

Research & Degrowth, (R&D) is an academic association dedicated to research, training, awareness raising and events organization around degrowth.

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## Research & Degrowth Newsletter

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### Editorial

Yet another editorial where the highlight is the high number of academic publications in degrowth. The multidisciplinary nature of these publications (technology, health, culture, happiness, extractivism, policies, transition, power, strategies, etc) explore the different roots, challenges and proposals of degrowth. This newsletter introduces the Feminisms and Degrowth Alliance (FaDA), a much needed alliance in the degrowth movement. Also, summer is approaching so we have few more interesting summer schools to attend.

### R&D News

#### 1. We are happy to present the Feminisms and Degrowth Alliance (FaDA).

This initiative is a follow-up to our meeting in Budapest about [feminisms and degrowth](#). Everyone enjoyed it very much and definitively wanted more. Find on youtube the interventions by [Bengi Akbulut](#) and [Marco Deriu](#).

The main objectives of FaDA are to exchange information, keep in touch and push for a FaDA agenda.

A mailing list was created for people interested in feminisms and degrowth, and on how to foster their alliance. Please share and invite other interested people. You/they can subscribe by sending an email to [fada-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:fada-subscribe@lists.riseup.net)

We invite you to respond to this [very brief survey](#). This will provide a clearer picture on how to proceed. Please feel free to launch any initiative!

#### 2. Giorgos Kallis has published the book “[In defense of degrowth](#)”. You can download it for free in this link <https://indefenseofdegrowth.com/>

The book is intended as an introduction for the curious, a defense against the skeptics, and an intellectually stimulating conversation for those already convinced but willing to learn more.

### 3. Regular updates on our activities? Please see our:

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## Academic Publications

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Missemer, Antoine. "Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen and degrowth." *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought* 24.3 (2017): 493-506.

Puggioni, Roberto. "Pope Francis and Degrowth: A Possible Dialogue for a Post-Capitalist Alternative." *International Journal of Public Theology* 11.1 (2017): 7-35.

Vetter, Andrea. "The Matrix of Convivial Technology—Assessing technologies for degrowth." *Journal of Cleaner Production* (2017).

Weiss, Martin, and Claudio Cattaneo. "Degrowth—Taking Stock and Reviewing an Emerging Academic Paradigm." *Ecological Economics* (2017).

## More publications of the Special Issue of Technology and Degrowth that will be published in summer this year:

Lizarralde, I., Tyl, B.: A framework for the integration of the conviviality concept in the design process. *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

Zoellick, J. C., Bisht, A.: It's not (all) about efficiency: Powering and organizing technology from a degrowth perspective. *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

García, J. L., Jerónimo, H. M., Carvalho, T. M.: Methodological Luddism: A concept for tying degrowth to the assessment and regulation of technologies. *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

Gomiero, T.: Agriculture and degrowth: State of the art and assessment of organic and biotech-based agriculture from a degrowth perspective. *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

Metze, T.: Framing the future of fracking: discursive lock-in or energy degrowth in the Netherlands? *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

Muraca, B., Neuber, F.: Viable and convivial technologies: Considerations on Climate Engineering from a degrowth perspective. *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

## Special Section on “Degrowth, Culture and Power” in the *Journal of Political Ecology* edited by Lisa L. Gezon and Susan Paulson

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Robin M. LeBlanc. 2017. Designing a beautifully poor public: postgrowth community in Italy and Japan. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 449-461. [PDF](#)

Eric Hirsch. 2017. The unit of resilience: unbeckoned degrowth and the politics of (post)development in Peru and the Maldives. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 462-475. [PDF](#)

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Ulrich Demmer and Agata Hummel. 2017. Degrowth, anthropology, and activist research: the ontological politics of science. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 610-622.

Alf Hornborg. 2017. How to turn an ocean liner: a proposal for voluntary degrowth by redesigning money for sustainability, justice, and resilience. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 623-632. [PDF](#)

Karen Foster. 2017. Work ethic and degrowth in a changing Atlantic Canada. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 633-643. [PDF](#)

Jonathan DeVore. 2017. Trees and springs as social property: a perspective on degrowth and redistributive democracy from a Brazilian squatter community. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 644-666. [PDF](#)

## Other publications

Hoffmann, Maja. "Change put to work. A degrowth perspective on unsustainable work, postwork alternatives and politics." Master Thesis Series in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science (2017).

Reichel, A. (2017, June). After the Anthropocene: A Degrowth Perspective on the Shortest Geological Period of all Times «. In Proceedings of the 59th Annual Meeting of the ISSS-2015 Berlin, Germany (Vol. 1, No. 1).

Hornborg, Alf. "Waiting for Degrowth: How to Think about the Anticipated Decline of Economic Affluence." *The End of Growth as We Know It* (2017).

## Books

Borowy, I., & Schmelzer, M. (Eds.). (2017). *History of the Future of Economic Growth: Historical Roots of Current Debates on Sustainable Degrowth*. Routledge.

Montero, I. L. (2017). *Landfill Culture: Some Implications to Degrowth*. In *Transitioning to a Post-Carbon Society* (pp. 235-248). Palgrave Macmillan UK.

Kallis, G. (2017) [In defense of degrowth](#)

## Degrowth in the News

### In English:

Podcast, 08/05/17, [The sustainability agenda, Episode 22: Professor Giorgos Kallis: Degrowth and the dangers of excessive economic growth](#)

Blog, 02/05/17, MAHB blog, [Moving Away From the Pro-Growth Economy](#), by Erika Gavenus

Article, 24/03/17, The Baffler, [Despair Fatigue](#), by David Graeber

Blog, 14/03/17, ENTITLE, [Punk, not cool. Assessing the degrowth debate](#), by Emanuele Leonardi

Article, 11/03/17, The New York Times, [At Museums, Maybe It's Time for 'De-growth'](#), by Nina Siegal

Blog, 15/02/17, ENTITLE, [Capitalism, democracy, and the degrowth horizon \(Part I\)](#), by Leandro Vergara-Camus

Blog, 16/02/17, New internationalist, [The Transition Movements meets De-Growth](#), by Richard Swift and Naresh Giangrande

Blog, 18/04/17, Local Futures, [Life in a 'degrowth' economy, and why you might actually enjoy it](#), by Samuel Alexander

Blog, 07/03/17, The Conversation, [Enough is as good as a feast: here's how we can imagine a brighter food future](#), by [Christoph Rupprecht](#)

Interview, 30/03/17, LINKS - international journal of socialist renewal, [John Bellamy Foster answers five questions about Marxism and ecology](#), by Ian Angus

## Other languages:

Article, 27/03/17, El Diario, [Cuando el decrecimiento entra en el Parlamento](#), by Federico Demaria

Blog, 02/05/17, Huffington Post Italia, [Introduzione alla decrescita felice](#), by Alessandro Pertosa,

Blog, 10/05/17, Nueva Tribuna , [Decrecimiento no es empobrecimiento](#), by [Emilio Jurado](#)

Article, 17/03/17, Le Figaro, [Aux origines de la «décroissance»: cinquante nuances de vert](#), by [Eugénie Bastié](#)

Article, 06/05/17, Marianne, [Décroissance : de Tolstoï à Simone Weil, ils y ont pensé bien avant nous !](#), by [Sébastien Lapaque](#)

Blog, 17/03/17, Strade, [MERCÌ, BENI E BISOGNI: NEL MAGICO MONDO DELLA DECRESCITA ALL'ITALIANA](#), by Luca Simonetti

Article, 17/03/17, Vatican insider, [Latouche: “Vi spiego la decrescita di cui parla la Laudato si”](#), by Luciano Zanardin

## Events, Calls & Submissions

### Primera Escuela de Verano de Economía Crítica

que tendrá lugar en la Universidad de Valladolid entre los días 3 y 6 de Julio de 2017. Esta Escuela de Verano está organizada por la [Asociación de Economía Crítica](#) en colaboración con varias instituciones

### Degrowth Summer School in Germany: Call for courses!

[Degrowth Summer School in Germany](#) - For the third year in a row, the Degrowth Summer School will be held on the [Climate Camp in the Rhineland](#). The Summer School will take place from the 18th to 23rd of August.

This year's main topics are “Degrowth perspectives on the future of the Rhenish lignite region”, “Psychology of change” and “Skills for System Change”. We're looking forward to your course proposals! You can submit them until the 21st of May. All the info is in the [> Call for Courses](#)

### MOVE UTOPIA

The Move Utopia gathering (June 15 to 21) will take place for the first time this year. The venue is known for festivals, 100km north of Berlin. The organizing team spans across a wide range of political backgrounds with an emancipatory consensus, so it should be an exciting meeting for new alliances!

[http://move-utopia.de/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Aufruf\\_eng.pdf](http://move-utopia.de/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Aufruf_eng.pdf)

### Workshop for Change Agents

Working for Transformation without Recreating the Past: Workshop for Change Agents with Miki Kashtan, Prague 19 - 22 June 2017

Meeting Miki Kashtan and her practice makes one believe another world is really possible. Miki Kashtan explores ways how can be Nonviolent Communication used for social change for many years. The principles that she is teaching can be applied here and now when creating organisations and groups.

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