



# Degrowth: A vocabulary for a new era

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When the language in use is inadequate to articulate what begs to be articulated, then it is time for a new vocabulary. A movement of activists and intellectuals, first starting in France and then spreading to the rest of the world has called for the decolonization of public debate from the idiom of economism and the abolishment of economic growth as a social objective. “Degrowth” (“*Décroissance*”) has come to signify the desired direction of societies that will use less natural resources and will organize to live radically differently. “Simplicity”, “conviviality”, “autonomy”, “care”, “the commons” and “*dépense*”, the social and ritual destruction of accumulated surplus, are some of the words that express what a degrowth society might look like.

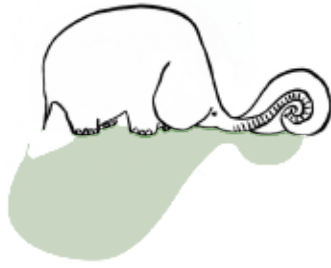
*Degrowth: A vocabulary for a new era* is the first English language book to comprehensively cover the burgeoning literature on degrowth. It presents and explains the different lines of thought, imaginaries, and proposed courses of action that together complete the degrowth puzzle. The book brings together the top scholars writing in the field with young researchers who cultivate the research frontier and activists who practice degrowth on the ground. It will be an indispensable source of information and inspiration for all those who not only believe that another world is possible, but work and struggle to construct it right now.

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### **For more info:**

[www.vocabulary.degrowth.org](http://www.vocabulary.degrowth.org)



“*Degrowth: A vocabulary for a new era* is an excellent introduction to the politics of “degrowth” in its different meanings and dimensions. ‘Degrowth’ for many signifies a variety of initiatives —time banks, local currencies, urban gardens, solidarity economies— proposing an alternative to capitalist accumulation and the reconstruction of our reproduction on more cooperative terms. This is a volume that those committed to building non exploitative relations will need to consult as it offers a map to the world of alternatives to capitalism.”

**Silvia Federici**  
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“The editors invite the reader to make their own voyage through this book. It is sage advice, for readers will wander through a wonderland of radical thoughts, intriguing observations and bold visions for a different kind of world. It's exciting and deeply subversive.”

**Clive Hamilton**  
author of *Growth fetish* and *Earthmasters*

“In times marked by political stupor, it is refreshing to have such a lightfooted guide through a universe of anti-mainstream ideas ranging from conviviality to ubuntu, and from urban gardening to entropy.”

**Marina Fischer-Kowalski**  
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