De Gruyter Handbook of Degrowth: Propositions and Prospects

Call for Contributions

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Degrowth is one of the most exciting and contentious frameworks for thinking about and contesting the sanctity of growth as a dominant economic framework. Less a discipline or theoretical framework, degrowth is a set of propositions about the social and ecological dangers of structuring society around ever-increasing material throughputs and GDP growth. It is also a set of propositions about the kinds of post-growth society that must be achieved to build a world of human and non-human flourishing.

This De Gruyter Handbook of Degrowth aims to critically appraise degrowth’s propositions and prospects. It will bring together proponents of degrowth along with those who engage critically with these ideas from a wide variety of disciplines to assess degrowth’s contributions to some of the most pressing issues of our times. In so doing, the handbook will capture and reflect the current state of degrowth scholarship and debates, making it an ideal introduction to degrowth for undergraduates and postgraduates or a point of reference for researchers.

Following Emanuel Wallerstein, the handbook takes an ‘undisciplinary’ approach to degrowth, welcoming contributions from within and outside of the academy. We are especially keen to feature the work of new researchers as well as established scholars in order to capture the critical emerging debates. We invite chapter proposals that further research on degrowth, or provide critical reflections on degrowth. Themes include but are not exclusive to:

- Global South perspectives on degrowth
- Intersections and contradictions between degrowth and Marxism, feminism, race and anti-colonialism
- Social movements and degrowth
- Degrowth, post-growth and eco-modernism
- The application of degrowth in different areas: agriculture, architecture, cities, tourism, development, etc.
- Current/emerging debates pertaining to degrowth
- Degrowth, Green New Deals and Climate Justice

We invite interested participants to submit a chapter title and abstract of around 300 words by the deadline of 15 February 2022. Please send submissions (with subject heading of “[last name] degrowth handbook contribution proposal”) to eastwole@plattsburgh.edu AND k.heron@bbk.ac.uk

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