



# THEME WORK

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## TITLE OF WORKSHOP

Unconditional autonomy allowance with a fixed  
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## **UNCONDITIONAL AUTONOMY ALLOWANCE (UAA): A TOOL FOR EQUITY AND DIGNITY**

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### **Paper Abstract**

In the last four years, inside the French Degrowth movement\*, a social and economic tool able to initiate and support a democratic transition towards sustainable and desirable societies based on Degrowth has been developed. This discussions and thinking were made around the idea of basic income, resource caps, open relocalisation, free access of a “good” use of resources, etc. and also a radical reform of the economic and financial system.

Hence, a redistribution of resources through the creation of the Unconditional Autonomy Allowance (Dotation Inconditionnelle d’Autonomie) necessarily coupled with a fixed maximum income has is proposed. The allowance is designed to relocalise the economy whilst preserving national and international solidarities, to gain emancipation from the central value of “work”, to get rid of the religion of economics, in order to achieve self-management, food and energy self-sufficiencies by getting out of the dependency onto non-renewable resources, mainly oil and to re-engage citizens ‘participation in politics. This allowance would be unconditionally applied from birth to death; it covers free use of energy, water and food, free access to goods and public services (food, education, health, transport) and the creation of local non speculative currencies. It would also be an economic tool to get rid of the debts crises and the speculation trap in creating new local, social, participative and non-speculative economic systems.



## TACKLED ISSUES:

- From green economy to blue economy - Bio Oil - Clean development mechanism (Paradox) - Public Investment - Credit Default Swap - Photovoltaic products - Electric cars — Permaculture - No waste - Job opportunities — Barry Commoner: “to close vital cycles” — Meat vital cycles — parti pour la décroissance — Local exchange trading systems — Transition to degrowth — participative and democratic transition — Transition is not revolution — Ecofascism - Austerity plans - Critic mass strategy — Multi approach system — Political projects — Problem of Incomes — Maximum income — Social equity- A false identity — Happiness is not linked to income — the Trap of debt — Empirical Alternatives — local Production — Minimum Income for a frugal, decent and convivial life — Unconditional autonomy allowed (UAA) — fear for the future and enslavement to work — right to housing and access to real estate — Local organic food — Renewable energy resources — Health system — Discussion about “good” health free education — free transports — free access to culture and free access to information — local social services — existence of grassroots movements — transition town movement — local money for local food — from maintenance to regeneration — four declinations of sustainable development: economical environmental, social, cultural

## GIVEN ANSWERS:

- UAA can represent an answer to emergency in transition contest
- Public administration can play a role in UUA implementation imposing a progressive taxation and managing goods prices according to the way are used (ex: first amount for free, than the more you waste the more you pay). In general public administrator should know if its actions are going through a building of a new system or just maintain the existent. This process is linked to individual changes and cultural changes on lifestyles.
- To reach food sovereignty a territory should know its need for example good, services, relationships
- Blue economy try to maximize outcomes with minimum inputs



## UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

### MESSAGES AND COMMENTS:

Is unconditional autonomy allowed unconditional? How to finance it? Who will work? Where can we find some empirical examples? Is the unconditional autonomy allowance (UAA) for single person? Is the minimum in harmony with the environmental impact? What's the relation among the minimum and a quote to importation? What happen when people finish their own UAA? Is it possible to have a minimum and a maximum income? Is it possible the convivence among frugal life and this systems to life? How can we link degrowth of minimum income? Is blue economy just better than green economy but still link to growth and development? Are all jobs equal? Do they have different value? Which is the relation between UAA and migration? Is it possible to increase our minimum income? Have you more information about job opportunities?

Is this theory (UAA) influenced from ideological thoughts? Where can I find more information about blue economy? How can we say that blue economy is better than green, etc..? Why are we focused on job opportunities? Is it possible looking for social security without job opportunities? Is public administration linked to UAA? Can we organize public and democratic lab? Aren't money just a human invention? What happen if UAA is extra footprint? What happen when local system meets global system? Can we talk about labor rights? How can we solve contractual problems? How can we solve abuse problems?

I just invite people who are thinking or implementing degrowth to keep in touch to interchange experiences of transition [simonamortolini@yahoo.it](mailto:simonamortolini@yahoo.it)