

## Venezia 2012

The International Conference on Degrowth, Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity  
“The great transition. The decrease as a passage of civilizations” – Sep. 19-23, 2012.

### Introduction and declaration

The 3rd International Conference on Degrowth, Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity entitled "The great transition. The degrowth as a passage of civilizations" was held in Venice from 19 to 23 September 2012.

It was the result of a well planned and organized two year work performed by a group of people who acted in an open way, involving more and more people, realities and subjects. We started with 9 initial promoters (Association for Degrowth, City of Venice, IUAV University of Venice, University of Udine, Research & Degrowth, Arci, Kuminda, Spiazzi Verdi, Sesterzo) and then a total of 72 partners (Italian and foreigners, including associations, research institutions, municipalities, movements) and 16 mediapartners were involved. Afterwards, other 22 organizations decided to support the Conference with contributions in cash or in kind. We made the conference act as a stimulus and a launching pad to a high number of parallel events with free admission: the “Farmyard in the lagoon”, meetings, workshops, exhibitions, parties, film shows, performances, concerts, magazine and book presentations, city tours. All these events, organized by various partners, were open not only to Conference members but also to Venetians and their guests.

We tried to build an event consistent with the degrowth ideas and proposals, both in the forms of production and consumption (goods and materials, equipment, food etc ...) and in the forms of financing and spending. The conference was made possible by the support of the municipal administration, different forms of supporter and mainly by the participant registrations.

During the Conference, university and research institute members, independent scholars met activists and people committed to realize projects and to put into practice concrete social, economic and political changes.

Conference participants were about 800. If we add staff members (about 20), speakers (about 80) and volunteers (circa 160), we can state that the conference was attended by about 1000 people. Many more are those who participated in parallel events.

The documents you can find in this website comes from about 60 workshops, and sometimes from plenary conferences and focus groups. Some of the material, particularly from key speakers, has been re-worked and will be published.

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### Programme

#### CONFERENCE

19/9 h 16.00 Teatro Malibran Opening

20/9 h 09.00 IUAV ex-Cotton Mill Santa Marta

#### *Commons*

21/9 h 09.00 IUAV ex-Cotton Mill Santa Marta

## Work

22/9 h 09.00 IUAV ex-Cotton Mill Santa Marta

## Democracy

23/9 h 09.00 TendoneMagazziniLigabueProspects: the idea garden

## PARALLEL EVENTS

14/9>16/9 h 09.00 Piazza Ferretto “AltroFuturo” Degrowth and Sustainable City Fair

15/9>16/9 h 10.00 PalaplipMestre “(Re) building local communities G.A.S. National Conference

16/9 “EcotopiaBiketour”arrival and meeting with the committees for the territory defense

18/9 h 19.00 Cinema Giorgione – Movie “L’economia della felicità”

19/9>23/9 h 09.30 FondamentadelleZattere “AltroFuturo” Degrowth and Sustainable City Fair

19/9 h 19.30 TeatroMalibrán – FondamentadelleZattereParade of Street Artists

19/9 h 20.00 FondamentadelleZattereExchange of seeds, sourdough and live cultures

19/9 h 21.00 S.a.L.E. Doks “The 99% republic” con Ignacio Ramonet

19/9>23/9 FondamentadelleZattereShows, music, dances and games in the field

20/9>22/9 h 14.30 FondamentadelleZattere“The Farmyard in the lagoon: the earth as a source of food and life”

20/9>22/9 h 16.00 Serra deiGiardini “Only children can grow”

20/9>22/9 h 11.30 ScoletadeiCalegheriPresentations of books and magazines

20/9 h 16.30 TeatrodeiFrariFilm review

21/9>22/9 h 16.00 Casa del Cinema Film review

20/9 h 21.00 Basilica deiFrari “Imagination and spirituality” con M. Barros, S. Latouche e A. Zanotelli

21/9 h 21.00 TendoneMagazziniLigabue Meeting of networks and international movements

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