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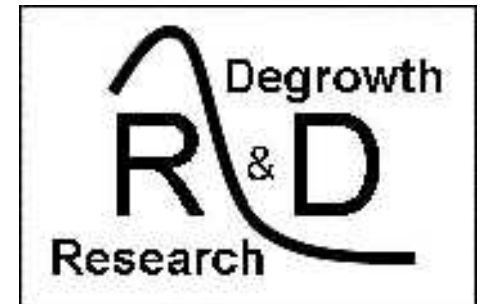
economic de-growth for ecological sustainability
and social equity



“Degrowth” to build convergence for a fair and sustainable world

Francois Schneider

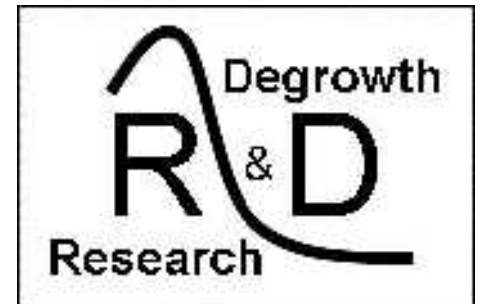
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Degrowth/décroissance

- Diversity of actions
- From dedicated groups to society at large
- Complementary Streams
- Convergence of themes
- International context
- Conferences
- International movement

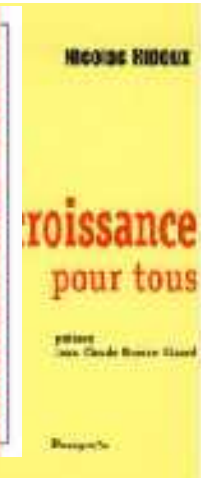
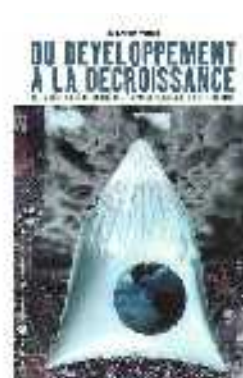
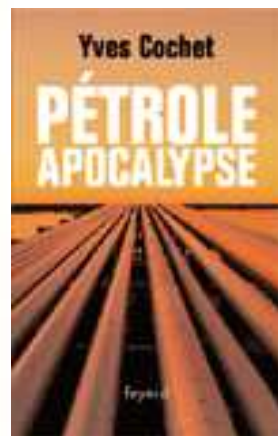
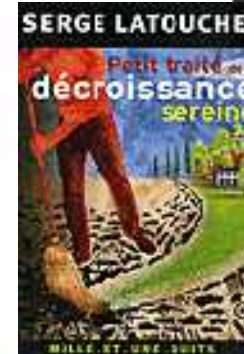
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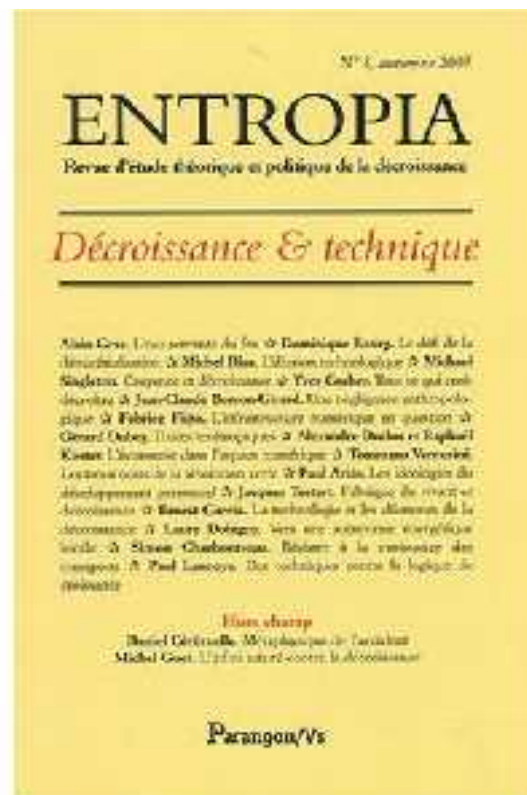


Short History of french Degrowth Movement

- Writings from Georgescu-Roegen, Partant, Ellul, Illich, Latouche...
- Books and press
- Conferences: Unesco 2002, Lyon town-hall 2003, Montbrison 2005, international conference Paris 2008
- Marches
- Debates in civil society and political parties
- Networks

Some french books on Degrowth





CHEVROLET

26 et 27 septembre 2003 - Hôtel de ville de Lyon



L'éléphant de Nicolas Guéhenno-Rogues (1996-1998)



La décroissance soutenue

Bioéconomie, écologie et simplicité volontaire

Avec Jacques Grinevald, Serge Latouche, Pierre Rabhi...

Exemplaire 20 € sur papier libre (hors taxes) - Vente de 10 € F.F.D.S. (hors taxes) - Moyens de Vente - 16, rue de la République - Lyon - 69600 - www.lesmoyensdevente.org

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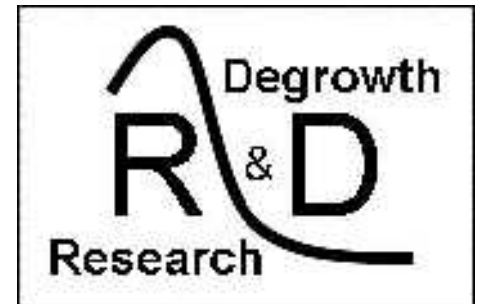


March for Degrowth



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www.apres-developpement.org
www.ladecroissance.net/
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www.decreixement.net/
www.decrecita.it/
transitionculture.org/
www.simpleliving.org/
www.downshiftingweek.com/
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Who supports de-growth?

- Groups, collectives, networks who clearly support de-growth
- Convergence of themes and associations
- Minorities in political parties, political movements and Unions
- General citizens

Groups, collectives, network that support degrowth

- Network of growth objectors for Post-development (ROCADE); *after UNESCO-conference in 2002*
- Network around the Website décroissance.org and the magazine „La décroissance“ (35000 Ex. monthly) and Institute for Economic and Social Studies on Sustainable Degrowth (IEESDS)
- Growth objectors for an anti-liberal alternative , NO to european referendum, soon meeting in Séné, brittanny
- Local groups (in Bourges, Grenoble, Le Mans, Lille, Limoges, Montpellier, Lyon, Nantes, Paris, Poitiers, Rennes, Saint Étienne, Montauban, Toulouse, Vannes and other small cities)
- Network around the website décroissance.info; *Forum and informations with active participation*
- Network of degrowth supporters; *actions and debates in the open spaces*
- Network around the academic journal „entropia“
- „Colibri – Groups“ in support of Pierre Rahbi, „José Bové support groups“, *president elections in 2002 and 2007*
- *Different tentatives of unification in Lyon, St Nolff, Vassivière, Jura*

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Parties, Unions, Political movements

- Party for Degrowth (PPLD), Greens, Trotskyist party LCR, José Bové...
- Minorities in different political parties
- Anti-capitalist collective that supported No at referendum on European constitution
- Minorities in different unions
- ATTAC...

Convergence of themes and associations : less and different

- Agencies promoting renewables, energy saving, Anti-nuclear coalitions
- Associations promoting organic and local agriculture, community supported agriculture
- Cultural associations, alternative schools
- LETS, local markets, consumer associations
- Naturalists & Global ecology
- Vegetarian associations, health cooperatives
- Associations promoting bicycles, public transport, pedestrians, hiking, local tourism
- Preventive and alternative medicine
- Eco-building associations, anti-road or constructions, anti-mining
- Coalitions against incineration, recycling networks
- Non-violence and pacifist networks
- Nanotechnology and technical critics
- Anti-adverts
- Ecovillages networks
- ...

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Different De-growth

« Schools »

1- Degrowth as voluntary simplicity

Henri Thoreau/Mahatma Ghandi...

2- De-growth as important cultural change, away from „economism

Jacques Ellul/Ivan Illich/François Partant/André Gorz...

3- Physical and economic de-growth

Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen

4- Sustainable State

Daly...

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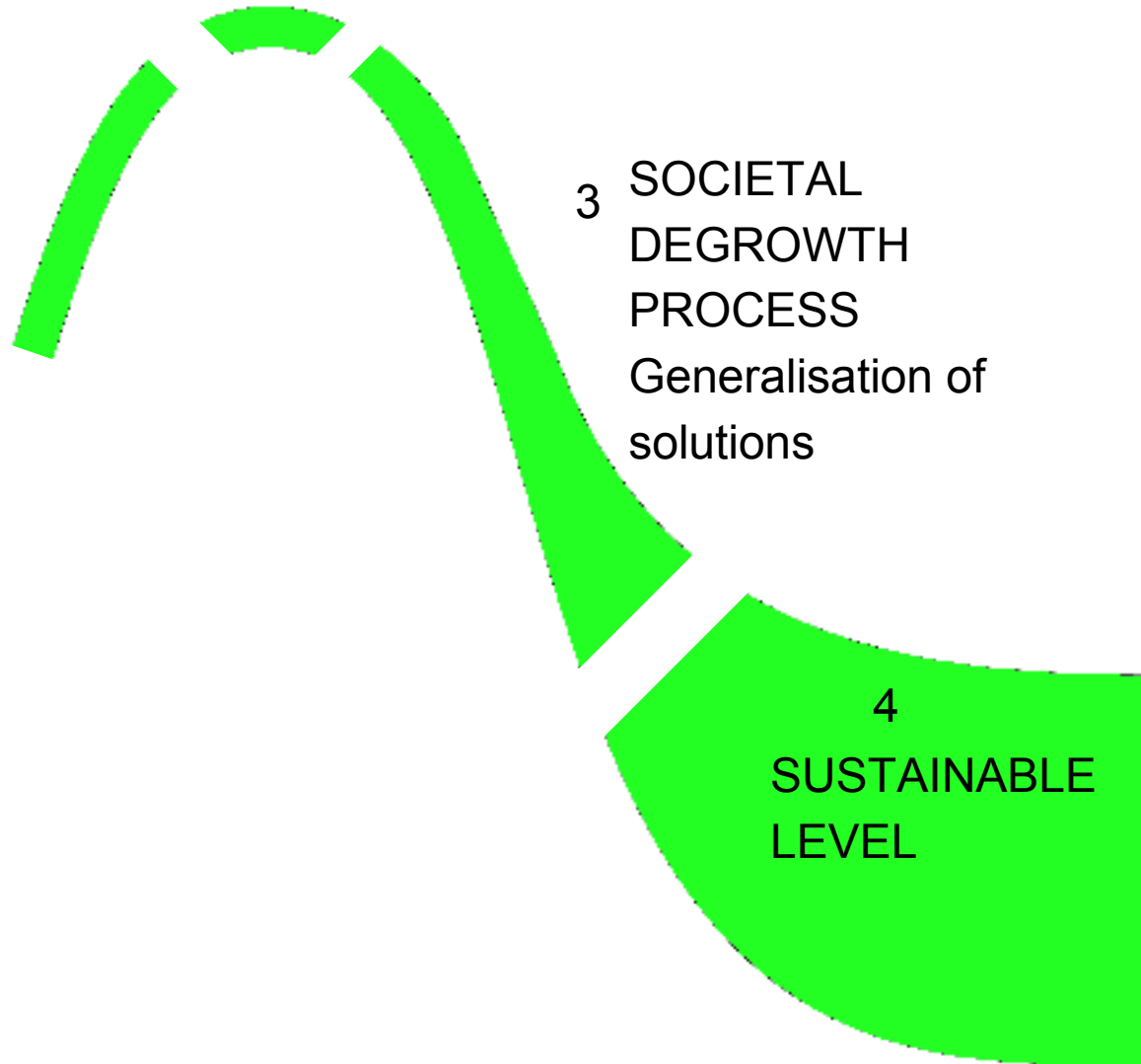


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PARADIGM : value given to qualitative aspects

1
LOWER
GROWTH
Voluntary
simplicity
of a few

3 SOCIETAL
DEGROWTH
PROCESS
Generalisation of
solutions

4
SUSTAINABLE
LEVEL



Complementary in diversity

Diverse Degrowth “Schools” have a fundamental complementary nature

Degrowth brings the minimum for a convergence: a direction

International Movement?

- “Décroissance” in France/Belgium/Switzerland
- “Decrescita” in Italy
- “Decreixement” in Catalonia

- Austria
- Denmark
- UK
- Holland
- Germany
- US
- ...

International conferences

- Club of Rome
- Germany
- Brussels
- Holland
- UK
- US
- France...

Thank you

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