

# BEYOND GROWTH?!

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The ecological destruction of the planet is proceeding rapidly, despite all the conferences being held on the environment and the climate. The gap between those who are living in poverty and those who are wealthy is also accelerating, within individual countries as well as globally. It is becoming increasingly clear that the current economic model, which is based on permanent growth, is not able to reverse these trends, but rather is part of the problem.

Given this situation Attac, together with its cooperating partners, has assigned itself the task of sounding out in particular the connections between the social and the ecological dimensions of the crisis, and of elaborating pathways out of the growth trap. How might a de-growth economy appear, in which social rights, ecological justice and a good life are the central supports. How might the world of work, finance systems, gender relationships, social security and property rights change, in order to facilitate an escape from the dead-end which is currently confronting us? These and other questions will be investigated during the congress, with more than 100 guest speakers in 11 podiums, 13 forums, 40 workshops, 12 introductory courses and 15 artistic interventions.

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## STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

### PART I ANALYSIS & CRITIQUE

Saturday, 21th May, 9.30 am - 4.00 pm

Thematic thread 1 **DRIVING FORCES BEHIND GROWTH (T1)**

Thematic thread 2 **LIMITS TO GROWTH (T2)**

Thematic thread 3 **CRISIS OF THE WORK-SOCIETY (T3)**

### PART II ALTERNATIVES, VISIONS, STRATEGIES

Saturday, 21th May, 4.30 - 8.00 pm

Sunday, 22th May, 9.30 - 11.00 am

Thematic thread 4 **ECONOMIZE BEYOND GROWTH (T4)**

Thematic thread 5 **JUSTICE IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD (T5)**

Thematic thread 6 **WORK, PARTIZIPATION AND THE GOOD LIFE (T6)**

All presentations and discussions are held in German (G), unless indicated otherwise: English (E), Spanish (S), French (F).

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY 20TH MAY

from 3.00 pm	registration
4.00 - 5.00 pm	introductory courses
6.00 - 7.30 pm	opening speeches
8.00 - 9.30 pm	opening podium
10.00 - 11.00 pm	live Jazz

### SATURDAY 21TH MAY

9.30 - 11.00 am	workshops, introductory courses and forums
11.30 - 1.00 pm	workshops, introductory courses and forums
2.30 - 4.00 pm	podiums
4.30 - 6.00 pm	workshops, introductory courses and forums
6.30 - 8.00 pm	podiums
9.00 - 10.00 pm	cabaret
10.00 - 11.30 pm	live music
from 11.30 pm	open end - Party with DJ

### SUNDAY 22TH MAY

9.30 - 11.00 am	workshops, introductory courses and forums
11.30 - 2.00 pm	concluding event

# OPENING

FRIDAY 20TH MAY

6 - 6.30 pm  
H 0105 **WELCOME BY ATTAC**

6.30 - 7 pm  
H 0105 **OPENING SPEECH I (E/G)**  
**VANDANA SHIVA** (India)

7 - 7.30 pm  
H 0105 **OPENING SPEECH II (S/E/G)**  
**ALBERTO ACOSTA** (Ecuador)

8 - 9.30 pm  
H 0105 **PODIUM DISCUSSION: BEYOND GROWTH?! (D/G)**

Sabine Reiner (Trade union secretary for economic policy, Ver.di, Berlin), Andreas Exner (Ecologist, Social Innovation Network, Vienna), Niko Paech (Economist, University of Oldenburg, Scientific Advisory Council, Attac Germany), Ingeborg Wick (Speaker for Südwind Institut, Siegburg)  
Moderated by: Chris Methmann, Attac

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

Friday 4.00 - 5.30pm **Sustainability and Growth in Economic Theory (E)**

The Growth paradigm is closely connected to work in Economic Theory. Here, we shortly introduce Growth Theory, and discuss critical assumptions on the possibility and benefit of growth. We try to systematically summarize arguments and assumptions demonstrating the possibility of "too much growth" and "less growth is better" within neoliberal economics. In a second part, we explore growth in the transport sector, and indicate how reduced consumption can induce improved life quality. The course will consist of two presentations – 1. Sustainability concerns in Economic Growth Theory and 2. Sustainability in the transport sector – and exploration of these topics in break-out groups.

Felix Creutzig, project director of "Economics of climate change" at the TU Berlin, also teaches „Geographical Economics and Climate Change“. Linus Mattauch, economist, doctoral candidate „Climate Change Economics“, TU Berlin. Jan Minx, works at the institute for „Economics of Climate Change“ Tech. Univ. Berlin and is co-responsible for the area „Sustainable Human Settlements and Infrastructure“.

H 0111 **Models for basic security and basic income**

EB 223 **Climate justice, energy wars and growth criticism – bringing together what belongs together?**

H 1029 **Economies in Solidarity: Ideas and Practice**

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

Friday 4 - 5.30pm **Our planet is threatened by a wrong belief in a wrong formulated growth (E)**

EB 224

Environmental functions are defined as the possible uses of the non-human-made physical surroundings. Environmental sustainability is defined as a dynamic equilibrium by which vital environmental functions remain available for future generations. Environmentally sustainable national income (eSNI) is defined as the maximum attainable production level by which vital environmental functions remain available for future generations. A solution is given for the unsolvable problem of the valuation of environmental functions and for asymmetric entering. Lecture with discussion

Roefie Hueting, has published between 1965 and 2011 around 150 articles, mainly on the relationship between environment and growth.

## PART I ANALYSIS AND CRITIQUE

FORUMS

Saturday 9.30 - 11 am **F1 MUST CAPITALISM GROW? (G/F/E) (T1)**

H 3010 Elmar Altvater (political scientist, FU Berlin, Attac Scientific Advisory Council), Geneviève Azam (Economist, Attac France, Toulouse), Eckhard Stratmann-Mertens (teacher, Attac, Bochum), Ralf Fücks (Board member Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin)  
Moderated by: Winfried Wolf (lunapark)

H 1028 **F4 THE INHUMAN EFFECTS OF GROWTH: CLIMATE REFUGEES AND RESOURCE WARS (T2)**

Claudia Haydt (sociologist, Informationsstelle Militarisierung, Tübingen), Olaf Bernau (Afrique-Europe-Interact, Bremen), Simone Knapp (ethnologist, Kirchliche Arbeitsstelle Südliches Afrika (KASA), Heidelberg), Tadzio Müller (Activist, Climate Justice Action, Berlin)  
Moderated by: Mona Bricke (gegenstrom Berlin)

Saturday 11.30 am - 1 pm **F2 WHY DOES THE ECONOMY GROW? (G/F) (T1)**

H 3010 Niko Paech (economist, University of Oldenburg, Scientific Advisory Council, Attac), Francois Schneider (economist, Barcelona), Adelheid Biesecker (economist, University Bremen), Athanasios Karathanassis (social scientist, FU Berlin)  
Moderated by: Christoph Gran (economist, AK Postautistic Econ., Ecol. Economy)

DESCRIPTION

Is the drive for growth necessary for capitalism? When considering the shrinkage of the gross national product do we also have to question capitalism? What are the potentials for a mixed economy? What developmental strategies and transformations to eco-socialism, to an economy of sustainable shrinking and sustainable steady state or selective growth are there? The discussion participants will evaluate the systemic assumptions of capitalism and pose the question of what should be discarded or transformed and how they can be replaced.

Although discussions about the limits of growth often appear abstract, concrete human beings must deal with the negative effects of capitalistic growth, and often pay with their lives. What are the connections between resource wars and growth? What responsibility lies with the global North for the yearly increasing number of millions of people who lose the basis of their lives as the result of climate change? And what does all this have to do with Frontex?

The participants will identify historical and current dimensions of the social, cultural and multiple economic forces which drive growth, and discuss their interrelationships. What are the various backgrounds of these forces? Which ones are system-immanent, and what social and political conditions can explain their emergence? What kinds of regulation and qualitatively new approaches are opposed to these driving forces? To what extent is a comprehensive view of their effects necessary in order to establish a post-growth society, that is, on an economic basis?

# PART I ANALYSIS AND CRITIQUE (cont.)

## FORUMS

**Saturday 11.30 am - 1 pm** **F3 RELATIONSHIP OF SOCIETY AND NATURE IN AN AGE OF PEAK EVERYTHING, CLIMATE CHANGE AND POVERTY (G / S) (T2)**

H 1028 Babette Scurrell (sociologist, Network Care Economy, Dessau), Ulrich Brand (political scientist, University Vienna), Rolf Steppacher (economist, University Geneva), Esperanza Martinez (Oil Watch Ecuador and Acción Ecológica)  
Moderated by: Stefan Thimmel (journalist)

H 2032 **F5 END OF THE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY - ESCAPE INTO THE SERVICE SECTOR SOCIETY? (T3)**

Uwe Schneidewind (economist, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, Energy), Antje Schrupp (journalist, Frankfurt/Main, director dept. Of economic and social policy of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation), Marko Ferst (uthor, Ecological Plattform, Gosen)  
Moderated by: Ulrich Schachtschneider

## DESCRIPTION

Social relationships to nature provide the connection between society and nature, and are primarily regulated through work and beyond that as cultural symbols. To what extent do climate change, Peak Everything and the degradation of the biosphere represent epoch-making changes in framework? To what extent must new assumptions - conditioned by new approaches and institutional changes - be developed for behaviour that is consistent with nature? What does this mean for the productionist and consumerist life-style of the North, for the emerging classes of the South and for those people living below the limits of poverty?

The limits to growth pose a fundamental challenge to industrial societies built on fossil energy. Is it possible to convert these industrial societies through solar growth to a sustainable basis? Is a post-growth society based on the provision of services - at the same rate of growth - a way out of the resource dilemma? Or are both of these positions based on qualitative growth built on unrealistic illusions? Are post-industrial production and social forms beyond growth even compatible with the ecological limits?

## PODIUMS

**Saturday 2.30 - 4 pm** **P1 GROWTH, EXPLOITATION AND GLOBAL JUSTICE (G / E)**

H 1028 Leida Rijnhout (UNPAD, Executive Director, Belgium), Nicola Bullard (Focus on the Global South, Thailand), Stefan Schmalz (sociologist, University Jena)  
Moderated by: Wilfried Telkämper (Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung)

H 2032 **P2 GREEN NEW DEAL OR DEGROWTH - LEFT-KEYNESIANISM OR POST-GROWTH ECONOMY? A DEBATE CONCERNING FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

Michael Dauderstädt (Economist, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Bonn), Sven Giegold (Member European Parl., Die Grünen, Brussels/Verden), Birgit Mahnkopf (political scientist, HWR Berlin), Saral Sarkar (Initiative Eco-socialism, Köln)  
Moderated by: Tanja von Egan-Krieger (Attac Scientific Advisory Council)

H 3010 **P3 ECOLOGICAL LIMITS: IS DECOUPLING POSSIBLE? (G/E)**

Michael Müller (Naturfreunde Deutschland, Berlin), Tim Jackson (University of Surrey, GB), Bruno Kern (Attac, editor, eco-socialist, Mainz), Tilman Santarius (Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Berlin)  
Moderated by: Frank Adler

H 0110 **P4 GROWTH STRATEGIES AND THE CRISIS OF LABOUR**

Thomas Sablowski (political scientist, University Vienna, Frankfurt/Main), Ingeborg Wick (Speaker for Südwind Institut, Siegburg), Dierk Hirschel (Ver.di)  
Moderated by: Stephan Krull (Attach AG FairTeilen)

H 1058 **P5 GROWTH, QUALITY OF LIFE AND SOCIAL SECURITY, SUFFICIENCY**

Marcel Hänggi (science journalist, Zürich), Angelika Zahrt (honorary chair BUND), Kai Burmeister (IG Metall, Frankfurt/Main)  
Moderated by: Anne Klatt (Universität Greifswald)

## DESCRIPTION

The current growth-based model is unbalanced. For example, whether global growth has reduced poverty or increased it is a matter of dispute. It is also a matter of debate, whether the exploitation of raw materials and related wars, destruction of bio-diversity, displacement of indigenous people, land grabbing and intensified migration - as well as extreme poverty in industrial countries - are necessary side effects of the drive for growth, or the expression of a misguided political direction? Basically, the aim here is to discuss whether growth is a hindrance for a just world in principle, or if it is a problem simply in this current form.

Left-Keynesian transformational projects which are based on selective growth, such as the Green New Deal, stand in opposition to concepts of a shrinking or stationary post-growth economy. These approaches are based on diverging assumptions, traditions and analyses with respect to the current crises. These should be subjected to controversial discussion: Can the world continue to grow at all, or are the rates of growth - primarily in the developed countries - going to continue to decline? What are the sources and driving forces behind growth: technological progress, innovation, population growth, consumer behaviour or capital accumulation? This podium will seek to clarify the basic question of whether growth can be part of a (global) solution if in its current form it is apparently part of the problem.

The question of whether or not it's possible to decouple economic growth from the consumption of resources underlies every discussion about growth, its limits and the question of a degrowth economy. Can decoupling be a strategy in answer to global challenges such as climate change, population growth, global poverty and unequal distribution of resources? What is the role of technical, economic, behavioural and political relationships and possibilities with respect to the problems of decoupling and increased efficiency? What is the range of the potentials for de-coupling, how long can they (over)compensate for the growth of the economy, for example, in achieving the necessary reduction in hot house emissions and absorbing additional side effects of growth?

Can problems such as mass unemployment, increasing precarization, distribution from the bottom to the top, and devaluation of care-work be solved in a society that depends on growth? And if so, then how? What effects have finance capitalism and the shifts in power set off by the recent finance and economic crisis had on the extent and structure of growth? What is the relationship of „good work“, house and family work, and the informal economy to growth? What effect does the intensification of work and precarization have on industrial work, and on the provision of services? What role could strategies for growth play in overcoming mass unemployment, precarization and distribution from the bottom to the top?

Economic growth is widely held to be a necessary precondition for quality of life, social development and social security. However, quality of life includes much more than material prosperity and financial security: Being sheltered, socially connected, self determined, in physical safety, etc. Is growth necessary for the quality of life in all its aspects, or does a consumer society - one based on the drive toward „more“ - limit the possibilities for leading a good life according to one's own ideas? Or does growth hinder a life directed toward goals beyond wage labour, does it de-value and block other socially necessary activities and thus damage the quality of life?

# PART I ANALYSIS AND CRITIQUE (cont.)

## WORKSHOPS & INTRODUCTORY COURSES

Saturday 9.30 - 11 am H 0112	<b>Understanding nature and longing for growth: A deficient creature tries to liberate itself</b>
H 0106	<b>Carry on Europe? - How European agricultural policies affect food sovereignty in developing countries.</b>
H 0110	<b>„Living better“ or „good living“? „Buen Vivir“ as social alternative to the dogma of growth</b>
H 0111	<b>Money and growth</b>
H 3013	<b>State indebtedness</b>
EB 222	<b>Acceleration</b>
H 3012	<b>Equality and freedom as preconditions for a post-growth society</b>
H 2038	<b>12 Theses contra global collapse</b>
H 3004	<b>Business with hunger and land grabbing</b>
EB 133c	<b>Social-ecological conversion with the example of the automobile industry - what role can the union-left play?</b>
Eb 417	<b>Exploitation for a „green“ economy?</b>
Saturday 11.30am- 1pm EB 222	<b>Faster, higher, further into the dead end? Approaches for solidarity-based mobility contra growth insanity in traffic</b>
H 2038	<b>Renouncing growth in developing and threshold countries - a necessity? Nonsense? Neo-colonialism?</b>

Saturday 11.30 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.	<b>Energy struggles (E)</b> Again and again, but in quite varied contexts, energy struggles flare up against fossilistic extractionism, atomic energy and „false solutions“ such as the CSS technology for sequestering CO2 below the earth's surface. What strategies are employed by social movements locally, what perspectives for alternative energy supply developed? Where are the connections between them and where are the points of intersection for a global climate justice movement? Workshop by the Rosa-Luxemburg- Foundation.
H 0110	With Steffen Kühne (Rosa-Luxemburg- Foundation), Alberto Acosta (Ecuador), Nnimmo Bassey („Friends of the Earth“, Nigeria), Mona Bricke (activist, Climate Justice Action), Dieter Klein (economist), Esperanza Martínez (“Acción Ecológica – Oilwatch“, Ecuador), Tazio Müller (climate justice activist and publicist, Berlin) Moderated by: Bernd Bronus
H 0111	<b>The emancipatory meaning of reduction of working hours</b>
H 0107	<b>Introduction to Growth Critique</b>
H 1029	<b>Capitalistic economy - GDP and the imperative to growth</b>
H 7112	<b>Exploitation on the cheap?</b>
H 3004	<b>Bourdieu and growth critique</b>
EB 223	<b>Growth of industrial animal husbandry</b>
EB 224	<b>Shrinking cities and regions</b>
H 3012	<b>Energy corporations, energy market and fossilistic-atomic Growth insanity</b>
H 3013	<b>Education in the age of Growth insanity</b>

## PART II ALTERNATIVES, VISIONS AND STRATEGIES

### FORUMS

Saturday 11.30 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.	<b>F8 STRATEGIC PROBLEMS OF A JUST TRANSITION (E/G) (T4)</b> Cecil D. Corbin-Mark (Just Transition Alliance, USA), Ulla Lötzer (memb. parl., Die Linke, member of the “Growth, Prosperity, Quality of Life” Inquiry Committee), Mario Can-deias (economist, Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation, Berlin), Ralf Krämer (Ver.di Federal Executive Board, Die Linke Program Committee) Moderation Jana Flemming (Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation, Berlin)
H 1058	
H 3010	<b>F9 RAW MATERIALS BOOM, GREEN NEW DEAL AND THE EFFECTS OF TRANSFORMATION ON THE GLOBAL SOUTH (E/G) (T5)</b> Nnimmo Bassey (Friends of the Earth International, Environmental Rights Action Nigeria), Silas Siakor (Sustainable Development Institute, Liberia), Lili Fuhr (Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Berlin) Moderation Dagmar Dehmer (journalist, Tagesspiegel)

### DESCRIPTION

The ecological as well as the economic boundaries of growth have been reached. What is imperative is a just transition to a needs-oriented, solidarity-based economy of reproduction: qualitative development without the necessity for material growth. However, if the “costs” of this form of transformation are shared unequally, many will lose their accustomed jobs, for example. Speaking abstractly, protecting the environment, social equality and good work for everyone are not contradictory goals. Yet there are significant strategic differences and goal conflicts among the initial approaches and transitions. The mosaic Left can avoid being split up only if it succeeds in organizing a just transition. What strategic problems are to be expected from a social-ecological transformation and how can we come to grips with them?

A central task of our age is to use natural resources sustainably and share them in a fair manner globally. The Green New Deal rightly demands a decoupling from dependency on fossil resources. Additional limited resources will be needed for the new technologies, which will create new dependencies and problems for the regions and the people living where extraction takes place. A sustainable and fair transformation of our global economy is inconceivable without coherent policy-making with regard to resources. But there are few solutions being offered and political alliances are also lacking. What contribution can resource-policy make to finding a way out of the growth dilemma? What approaches can we use to reduce the rapidly growing resource consumption of industry and the threshold countries, while at the same time making more prosperity possible in the South?



# PART II ALTERNATIVES, VISIONS AND STRATEGIES (cont.)

## FORUMS

**Saturday 4.30 - 6 pm** **F12 THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS IN A POST-GROWTH SOCIETY (T6)**  
H 1028 Ronald Blaschke (Network Base Income), Joachim Spangenberg (BUND), Ulrich Schachtschneider  
Moderated by: Jule Axmann (Attac, Frankfurt).

H 2032 **F13 »MENTAL INFRASTRUCTURES – HOW GROWTH GOT INTO OUR SOULS «**  
Harald Welzer (Institute for Cultural Studies, University Essen)  
Moderated by: Tilman Santarius (Heinrich Böll Foundation)

EB 222 **F11 WHAT FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ARE THERE FOR THE ECONOMY AND THE GOOD LIFE IN A POST-GROWTH ECONOMY? (T6)**  
World Café with Frigga Haug, Elisa Vega, Friederike Habermann, Uta v. Winterfeld, Adelheid Biesecker, et al.  
Moderated by: Julia Roßhart, Attac Gender AG

**Sunday 9.30 - 11 am** **F6 FINANCIAL MARKETS (G/E) (T4)**  
H 1028 Helge Peukert (economist, Univ. Erfurt), Filka Sekulova (economist, psychologist, Barcelona), Nicola Liebert (economic journalist, Attac AG Finanzmärkte, Berlin)  
Moderated by: Rainald Ötsch, Attac AG Finanzmärkte

H 2032 **F7 CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY DURING THE TRANSITION TO A POST-GROWTH SOCIETY (T4) (T4)**  
Claudia von Braunmühl (political scientist, Berlin), Bernhard Pötter (economics journalist, Berlin), Alex Demirovic, (political scientist, FU Berlin, Scientific Advisory Council Attac, Berlin), Friederike Habermann (political scientist)  
Moderated by: Jan Philipp Albrecht, MoEP, green party

H 0110 **F10 GLOBAL AGRICULTURE, SUBSISTENCE AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY (S/G) (T5)**  
Alexandra Strickner (Economist, Attac Austria), Berit Thomsen (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Bäuerliche Landwirtschaft (ABL))  
Elisa Vega (Bartolina Sisa farmers' initiative, Bolivia), Mathias von Mirbach (farmer, network solidarity-based farming)  
Moderated by: Jutta Sundermann (Attac)

## DESCRIPTION

What possibilities for configuration will there be for the social systems in a post-growth society? In this connection there will be discussion about whether or not models of shortened wage-earning hours and a base income without preconditions are compatible with positions criticizing growth, and how they could be related to each other.

What is it actually that has made us the kind of growth-dependent society that we are today? Here it's a matter of more than an economic critique of capitalism – we have conceptualized our entire mental constitution along the lines of the struggle for progress. Consequently, anyone who wants to strive for a great transformation must go beyond technological and political solutions and reinvent his mental infrastructure.

What demands on a possible post-growth society and the path to it must be made from varying feminist perspectives? In the form of a World Café, various feminist positions toward the good life and toward an economy beyond growth will be presented and discussed in a small circle. One focus will be on what growth critique can learn from models of feminist economy. And in reverse, we intend to ask to what extent a post-growth economy can be a feminist project – and if so: which?

The question here is how a world economy could appear in which de-growth is a possibility – it's a matter of the control of capital flows and regulation of financial markets. How could competition, orientation on exports and the business location competition – important driving forces behind the current growth – be transformed into global forms of cooperation? Must capital flow be regulated in order to prevent the flight of capital from slowly growing or shrinking economies?

It is important not only to discuss how a post-growth society might appear. It is also important to ask: How can the transformation from a growth-society to a post-growth society be made democratically? In order to answer this question, the actual power relationships and conflicts of interest, as well as the political and cultural resistance against this kind of transformation, must be analyzed. What openings are there for resolving these conflicts of interest and resistances democratically? And: How can a post-growth society guarantee and improve democratic participation of the people?

The question of nourishment is central when considering a post-growth society. To what extent has the growth paradigm shown itself to be especially damaging for human beings and nature? Does the path to a post-growth society have to follow a subsistence perspective and the concept of food sovereignty? Which methods of land use enable the nourishing of the increasing number of people living on the earth?

## PODIUMS

**Saturday 6.30 - 8 pm** **P6 BEYOND GROWTH: ALSO IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH? (G/S/E)**  
H 1028 Esperanza Martinez (Oil Watch Ecuador / Acción Ecológica), Vishwas Satgar, National Labour and Economic Development Institute (NALEDI, South Africa)  
Moderated by: Karin Gabbert (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation)

H 0107 **P7 THE DEMOCRATIC SHAPING OF A POST-GROWTH ECONOMY: MARKET, PLANNING, SOLIDARITY-BASED ECONOMY?**  
Silke Helfrich (publicist, Jena), Adelheid Biesecker (economist, Experts' Council Attac, Univ. Bremen), Hans-Joachim Schabedoth (syndicalist, Union of Metal Workers, Berlin), Werner Rätz, (Attac, Bonn),  
Moderated by: Andreas Exner (Social Innovations Network)

## DESCRIPTION

The deliberations regarding an economic system beyond growth are also motivated by the idea of achieving social justice for the people in the global South. What kind of global climate and resource policy-making is necessary in order to achieve ecological justice - also taking into account the centuries-old accumulated climate debt of the North? If the global South is to „develop“, does this have to be along the same growth path which the North has taken, or are there other possibilities? Does the South have the right to growth, and does this mean that - in view of the ecological limits - the economies of the North have to shrink? Or does the global South have a right to an economy and society which point beyond the focus on economic growth? Are concrete projects featuring a needs-oriented economy and commons a possibility in this regard?

The transition to a society that no longer depends on the compulsion to growth necessitates the transformation of social and economic structures as well as other organisational principles. How can diverse approaches such as solidarity-based economy, commons, care-economy, economic democracy and global social rights be brought together conceptually in a „post-growth society“? What are the roles of directed investment and economic democracy? What can a new relationship between market, state, solidarity-based forms of economics and new form of participatory planning and democracy look like? Where are the points of overlap in the debates on internalising ecological costs vs. decommodification, private consumption vs. commons, supply regulation vs. price regulation etc.?

# PART II ALTERNATIVES, VISIONS AND STRATEGIES (cont.)

## PODIUMS

**Saturday 6.30 - 8 pm**  
**P8 WORKING LESS AND DIFFERENTLY: ON THE WAY TO A SOCIETY BEYOND GROWTH?**

H 1058 Frigga Haug (sociologist, Scientific Advisory Council Attac, Univ. Hamburg), Mohssen Massarrat (political scientist, Attac, Univ. Osnabrück), Norbert Reuter (Secretary for Economic Policy, Verdi, Berlin), Uta von Winterfeld (political scientist, Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie)  
 Moderated by: Angela Klein (editor Sozialistische Zeitung)

**P9 GOOD LIVING FOR ALL: A QUESTION OF JUSTICE (G/F/S)**

H 0110 Barbara Muraca (philosopher, Univ. Greifswald), Boniface Mabanza (theologian, Kirchliche Informationsstelle Südlisches Afrika), Francois Schneider (economist, Barcelona), Elisa Vega (ministry of cultures, Bolivia)  
 Moderated by: Andrea Vetter (social anthropologist, congress preparation, Attac)

**P10 SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE POST-GROWTH SOCIETY (G/E)**

H 3010 Nnimmo Bassey (Friends of the Earth International, Nigeria), Alberto Acosta (economist, Ecuador), Rosa Koian (Bismarck Ramu Group, Papua-Neuguinea)  
 Moderated by: Lili Fuhr (Heinrich Böll Foundation)

**P11 IS THE GDP THE PROBLEM? The work of the Committee of Inquiry „Prosperity, Growth, Quality of Life“ and concrete political strategies for a society on the far side of the compulsion to growth**

H 2032 Hermann Ott (member of parliament, Greens), Daniela Kolbe (member of parliament, SPD), Sabine Leidig (member of parliament, Die Linke)  
 Moderated by: Thomas Lohmeier (Institut Solidarische Moderne)

## DESCRIPTION

Work will have to be organised and distributed differently on the way to a society that is not dependent on growth. What activities can be reckoned as socially useful under the conditions of a society beyond growth? How can the critique of growth be connected to criticism of the focus on wage labour? What role can non-wage labour play, how can it be socially secured? Is successive shortening of the working hours and redistribution of labour a practical path for arriving at a post-growth society? How much shortening of working hours and time-autonomy are possible in capitalism? Which steps would have to follow? What are the possibilities for social alliances between growth critics and trade union oriented movements?

In view of the ecological crises, the question is how global justice and a good life for all can be achieved. Must societies in the global North consume less for reasons of justice - above all global environmental justice? What does this mean for the individual and his or her conception of a good life and what does it mean for social justice in the North? How can it be made certain that each and every person - regardless of just what their conception of a good life is - can have the chance to live according to that idea? What can the global North learn, for example, from the debates over „Buen Vivir“ (good living) in Latin America?

There are already many projects which could be steps on the way to a society that is less dependent on growth. How can concrete projects such as the Jasuni Initiative in Ecuador and the resistance against oil production in Nigeria be understood as parts of a socio-ecological transformation? Can these projects serve as examples for further projects of this kind, what would be the long-range transformation perspective, who could support them? How principally can the transition to a socio-ecological society without the compulsion to growth be conceived and shaped? In view of the energy question in the global South, this podium is intended to discuss how the concrete approaches to growth appear and which social interests and forces can be relied on for support.

Currently the Commission of Enquiry: „Growth, Prosperity, Quality of Life“ is debating whether the GNP as an indicator for a good economy should be extended by other measuring instruments or scrapped. So the orientation on economic growth as the main measure of the success of a national economy is being put under scrutiny. In this podium members of the Committee of Enquiry will discuss with representatives of the civil society on the basis of the debated held in the congress, whether the Commission goes far enough with its questions, and where there is need for further action from the perspective of the civil society. There will also be an investigation of where there might be common points with respect to the growth question within the Left spectrum.

## WORKSHOPS & INTRODUCTORY COURSES

**Saturday 4.30 - 6 pm**  
**Steady State Economy (SSE): An Overview, Background and Perspectives (E)**

H 0106 In this workshop the Steady State Economy and its history will be presented. Its differences to neo-classical economic theories will be shown, and it will be shown how one-sided economic growth is in direct conflict with biodiversity, endangered species and habitats, wilderness, environmental protection and human well-being. The actual goals of a global economy will be discussed, and how the current western business model blocks not only national and global solutions. All themes will be presented with respect to ecological carrying capacity, adaptive management and economic teaching. This workshop provides the participants with a well-founded global perspective that is based on official climate change, population growth and „Peak Everything“ scenarios.  
 With Falk Huettmann, Associate Professor for Wildlife Ecology at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

EB 224 **Base income - a means against resource use and economic growth?**

H 3004 **Solidarity-based economy and post-growth - a discussion**

**Saturday 4.30 - 6 pm**  
**De-centralizing, localization and social cohesion: Community projects for climate protection in Scotland (G/E)**

H 3008 From society to community – how could, or should, social cohesion change in economic systems beyond growth? There will be a short lecture presenting community projects in Scotland which are intended to support „quite normal“ neighborhoods in reducing their CO2 emissions. The social and ecological effects of the projects, the question of „community“ as well as the challenges of social justice and basic questions of responsibility. A concluding discussion in Worldcafé format is planned.  
 With Luke Devlin, member of the Centre for Human Ecology in Glasgow, Scotland. Svenja Meyerricks, doctoral candidate at the Univ. St Andrews in the area of sustainable development

H 0111 **What does „Beyond Growth“ actually mean? - an overview of the various conceptions**

H 3013 **Defending the commons means criticism of the ideology of growth**

EB 417) **Sustainable investment as solution to the problem of growth?**

# PART II ALTERNATIVES, VISIONS AND STRATEGIES (cont.)

## WORKSHOPS & INTRODUCTORY COURSES

**Saturday**  
4.30 - 6 pm

### **Climate Troubles. Strategies for COP17 Durban and Rio+20 (G/E)**

H 0110

Climate summit in Durban, „Green Economy“ in Rio –all kinds of global salvation scenarios are still being conjured up from above; the grass-roots movements view these with extreme scepticism. But if we are critical, we have to face the question: How to continue in the struggle for climate justice and a socio-ecological transformation that goes beyond capitalism? What roles do the failed climate summits in Copenhagen and Cancun play, what is the role of the mobilization to go there to protest? And: What strategies, demands and tactics make sense in the mobilizations?

With Ulrich Brand, Nicola Bullard, Tazio Müller, Vishwas Satgar

H 0112

### **„Common good-economy“ (GWÖ) of Christian Felber**

H 1029

### **The alternative of a social growth model for Germany**

H 3002

### **Hunting for raw materials - alternatives to the export-oriented raw materials strategy of the EU.**

H 7112

### **From Community Gardening to the struggle against Monsanto: (Urban) subsistence**

H 2038

### **Knitting in the „Weltraum“ and the global crises - local approach of the Transition Town movement**

EB 224

### **Micro credits or base income to combat poverty in the countries of the South?**

H 3012

### **„All wheels stand still when no one wants the junk anymore!“ Consumer refusal as political strategy?**

H 6124

### **Significance of an ecological finance reform for the debate on growth**

EB 133c

### **The Enquete Commission as a strategic tool for a strong post growth discourse?**

**Sunday**  
9.30 - 11 am

### **Small is beautiful: renewable energy supply in rural communities (G/E)**

H 3012

The production of renewable energy makes it possible to recreate full-supply at a smaller scale. At the same time it makes possible the exit from the existing chain of fossil energy sources and economic dependence. That this is possible is shown by the first trailblazers, the communities Samsø und Feldheim. In a short talk the thesis will be advanced that self-organized energy-self-sufficiency is a possibility for emancipation and re-capturing local policy-making. This will be followed by a round of discussion.

With Conrad Kunze, sociologist, whose focus is on environmental sociology. He teaches at the Technical Univ. Cottbus.

H 3004

### **A global post-growth movement!? International experiences, trends and challenges. (E)**

We want to critically discuss the potential of a global post-growth movement: Is it possible and actually necessary? We will look at the post-growth movements of different countries in Western Europe and Latin-America, their agents, strengths and constraints for development. Further, we ask: What can post-growth learn from successful examples of other related social movements such as the transition town initiatives? Workshop language: English. Method: short inputs, brainstorming.

With Julia Hoffmann, studies sustainability at the Univ. of Lund; Anja Humburg, environmental scientist, works for BUND project „Sustainable Germany“; Tina Nyfors, journalist, human ecologist

H 0106

### **A different kind of agriculture is possible - 2011: the year of decision for European agricultural policy**

H 0112

### **Globalization critique and the idea of deceleration – a strategic proposal**

EB 133c

### **Basic Income and Economic Growth**

H 2038

### **Perspectives of transformation. How to continue with the theme (post-) growth?**

H 3002

### **Tribunal against the misuse of power by the energy giants**

H 6124

### **Agricultural cooperatives as a local alternative for solidarity-based economy?!**

EB 223

### **Beyond »Beyond Growth?!«: Strategies for continued work on post-growth**

H 0111

### **The emancipatory significance of shortening working hours - experiences with the 4-day week at Volkswagen**

H 7112

### **Beyond expertism - growth critique self-made and utopian exercises**

EB 222

### **Generation iPad - What is good living and the value of nature in the growth society of today**

H 3013

### **Instead of the condemnation of allegedly false needs: Democratic debate on the content and form of production**

EB 224

### **Buen Vivir as pushing force for social movements**

## CONCLUDING EVENT

**Sunday**  
12 - 1.30 pm

### **CONCLUDING PODIUM (G/E)**

H 0105

Hans-Jürgen Urban (Executive, IG Metall), Angelika Zahrnt, (honorary chair BUND), Barbara Muraca (philosopher, Univ. Greifswald), Matthias Schmelzer (economic historian, Attac, Berlin)

Moderated by: Dagmar Paternoga, Attac working group „Enough for Everyone“

# ARTISTIC INTERVENTIONS

Saturday 10 am until Sun, 12 am	<b>CAN-DO, NEIGHBOUR</b> Installation <b>KRARQUE&amp;DUBRAU&amp;JAMARIC</b> (Braunschweig/Berlin)	Friday 10 p.m. H 3005	<b>JAZZ PIANO</b> konzert <b>ROEFIE HUETING</b> (Netherlands)
Old library H 3503	<b>OPENSACE – IDEAL WORLD</b> Installation <b>DANIELA BOLTRES</b> (Rostock)	Saturday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. H 3008	<b>READING: GEISELTAL / HOSTAGE VALLEY (G/E)</b> Lesung <b>STEVEN MATTHEW BROWN</b> (Weimar) <b>English</b>
	<b>FINITE WORLDS IN LITERATURE: CRISIS SCENARIOS OF A POST- GROWTH SOCIETY</b> reading <b>MELA ARTS</b> (Berlin)	9.30 - 10.30 a.m.	<b>German</b>
	<b>CO2SLEEP – EXHAUST GAS NEVER FELT MORE COMFORTABLE</b> Installation <b>ELENA CHRONOPOULOU</b> (Weimar)	Saturday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. H 3002	<b>THEATRE IN MOTION STREET THEATRE &amp; MORE</b> Workshop <b>JÖRG ISERMEYER</b> (Berlin)
	<b>FEEL-GOOD ELITE</b> Performance <b>LUXUS</b> (Berlin)	Saturday 11.30 a.m. H 3005 I	<b>CONTACT IMPRO – EIN TANZ-WORKSHOP</b> Workshop <b>KARIN WISSEL</b> (Berlin)
Saturday 10 am until Sun, 12 am	<b>JUST KEEP SHOPPING (EVERY- THING WILL BE OKAY) (E)</b> Performance <b>SOCIABLE SCIENCE</b> (Dublin/London)	Saturday 5.00 p.m. H 3005	<b>IF I CAN'T DANCE...</b> Musik und Performance <b>FRÄULEIN BERND</b> (Berlin)
On the way	<b>PERIPATETIC INSTITUTE OF PRAXIO- LOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY (PIPA) (E)</b> Performance <b>TRICIA FLANAGAN</b> (Honkong)	Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 p.m. H 3010I	<b>A TRIATHLON THROUGH THE SITUATIONS OF THE SOCIETY</b> Kabarett <b>ARNULF RATING</b>
	<b>INTERVENTIONS FOR THINKING ALONG</b> Theater improvisations <b>JONGLIRIUM</b> (Berlin)	Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 p.m. Campus	<b>THE INCREDIBLE HERRENGEDECK«</b> Concert
	<b>FYEO/NSFW – A STAGED LISTE- NING EXPERIENCE</b> Hörspiel <b>ANNA BROMLEY</b> (Berlin)	Sunday 10.00 a.m. H 3005	<b>FOR TRANSITORY RHAPSO- DIES..</b> Concert <b>AUGUSTIN MAURS</b> (Berlin)

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