

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

It never rains but it pours: next year we are going to have three Degrowth International Conferences and we are starting our own Master on Political ecology with a specialization in degrowth and environmental justice. In this newsletter we have also compiled some of the best ideas and articles we have produced during this summer including videos from the last two summer schools in ICTA and a new website for degrowth videos and films. In the Academic publications there is a heating debate about GMOs and degrowth, and not to miss in Degrowth in the News is the debate around degrowth that took place recently in the Catalan parliament.

R&D News

1. Announcing three Degrowth International Conferences in 2018: Sweden, Mexico and European Parliament!

- The **6th International Conference on Degrowth for Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity: Dialogues in turbulent times** (Malmö, Sweden; 21-25 August 2018). More info at: <https://malmo.degrowth.org/>

[Invitations for academic, artistic and activist contributions](#) are already open and several finish on 31 December 2017.

- The **First North-South Conference on Degrowth: Decolonizing the social imaginary** (Mexico City; 19-21 June 2018).
- **Degrowth in the EU Parliament:** Post-growth conference to challenge the economic thinking of EU institutions with influential EU policy-makers (European parliament, Brussels; 18-19 September 2018).

2. **We are launching the Master degree in political ecology with a specialization in degrowth and environmental justice** at ICTA UAB in Barcelona, starting in October 2018

BREAKING NEWS: Research & Degrowth is planning to start a one-year master degree (60 ECTS) with courses on ecological economics, political ecology, degrowth, environmental justice and the commons. Students from any background would be eligible. By January 2018 we shall be able to confirm it, provide more details and then open the application process. Limited places. It would be in English and hosted by the Environmental Science

and Technology Institute, at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (Ranked 8th for environmental studies by The Center for World University Rankings). Teachers would include Joan Martinez Alier and Giorgos Kallis. At the moment, we cannot provide more details. For more information, stay tuned with R&D Facebook (Researchanddegrowth), Twitter (@R_Degrowth) and webpage (degrowth.org). Don't miss it!

This projects builds upon our experience with the Summer Schools on degrowth and environmental justice, that in principle will continue to take place every year (See <https://summerschool.degrowth.org/>).

Currently, ICTA UAB already offers a master degree on Interdisciplinary Studies in Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability (with a specialization in ecological economics) and a PhD programme on Environmental Science and Technology.

<http://ictaweb.uab.cat/>

3. There are few publications from our team:

- Federico Demaria and Joan Martinez Alier published a [SPECIAL REPORT: China has a plan - Peak Coal and the new Silk Road](#), on The Ecologist by, 25th of July 2017
- Giacomo Dalisa [interview](#) about neoliberalism and degrowth in The Ecologist, n°69 pagina 12
- Giorgos Kallis, published [Episode 22: Professor Giorgos Kallis: Degrowth and the dangers of excessive economic growth](#), on The Sustainability Agenda
- Rodríguez-Labajos, B., Ozkaynak, B (2017) Environmental justice through the lens of mining conflicts. Geoforum, 84, 245-250. Introduction to a special issue on this topic.
- Sekulova, F., Kallis, G. and Schneider, F. 2017. Climate change, happiness and income from a degrowth perspective. In *Handbook on Growth and Sustainability*, Victor, Peter and Brett Dolter (Eds.) Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, MA.

5. We had a very special time with the **summer school** Transformations that sustain life: summer school on degrowth and environmental justice that took place in ICTA-UAB and Can Decreix between 26 June - 07 July.

Here is a blog from Karoline, Camila and Leonie, that participated in the summer school. [Making power asymmetries visible: Our Experience during the Summer School on Degrowth and Environmental Justice](#)

We attach some videos from this and past summer schools:

- [Toxic tour](#)
- [Forum theatre summer school](#)
- [Presentation summer school](#)
- [Eco-modernism](#)
- [Can Decreix Tramontana Blues](#)
- [Snail Song](#)

And a great idea by Kevin and Amit that participated in the summer school this year:

A [website](#) dedicated to fiction and films that are connected/related to degrowth. This would allow newcomers to degrowth to familiarise themselves with the concept through books and films which would be perhaps an interesting way to go about it. Submissions page to guide contributors: <http://www.simplelines.space/submissions/>

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Academic Publications

- Bartkowski, Bartosz. Degrowth, organic agriculture and GMOs: A reply to Gomiero (2017, JCLEPRO). *Journal of Cleaner Production* (2017).
- And the first article: Gomiero, Tiziano. Agriculture and degrowth: State of the art and assessment of organic and biotech-based agriculture from a degrowth perspective. *Journal of Cleaner Production* (2017).
- Garcia, José Luís, Helena Mateus Jerónimo, and Tiago Mesquita Carvalho. Methodological Luddism: A concept for tying degrowth to the assessment and regulation of technologies. *Journal of Cleaner Production* (2017).
- Ferrari, Cristián Alarcón, and Constanza Chartier. Degrowth, energy democracy, technology and social-ecological relations: Discussing a localised energy system in Vaxjö, Sweden. *Journal of Cleaner Production* (2017).
- Kish, Kaitlin, and Stephen Quilley. Wicked Dilemmas of Scale and Complexity in the Politics of Degrowth. *Ecological Economics* (2017).
- Lloveras, Javier, Cathy Parker, and Lee Quinn. Reclaiming sustainable space: A study of degrowth activists. *Marketing Theory* (2016): 1470593117732458.

Books

- *The Good Life Beyond Growth: New Perspectives* (2017). Edited by Hartmut Rosa and Christoph Henning.
- With a chapter of Latouche, Serge. The misadventures of the good life between modernity and degrowth.

Degrowth in the News

Date range: 14/05/2017 - 18/09/2017

In english:

- [The far-left has an idiotic new craze: reduce economic growth](#), article on the Washington Examiner by Tom Rogan, 11th of August 2017
- [The hypocrisy of environmentalists and the need for economic growth](#), article on Small Farm Future, 7th of August 2017
- [Viewsnight: Our addiction to economic growth is killing us](#), interview with Jason Hickel on the BBC, 10th of August 2017
- [Being rich wrecks your soul. We used to know that](#), article on The Washington Post by Charles Mathewes and Evan Sandmark, 28th of July 2017
- [Degrowth: Unsited for the Global South?](#), blog post on Alternautas by Miriam Lang (and translated by Diego Silva), 31st of July 2017
- [Listening To Gandhi In The Age Of Consumption In India](#), blog post on Huffpost by Amitangshu Acharya, 24th of July 2017
- [A GAP IN MARX'S WORK OR THE IGNORANCE OF THE READER?](#), article on Marx2000 by Elmar Alvater, 20th of July 2017
- [Capital in the twenty-first century, and an alternative](#), article on openDemocracy by Vasilis Kostakis, 28th of July 2017
- [Moving Away From the Pro-Growth Economy](#), article on MAHB by Erika Gavenus, 2nd of May 2017
- [THE FALLACY OF ENDLESS ECONOMIC GROWTH](#), article on the Pacific Standard by Christopher Ketcham, 16th of May 2017
- [Planting the seeds of degrowth in times of crisis](#), article on Uneven Earth by Marula Tsagkari, 24th of May 2017
- [Degrowth: the case for a new economic paradigm](#), article on openDemocracy by Riccardo Mastini, 8th of June 2017
- [The Paris climate deal won't save us – our future depends on de-growth](#), article on The Guardian by Jason Hickel, 3rd of July 2017
- [De-growth in Conditions of Manmade Runaway Climate Change](#), article on Patna Daily by Anadi Sharan, 9th of September 2017
- [Wealth redistribution and population management are the only logical way forward](#), article on The Guardian by William E. Rees, 22nd of May 2017
- [UBI could increase human well-being and help save the planet](#), article on Community.Scoop by Joseph Cederwall, 17th of August 2017
- [Universal Basic Income Needed to Break 'Addiction to Economic Growth Killing Us'](#), article on Common Dreams by Andrea Germanos, 11th of August 2017
- [A leftwing case against environmentalism](#), article on Spiked Review by Leigh Phillips, June 2017
- [Degrowth is coming: what libraries can do to contribute to the downscaling debate](#), article on American Libraries Magazine by Edgardo Civallero, 4th of August 2017

Other languages:

- [El Decrecimiento a debate en el Parlament de Catalunya. Entrevista a Sergi Saladié, parlamentario de la CUP-Crida Constituent](#), article on 15/15\15, 6th of September 2017.
- [Degrowth als alternatief: Minder consumeren en produceren, meer delen](#), blog post on DeWereldMorgen, 14th of July 2017
- [Salidas del laberinto capitalista: decrecimiento y postextractivismo](#), article on Rebellion by Lucrecia Wagner, 30th of June 2017

Events, Calls & Submissions

- [POLLEN Biannual Conference 2018 | Political Ecology Network](#)
- Degrowth International Conference in Malmö - The call for submissions is [here](#)

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