WG 1	Money and currencies	102A	16.20-Paranimf
WG 2	New financial institutions	102B	16.25-Paranimf
WG 3	Social economy, changing the corporation status	Magna	16.30-Paranimf
WG 4	Property rights	Magna	16.35-Paranimf
WG 5	Work-sharing	203	16.40-Paranimf
WG 6	Moratoria on new infrastructures	Sala de Graus	16.45-Paranimf
WG 7	How to deal with advertising	Paranimf	16.50-Paranimf
WG 8	Reduction of natural resource exploitation	Sala de Junes	16.20-Aula Magna
WG 9	Zero-waste	103A	16.25-Aula Magna
WG 10	Degrowth in water consumption	103B	16.30-Aula Magna
WG 11	Reusing empty houses and co-housing	Magna	16.35-Aula Magna
WG 12	Basic income and income ceiling	203	16.40-Aula Magna
WG 13	New technologies	Paranimf	16.45-Aula Magna
WG 29	Education	Paranimf	16.50-Aula Magna

20.00 Social Event (Recommended!!)

Concert. (Tickets 10 €, available at the registration desk).

Local musicians play Catalan classical and contemporary lyrical compositions.

Location: (See Venues)

Església de Santa Mònica (Santa Mónica Church)

Rambles de Santa Mònica, 9.

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Sunday 28 March 2010 (Registered Only)

Please note: last night we entered Daylight Saving Time, and the clocks changed at 2 am to 3 am.

Language note: *The language of working groups will be English, but discussion will be facilitated where possible with informal language interpreters.*

9.00-9.30 Presentation

"The Degrowth proposition(s) and research questions": This presentation identifies some important questions for a degrowth research agenda, as an introduction to the working groups in research priorities in the afternoon.

Presenter: Giorgos Kallis (ICTA, UAB)

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

9.30-10.30 Presentation of the themes of this afternoon's Working Groups

Facilitation: Filka Sekulova (Research and Degrowth, ICTA, UAB)

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-13.30 Oral Sessions 1-6

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WG 14	Social metabolism and transitions	Magna	16.20-Paranimf
WG 15	Cities and degrowth	Magna	16.25-Paranimf
WG 16	Agro-ecology, food sovereignty and degrowth	Magna	16.30-Paranimf
WG 17	Trade degrowth	Magna	16.35-Paranimf
WG 18	Participative/direct democracy	Sala de Graus	16.40-Paranimf
WG 19	Political strategies	Paranimf	16.45-Paranimf
WG 20	Demography and degrowth	Paranimf	16.50-Paranimf
WG 21	Demilitarisation and Degrowth	Paranimf	16.20-Aula Magna
WG 22	Energy degrowth and the transition to renewable energies	Sala de Junes	16.25-Aula Magna
WG 23	Environmental justice, the environmentalism of the poor and degrowth	102A	16.30-Aula Magna
WG 24	Social security and pensions	102B	16.35-Aula Magna
WG 25	Human nature and degrowth	103A	16.40-Aula Magna
WG 26	New (macro)economic models for degrowth	103B	16.45-Aula Magna
WG 27	Indicators for degrowth	Paranimf	16.50-Aula Magna
WG 28	Economic degrowth and the Steady state	203	16.55-Aula Magna

20.00 Social Event

Music Concert: Gadjó

Refreshments and snacks will be available.

Location: (See Venues)

Ateneu Popular de Nou Barris.

Carrer de Portlligat s/n

Monday 29 March 2010 (Open Day)

Language note: *Today's sessions in English will be simultaneously translated into French, Spanish and Catalan.*

9.00-11.00 Panel 3

"Degrowth: are we exporting a Western idea? Does it make sense for the rest of the world? Views from Central-Eastern Europe, South-East Asia and Latin America.": An oft criticism to degrowth is that it is a rich world's concept. "Go tell to the poor that they have to degrow" is a response degrowth proponents are often confronted with (interestingly, those levying the criticism are seldom poor themselves). This panel discusses whether degrowth makes sense for regions of the world striving to grow economically. Are there alternatives to western-type development for the poor regions of the world? Can degrowth resonate with the pleas of social movements and "poor environmentalists" resisting the impacts of expanding Western (and national) economies?

Panelists: Debal Deb (Freelance Ecologist), Nadia Johanisova (Masaryk U.) and Victor Toledo (UNAM)

Moderator: Joan Martinez-Alier (ICTA, UAB)

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

11.00-11.30 Coffee

11.30-13.00 Presentation of the results of the Working Groups

"Degrowth: How do we do it? What do we need to know? ": Presentation of the results of the working groups and reactions from NGOs, politicians, unions, activists.

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

13.00-14.00 Parallel Sessions

"From here to there: future actions"

See annex for presentation of the content of the parallel sessions.

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14.00 Closure

François Schneider (Research & Degrowth) and Mauro Bonaiuti (University of Torino).

Location: Paranimf (Auditorium)

Afternoon: Visit to 'Can Masdeu'

See Information Panel for indications.

**Detailed Program for
Sessions with Parallel Work:**

- Poster Tour*
- Oral Presentations*
- Working Groups*
- Parallel Sessions*

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Poster Tours (Saturday 27th)

PT 1. Work and Employment

Location: 102A

Posters:

Valeria Andreoni: *A labour model in a degrowth oriented approach*

Paul Jones: *Quantifying a Meaningful World of Work*

Samuel Michalon: *Panser le Travail*

Linda Nierling: *A sustainable working model on degrowth – changing the relationship between paid and unpaid work*

Héctor Sanjuán: *Redondo Decrecimiento, trabajo y Renta Básica*

Tom Walker: *Rethinking the "lump of labor" as a CPR*

PT 2a. Degrowth: Theory and Ideas I

Location: 103A

Posters:

Jan Otto Andersson: *The global ethical Trilemma, growthmania and the idea of Degrowth*

Iris Borowy: *Possible Health Benefits of Degrowth: Lessons of Past Example*

Gustavo Brito: *Le Mythe de la Décroissance*

Entesa pel decreixement: *La Xarxa pel Decreixement (Degrowth Network in Catalonia) and the Local Cooperation Meetings as a network building experience*

Lucia del Moral Espín: *Changing money: opportunities and challenges in relation with degrowth*

Joana Filipa Dias Vilão da Rocha Dias: *Are current international policies on Intellectual Property Rights consistent with socially sustainable economic degrowth?*

Joan García González: *Contribuciones de la termodinámica de los procesos irreversibles en los temas del decrecimiento y de la sostenibilidad*

Clive Hambridge: *Degrowth of military-industrial complex: issues around reduction of arm trade and production*

Donald C. Maclurcan: *The struggle for degrowth: Harnessing the peripheral, overcoming the sensational*

Arnau Matas Morell: *Hacia un decrecimiento no violento*

Volker Mauerhofer: *Social capital, capacity and carrying capacity: exploring basics of 'socially sustainable economic degrowth'*

PT 2b Degrowth: Theory and Ideas II

Location: 104

Posters:

Thomas Pongo: *Economie et existences modernes.*

Matthias Schmelzer: *Redistribution or growth? Degrowth and social movements*

Léa Sébastien: *The role of attachment to non-humans for a sustainable degrowth*

Harris Topalides: *De-growth as a contemporary strategy for the sustainable management of economic development*

Marko Ulvila: *Class, degrowth and transition to a just society*

Midred Gustack Delambre: *Étude empirique et théorique au sein de quatre associations*

André Lucca: *Recommendations for a socio-ethical and sustainable approach to the industrial design*

François Diaz Maurin: *The degrowthpedia initiative - development plan*

Marko Ulvila: *Transformations to sustainability- Combined Responses to the Interconnected Crisis of Ecology and Economy*

Michela Guerini: *Less consumption more wellbeing: evidences from the policies of Italian Virtuous Municipalities' Association*

PT 3. Climate change and energy

Location: 108

Posters:

Frano Barbir: *Role of Renewable Energy in De-growth Future*

Emanuele Campiglio: *Economic Growth and the Transition to Renewable Sources of Energy: a two-economy model*

Claudio Cattaneo: *Auto-producción y autonomía energética: el caso del Centro Social Okupado Kan Pasqual*

Amaya Martínez Gracia: *Energy degrowth or defossilization?*

Josep Puig i Boix: *Decreixement i energies renovables*

Stefano Sirilli: *CO2 reduction: a dangerous friend*

Petra Wächter: *The Degrowth of Energy*

Pinar Ertor Akyazi: *Time for Change? The Analysis of Public Preferences for Alternative Energy Sources in Turkey*

PT 4. Resources and waste

Location: 102B

Posters:

Jaume Delclós: *La mercantilització de l'aigua: redueix possibilitats de democratització i augmenta el consum del recurs*

Laia Domènech: *Alternative water resources, democracy and degrowth: a critical appraisal of rainwater harvesting, water reuse and desalination*

Georgiana Galiussi: *Economic growth and dematerialization on the light of the first and the fourth law of thermodynamics: issues and problems*

Ignasi Puig Ventosa: *Instrumentos económicos para incentivar la reducción de residuos*

Alicia Valero Delgado: *Depleting the great mine Earth*

PT 5. Degrowth beyond Europe and the West

Location: 102a

Posters:

Karen Bell: *Degrowth – What Can We Learn from Cuba?*

Gaia Calligaris: *Alternatives au développement venant du Sud (Agro-écologie, souveraineté alimentaire et décroissance)*

Francesca Chianese Qamiri: *What lessons can be learnt from indigenous peoples?*

David Llistar: *Anticooperació i decreixement, complements per l'equitat*

Florent Marcellesi: *La cooperación internacional a la luz del decrecimiento*

Elena Masferrer-Dodas: *Does consumption of market goods relates to well-being? An empirical test in the Bolivian Amazon*

Ricardo Neder: *The movement for social technology in Latin-America (its meaning for the research about degrowth and ecological sustainability)*

Juan Alonso Neira Simijaca: *Economic degrowth, an option for Latin America*

Jorge Eduardo Rulli: *Los desafíos del decrecimiento en América Latina*

Bob Thomson: *An Indigenous Approach to Degrowth*

PT 6. Degrowth Economics, the crisis and businesses

Location: 203

Posters:

Saamah Abdallah: *Differential relations between income and aspects of well-being*

Francisco J. Aceves: *Degrowing economically might help significantly to reduce the daily aggravation of the actual crisis.*

Rein Ahas: *Tourism and the quality of visits in destination, an Estonian case study*

Gisella Colares Solidary: *Popular bank: compatible practical with the paradigm of the degrowth*

Jampel Dell'Angelo: *Closed cycle criterion: how to eliminate the conditions for the rebound effect*

Nadia Johanisova: *Economic deGrowth and New Economic Structures*

Kent A. Klitgaard: *Secular Stagnation, the Failed Growth Economy, and Three Dimensions of the Current Crisis*

Lisi Krall: *Institutional Ambiguity in Ecological Economics*

Stephan Wolf: *Non-Growth Market Economies*

Entesa pel decreixement: *El NAP del Camp. A contra-hegemonic economy practice in Tarragona*

Jacques Lauriol: *L'Economie de la Fonctionnalité: Une voie nouvelle pour une « décroissance soutenable*

Jin Xue: *Arguments For and Against Economic Growth*

PT 7. Food and agriculture

Location: 103B

Posters:

Sofia Boza Martínez: *Los sistemas participativos de garantía como expresión de la agroecología y parte de un programa hacia el decrecimiento: la experiencia andaluza*

Entesa pel decreixement: *La Repera. Meeting point among organic producers and consumers in Catalonia*

Juan Infante Amate: *Agricultura y decrecimiento. Un análisis del ciclo de vida del sistema agroalimentario español (año 2000)*

Lucia Piani: *Alternative circuits on agrifood markets*

Jean-Marc Salmon: *Un moratoire des agrocarburants dans les pays tempérés?*

Bruno Scaltriti: *The food short supply chain: a socioeconomic perspective*

Yves Bonnardel: *Les aberrations de la viande: et si on en parlait?*

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PT 8. Knowledge, education and technology

Location: 112

Posters:

François Diaz Maurin: *Don't forget the rich: A strategy proposal for spreading the idea of degrowth*

Adolfo Estrella: *Innovación decrecentista*

Nicolas Lechopier: *Science and degrowth: contreproductivity vs democratization of scientific research*

Tommaso Luzzati: *Growth mania and environmental degradation as a product of 'fast' information: learning from H. Simon and W. Wenders*

Sebastiao Rodrigues: *Placing Metal Sensitivity as a pedagogic necessity for social movements*

Claudio Vitari: *The Free/Libre/Open Source Software: an inspiring success for other concrete alternatives*

Bernard Iaccarini: *La Pédagogie de la Décroissance*

PT 9. Politics and democracy

Location: 111

Posters:

Isa Gama: *Key information 'conductors': Civil Society Organizations*

Vincent Liegey: *The Political Snail's Strategy*

Desiree Lucchese: *Participative/direct democracy: What forms of 'deep' democracy for a society that degrows?*

Christos Zografos: *Democracy and degrowth: conceptual issues and real-life experiences*

Alfonso López Rojo: *Municipalismo y decrecimiento*

PT 10. Indicators and methods

Location: 113

Posters:

Simao Dias: *Sustainable Economic Well Being in Portugal (1950-2006)*

Marco Duriavig: *A spatial model for local systems definition*

Wolfgang Fellner: *Economic growth and sustainable welfare. Myths and Measurement*

Anthony Friend: *Nonlinear System of National Accounts (SNA): the database for transition policies from growth to steady state*

Laurent Lievens: *Transitory indicator for paradigm shift*

Nick Meynen: *Estimating the ecological debt of an industrial plant in Hoboken, Belgium*

Fakhri Issaoui: *Modèle Optimal de Développement en Afrique : (Approche par les Capabilités) / Optimal Model of Development in Africa (Capabilities Approach)*

Sibylle Wursthorn: *Characterization of the development of European manufacturing industry based on disaggregated decoupling indicators for different environmental impacts*

PT 11. Transport and cities

Location: Sala de Graus

Posters:

Rein Ahas: *The influence of the economic crisis on commuting: Lessons for degrowth strategies in urban planning*

Luigi Bonatti: *Mobility systems and economic growth: A theoretical analysis of the long-term effects of alternative transportation policies*

Gian Carlo Delgado: *Urban metabolism, climate change and poverty, the case and challenge for Mexico City*

Elisabeth Lorenzi : *"Usa la bici todos los días, celébralo una vez al mes." Bicicrítica, movilidad urbana sostenible y la importancia de las articulaciones sociales. // "Bike every day, celebrate it once a month." Critical Mass, sustainable urban mobility, and the importance of social articulations.*

Enrique Ortega: *Eco-units as paradigm to recover world climate*

Emmanuel Pezrès: *Architecture et décroissance ?*

Isabel Martínez *Cap a una organització responsable col·lectiva d'habitatge*

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Oral Presentations (Sunday 28th)

OS 1. Managing degrowth: Employment, Security and the Economy under a Degrowth trajectory

Location: 102A

Chair: Gjal Huppes

Presentations:

11.00-11.20: Blake Alcott: *Degrowth and 'unemployment': Guaranteed jobs?*

11.20-11.40: Colin C. Williams, Richard White: *Transcending the depiction of market and non-market labour practices: implications for degrowth*

11.40-12.00: Dirk Löhr: *Zero growth and zero interests rate: Revival of an old idea*

12.00-12.20: Gjal Huppes: *Degrowth with an aging population; increasing leisure for improving the environment. The key role of pensions and their funding.*

12.20-12.40: Richard Douthwaite: *Why the global debt burden means there will be no recovery.*

12.40-13.00: Common Discussion

OS 2. Beyond Sustainable Development: Sustainable Degrowth towards a Steady-

Location: 103A

Chair: Dan O'Neill

Presentations:

11.00-11.20: Brian Czech: *The Chicken/Egg Spiral: "Reconciling" the Conflict Between Economic Growth and Environmental Protection with Technological Progress.*

11.20-11.40: Daniel W. O'Neill: *Measuring progress towards a steady state economy.*

11.40-12.00: David Gee, Sybille van den Hove, Jacqueline McGlade, Jock Martin, Jean-Louis Weber: *Common Causes, Consequences, and Solutions to the Financial/Economic, Energy/Climate, and Ecosystems Crises.*

12.00-12.20: Ernest Garcia: *Sociology and de-growth: social change, entropy and evolution in a way-down era.*

12.20-12.40: Nicholas A. Ashford: *Pathways to Sustainable Development: Co-optimizing Economic Welfare, Environment, and Earning Capacity in a Time of Diminishing Economic Growth and Increasing Population Growth.*

12.40-13.00: Common Discussion

OS 3. Degrowth, Capitalist Institutions and Democracy

Location: 104

Chair: Pascal van Griethuysen

Presentations:

11.00-11.20: Barbara Muraca: *Degrowth and Justice: a scrutiny of ethical and anthropological assumptions in degrowth theories and practices*

11.20-11.40: Frederik Blauwhof: *Limits to Growth vs. Capital Accumulation: Radical Analysis and Solutions*

11.40-12.00: Joachim Spangenberg: *Wealth is the problem! Revitalising the public sector is a condition for a degrowth economy.*

12.00-12.20: Konrad Ott: *Variants of degrowth and deliberative democracy.*

12.20-12.40: Pascal Van Griethuysen: *Implementing Degrowth: An Evolutionary Economic Perspective*

12.40-13.00: Common Discussion

OS 4. Growth is unsustainable. Long live degrowth?

Location: 105

Chair: Simone D'Alessandro

Presentations:

11.00-11.20: Roefie Huetting: *How to correct wrong information about economic growth*

11.20-11.40: Christer Sanne: *If there is no turnaround ...?*

11.40-12.00: Joaquim Sempere: *Degrowth: Proposals and Questions*

12.00-12.20: Mario Giampietro: *Metabolic patterns of societies*

12.20-12.40: Ennio Bilancini, Simone D'Alessandro: *Happy Degrowth vs Unhappy Growth*

12.40-13.00: Common Discussion

OS 5. Production, consumption and the degrowth transformation.

Location: 108

Chair: Leida Rijnhout

Presentations:

11.00-11.20: Thomas Schauer: *Limits to growth and Degrowth. The view of the Club of Rome.*

11.20-11.40: Josh Ryan-Collins: *The Great Transition*

- 11.40-12.00: Miriam Kennet: *How far is technology a hindrance or a help in achieving Degrowth?*
- 12.00-12.20: Mauro Bonaiutti: *The age of declining marginal returns. Global trends and future scenarios*
- 12.20-12.40: Willem Hoogendijk: *From supply back to demand. Back to an economy geared to demand.*
- 12.40-13.00: Common Discussion

OS 6. Making it real. Practical transformations towards degrowth.

Location: Sala de Graus

Chair: Matthieu Lietaert

Presentations:

- 11.00-11.20: Richard Register: *Roll back sprawl – a de-paving strategy to replace the city of cars and consumption with ecocities and restored open spaces*
- 11.20-11.40: Anne D'Orazio: *Towards a Third Sector Housing in France: symptom of sustainable degrowth?*
- 11.40-12.00: Dick Urban Vestbro: *Saving by Sharing. Collective Housing for Sustainable Lifestyles*
- 12.00-12.20: David Barkin: *Constructing alternative degrowth strategies: Experience from rural communities in Latin America*
- 12.20-12.40: Jürgen S. Nürgerd: *Sustainable Degrowth through a more amateur economy*
- 12.40-13.00: Common Discussion

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Working Groups Explanation

Initial plenary

The working group process will start with a short plenary that will refresh the memory of the participants with the objectives and rules of the process.

Discussions in each working group will take place in two sessions with an assembly in between (see program above).

Groups formation

Participants have signed up for a particular working group before, but if these have more than 20 people, some of them will have to move to less numerous groups. A few participants can change groups if they are concerned with the position that another working group has taken and expressed at the assembly. It is however expected that participants do not change groups during the day.

Collaboration between different working groups is expected and important because of strong synergies and mutual-dependence between the proposals that may emerge as a result of the discussions. Groups are strongly encouraged to exchange information during the day.

Working groups session I

As the goal of the working groups is to find key political proposals and research questions, the facilitator will first present the proposals or research questions addressed in the stirring papers. The concerns of participants will be then collected. From here, participants will then develop one to three key policy and action proposals and identify what we do know and what we might need to learn to implement these actions, i.e. research question(s). The group will then decide on a formulation to present to the general assembly that everyone agrees on. In case of disagreement the reporters present diverging opinions. The group can think of concrete examples that illustrate the proposal. Before the end of the session the group chooses a reporter who reads the text to the assembly.

Parallel assemblies

Working group participants split into two parallel assemblies and a reporter from each group presents the key proposals to one of the assemblies. Each reporter will have 3 minutes to do so, followed by 1-2 minutes of silence during which the assembly writes down their responses, concerns or questions regarding the proposals. The written responses are put in working group 'mail-boxes'. After the end of the assembly, the group facilitator collects all responses and arranges them for presenting in the next working group session.

Working group session II

During this session the facilitator first presents the grouped (written) assembly concerns. Afterwards participants address them together with internal concerns that may emerge. The next part of the session is spent on discussing, reformulating or changing the identified key proposals/research questions taking the feedback into consideration. A reformulation

of the key proposals/research questions is sought for the conference declaration and for presentation at the end of the day. In this session there is a re-reading of the notes and agreement about what proposals and discussion points can be used for the conference proceedings, website and further research.

Key proposals/research questions final presentation

The final proposals/research questions will be compiled in a list and toasted with a drink in the patio of the UB. They will be presented to the public and the press on Monday.

Special roles in the working groups

Each working group will have a facilitator who makes sure that participants voice their concerns and that these are taken care of. At the start of the first working group session, facilitators present the key proposals and research questions identified in the stirring papers. Facilitators make sure that their position does not influence or dominate the discussion, and tries to follow the format and program of the working group process, previously decided.

The reporter's role is to read the key proposals or research questions (one to three). The reporter will be decided upon by the group.

With the help of the facilitator, the reporter writes down the key proposal/s and/or research questions making sure that the rest of the group agrees upon the formulation.

A minute-taker will take notes of the proposals made and concerns raised, stating clearly the points of agreement and disagreement. The facilitator and minute-taker organize the writing of the small paragraph for the conference website that summarizes the group proposals and discussion.

Working Groups Description:

1. Money and currencies

What alternative monetary system could we develop in the pursuit of degrowth and how?

2. New financial institutions

How should we change credit institutions in the pursuit of degrowth?

3. Social economy, changing the corporation status

What are the options for collective production action (non-profit organization, limited profit organisation (Limited Corp etc.), for-profit cooperative status, etc)? What types of non-profit status models can we develop and how?

4. Property rights

How can we reform property rights beyond the public-private divide? What property rights and institutions for a degrowing economy?

5. Work-sharing

How can we implement a 3-day working week? How will domestic and voluntary work and wages look like in a degrowth society? Should we redefine work?

6. Moratoria on new infrastructures

Which infrastructures should we limit, where and how?

7. How to deal with advertising

Should we limit advertising and how?

8. Reduction of natural resource exploitation

What political tools can we use to leave natural and biological “resources in/on the ground” and how can they become effective?

9. Zero-waste

How can we minimize the production of waste?

10. Degrowth in water consumption

How can we reduce – real and virtual - water consumption in the “Global North” to 25% of its current levels (factor 4 reduction)?

11. Reusing empty houses and co-housing

How can we change future forms of housing to occupy empty houses and develop shared (communal) housing? How can we promote mutualisation of goods in general?

12. Basic income and income ceiling

How can we politically implement a basic income for all? How can we reform taxation and other policies to impose a ceiling on high incomes?

13. New technologies

Are new technologies tools for degrowth or Pandora's boxes of resource consumption? How to shift research from growth-oriented technologies to innovations for frugality and sharing?

29. Education

What is the role of teaching and training for degrowth? How can we introduce the idea of degrowth in education?

14. Social metabolism and transitions

What do we know from previous, big socio-ecological transitions that is relevant in the context of a transition to degrowth? Is a degrowth transformation feasible and how?

15. Cities and degrowth

How will cities look after degrowth? Can we plan for degrowth and how (multifunctional urbanism, etc)?

16. Agro-ecology, food sovereignty and degrowth

Can we feed the world with locally produced, organic food and if yes, how?

17. Trade degrowth

Should we limit global trade for degrowth and if yes, which trade and how (institutions, international organizations, etc)?

18. Participative/direct democracy

What forms of “deep” democracy for a society that degrows?

19. Political strategies

What is the relative role of political parties, social movements, unions, groups practicing degrowth and academics-intellectuals in making the degrowth idea dominant in society? Which existing parties or movements can adopt the idea of degrowth?

20. Demography and degrowth

Where and why should population de-grow? Which bottom-up movements initiate voluntary population control and how?

21. Demilitarisation and Degrowth

How can we implement a general armistice? How can the military-industrial sector reduce?

22. Energy degrowth and the transition to renewable energies

What sort of renewable energies for degrowth? Is degrowth in energy consumption a better strategy for transition to renewable than “burning our way fast” to renewable?

23. Environmental justice, the environmentalism of the poor and degrowth

How can degrowth “translate” to non-western contexts and who would be its allies in the “Global South”?

24. Social security and pensions

How to secure pensions in a degrowth society? How to deal with potential intergenerational conflicts?

25. Human nature and degrowth

What do we know from evolutionary biology, anthropology, cultural studies and sociology about human nature that is relevant to degrowth?

26. New (macro)economic models for degrowth

Can we model and simulate non or de-growth economic pathways and how?

27. Indicators for degrowth

Do we need to measure progress towards sustainable degrowth and if so, how?

28. Economic De-growth and the Steady state

How can the two proposals and communities cooperate more? Which are the differences and similarities?

Parallel Sessions (Monday 29th)

PS 1. The Barcelona declaration

In this session, a small number of participants, mainly one person from Working Group, will work to organise steps to finalise the declaration of the conference.

Moderator: Francois Schneider

Location: 201

PS 2. The network for Degrowth

This session will consist of two minute presentations on whether a network on degrowth from a civil-society, grass-root, NGO and academic perspective is needed and what it should look like. Participants will be also asked to make concrete proposals on the format, organizing principles and functioning of such a network

Moderator: Federico Demaria and Filka Sekulova

Location: Paranimf

PS 3. Research Plans

This session will discuss possible research collaborations, funding and other opportunities to develop and disseminate a degrowth research agenda. A limited number of participants (30) is foreseen, primarily researchers interested to develop specific collaborations and projects.

Moderators: Giorgos Kallis and Joan Martinez-Alier

Location: Sala de Graus

PS 4. Documentary

'**Voluntary simplicity and Degrowth**' (2007) presented by the Director Jean-Claude Decourt (contact@utopimages.org; www.utopimages.org).

One of the most complete documentary on Degrowth, with interviews of Jean-Claude Besson-Girard, Sabine Rabourdin, Suzan George, José Bové, Alain Dufranc, Paul Ariès, Raoul Jennar, François Schneider, Jérôme Medeville, Michel Jarru, Martin Leers, Vincent Cheynet, Didier Laurencin, Serge Latouche, and la Cie du 4 de Toulouse.

Language: French with Spanish subtitles.

Location: 203

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