



## **3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Degrowth for Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity**

**Venice (Italy), 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012**

### ***THE GREAT TRANSITION*** ***Degrowth as a passage of civilization***

#### **GUIDELINES FOR THE CALL FOR PAPERS - WORKSHOPS, FOCUS DISCUSSIONS, POSTERS -**

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: 10 April 2012**  
**Decisions on acceptance of abstracts: 15 May 2012**  
**Deadline for submission of full papers: 31 July 2012**

#### **WORKSHOPS**

Each day there will be several parallel workshops on three main core themes (Commons, Work and Democracy), for which we have opened the call for papers. Papers will be presented (with time for questions) in the morning session, while a moderated debate -more general on the topic and with equal contribution by all participants- will take place in the afternoon session. So morning sessions are like standard parallel sessions in academic conference, while afternoon sessions provide the opportunity for further collective elaboration of concrete proposals and research questions (like the working groups at the Barcelona Conference). Obviously morning and afternoon sessions of a workshop are on the same topic, same participants and will complement each other.

The final list of the 61 workshops open to call for papers is available in the Conference website: [www.venezia.degrowth.org](http://www.venezia.degrowth.org).

- Thursday 20 Sept: 20 workshops on *Commons*
- Friday 21 Sept: 21 workshops on *Work*
- Saturday 22 Sept: 20 workshops on *Democracy*

On this web-site you can also find the description of each workshop.

Participants interested in giving a paper are invited to submit abstracts to [venezia2012@decrecita.it](mailto:venezia2012@decrecita.it), following the instructions you find in the appendix B.

Please indicate clearly the workshop you are interested in (subject of the e-mail and filename: WS\_NUMBER\_SURNAME OF THE PROPONENT; e.g. WS\_43\_SMITH). You may possibly be interested in submitting an abstract not for a specific workshop but for a sub-theme (e.g. LIFE STYLES in COMMONS). Subsequently we will suggest the most appropriate workshop to fit in (if the abstract is accepted). Workshops with less than three accepted papers might be suppressed or merged with others, as new ones might appear depending on the received and accepted abstracts.

The abstract should not exceed 600 words. We welcome contributions from academics, practitioners and activists.

Individuals or organizations who have proposed a workshop are invited (but not obliged) to propose a paper for their own workshop.

The official language of the workshops is English. For each workshop the organisation will provide a facilitator, a tutor and a linguistic mediator (different from the workshop proponents). Only abstracts and papers with an appropriate use of language will be considered.

Materials for each workshop will be available online in advance of the conference, as will all papers.

Structure of the workshops:

- morning session (11.30-13.00): 3 oral presentations (10 minutes each) + debate/discussion/questions
- afternoon session (15.00-16.30): moderated open debate

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The deadline to submit proposals of Workshops is over.

In the Conference website you can find also a List of *Activity Workshops*. These workshops include more practical activities so that paper will not be presented in those.

## **FOCUS DISCUSSIONS**

These discussions will focus on key and challenging degrowth topics (*Sources of Degrowth, Future Scenarios* and *Subjects of change*). They will include a plenary by invited key note speakers and shorter presentation of papers selected through this call.

During the Conference there will be three different focus discussions:

- Thursday 20 Sept (17,00-19,30): *Sources of Degrowth*
- Friday 21 Sept (17,00-19,30): *Future Scenarios*
- Saturday 22 Sept (17,00-19,30): *Subjects of Change*

Besides the key-note speakers invited by the Organising Committee, each focus discussion will have 2/3 oral presentations (10 minutes each) selected through the call for papers.

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## POSTERS

Registered participants have the opportunity to show a poster which refers to one of the main themes of the Conference (*Commons, Work, Democracy*). Also the abstracts which have not been selected for the previous categories (Workshops and Focus Discussions) will be considered for posters. Also the abstracts which have not been selected for the previous categories (Workshops and Focus Discussions) will be considered for posters.

Participants interested in displaying a poster are invited to submit abstracts to [venezia2012@decrecita.it](mailto:venezia2012@decrecita.it) following the instructions you find in the appendix D. Please indicate clearly the focus you are interested in (object of the e-mail and filename: POSTER\_COMMONS or WORK or DEMOCRACY\_SURNAME OF THE PROPONENT; e.g. POSTER\_WORK\_SMITH). The abstract should not exceed 600 words.

Official Poster size: standard A0 (118,90 cm x 84,10 cm) or standard A1 (84,10 cm x 59,40 cm), both vertical and horizontal formats are accepted. Please be informed that fixing material and staff to assist will be available at the conference. Your kind collaboration to hang your poster will be welcomed.

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*Accepted Posters will be displayed in the Conference venue.*

*Posters have to be mounted by the Author on the wall or/and appropriate panels as indicated by the conference staff.*

## OTHER INFORMATION

The conference is organized following the spirit of degrowth, which includes simplicity, conviviality and the refusal to get sponsorship by multinational corporations, banks,... The organizing committee works on a voluntarily base. Therefore, as the conference mostly rely on self-financing, your contribution is fundamental. In any case we have tried our best to keep the fees as low as possible. If you can further contribute in any way (i.e. sponsoring the participation of some participants with few economic opportunities) or help with fund-raising, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Participant registration (at reduced rate): 25 February – 15 April 2012

Participant registration (at full rate): 15 April – 15 July 2012

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## APPENDIX A. LIST OF WORKSHOPS (with Sub-themes)

WORKSHOPS (open to call for papers)	PROPONENT
<b>Theme: COMMONS (20 September)</b>	
<b>Sub-themes:</b>	
<b>COMMON GOODS</b>	
1. <i>Collective domains: another way of owning</i>	Michele Filippini, Italia
2. <i>Latin America as supply of environmental goods in XXI century</i>	Juan Alonso Neira Simijaca, Claudia Isabel Cardenas Florez, Colombia
3. <i>Soil as common good</i>	Laura Fregolent, Stefania Tonin, IUAV, CRCS, Italia
4. <i>The fight against criminal powers for a new way of living and producing</i>	Alessandro Cobianchi, Raffaella Bolini, Michela Faccioli, Arci
<b>FOOD CULTURE AND SOVEREIGNTY</b>	
5. <i>Changing Agriculture: Food Sovereignty of the territories in response to the energy crisis and the new world revolution</i>	AIAB Federale, Italia
6. <i>Gardens, Edible Landscaping and Happiness Education</i>	Valeria Cometti, Francesco Mele, Luca Miserere, Italia
7. <i>Reducing meat consumption, a core degrowth issue</i>	Ariane Debourdeau, Gregoire Wallenborn, Tobias Leenaert, Inge Huybrechts, Belgium
<b>LIFE STYLES</b>	
8. <i>Reuse practices and environmental impact assessment</i>	Mani Tese/Giosuè De Salvo, Italia
9. <i>From theory to practice: how to monitor the change in lifestyle</i>	Silvia Rosi Pozzi, Italy
10. <i>Coordinated Retreat from Civilization</i>	Haimo Schulz-Meinem, Germany
<b>URBANISM AND HOUSING</b>	
11. <i>Degrowth in Big Cities</i>	Jin Xue, Petter Naess, Finn Arler, Denmark, Karl Georg Hoyer, Norway
12. <i>Living close and in solidarity. Community of families, gift economy and relationships rebuilding</i>	Luigi Giario, Bruno Volpi, Roberto Burlando, Dalma Domeneghini
13. <i>Saving by Sharing - the potential for cohousing to contribute to sustainable lifestyles</i>	Dick Urban Vestbro, Sweden
<b>ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>	
14. <i>Approaches to the ecology: which value for natural goods?</i>	Fedra Mincio, Italia
15. <i>Degrowth, landscape and ecological sustainability</i>	Virginio Bettini, Leonardo Filesi, Pippo Gianoni, Leonardo Marotta, Italia
16. <i>Degrowth and/or sustainable human development</i>	Wouter Peeters, Sigrid Sterckx, Belgique
17. <i>Degrowth and Ecocriticism: an Ecological Point of View on Literature and the Arts</i>	Marco De Bernardo, Italia
<b>DEGROWTH: ROOTS AND GRAFTS</b>	
18. <i>The near and far cultural sources of degrowth</i>	Associazione eco-filosofica, Italia
19. <i>The sexual economy of growth: degrowth meets gender difference</i>	Marco Deriu, Ass. per la Decrescita, Ass. Maschile Plurale
20. <i>Good living/buen vivir: towards a democracy of the earth</i>	Giuseppe De Marzo, Lucie Greyl, Italia
<b>Theme: WORK (21 September)</b>	
<b>Sub-themes:</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL CRISIS, DEBT AND ALTERNATIVES</b>	
21. <i>Degrowth, the financial crisis of public economies and local currencies</i>	Maurizio Ruzzene, Italia
22. <i>Degrowth, Debts and Money Creation: the B plan?</i>	Vincent Liegey, France
23. <i>Forms, knowledges and values of the solidarity economics</i>	Coop IRIS Bio, Ferruccio Nilia, Italia
24. <i>Entropy Efficiency Accounting: the imaginary database for well-defined 'Degrowth Policies'</i>	Anthony Friend, Canada
<b>JOB, INCOME AND LEISURE</b>	
25. <i>Unconditional Autonomy Allowance with a fixed maximum income</i>	Vincent Liegey, France
26. <i>Work less, earn less, be richer</i>	Aniello De Padova, Italy
27. <i>Leisure in rich developed countries: part of the problem or part of the solution in achieving a sustainable development?</i>	Carlo Aall, Norway
<b>EQUITY, INCLUSION AND SOCIAL RIGHTS</b>	
28. <i>Green, red, individual or social? Degrowth, the challenge of social justice and trade unions</i>	Andrea Vetter, Matthias Schmelzer, Barbara Muraca, Germany
29. <i>Welfare and degrowth: developing a caring system for the elderly</i>	Paolo.Ermano
30. <i>Health and Degrowth</i>	Jean-Louis Aillon, Andrea Gardini, Italia

31. <i>Degrowth and vulnerable people: socio-political commitment in favour of transition</i>	François Gillet
<b>TERRITORY, POPULATION AND MIGRATIONS</b>	
32. <i>Bioregion: a model for socio-economic and environmental self-sustainability</i>	Lucia Piani, Alberto Rover, Italy
33. <i>Degrowth and Population</i>	Daniela Danna, Ornella Guzzetti, Italia
<b>TECHNIQUE, TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT</b>	
34. <i>Degrowth in Architecture</i>	Associazione eco-filosofica, Italia
35. <i>The role of technology in a degrowth society</i>	Olivier Parodi, Linda Nierling, Germany
36. <i>Slow Management</i>	Roxana Bobulescu, Claudio Vitari, France Marjolijn Bloemmen
37. <i>Zero Waste Design. Design for waste prevention</i>	Laura Badalucco, Medardo Chiapponi
<b>AGRICULTURE, POVERTY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY</b>	
38. <i>Thought of degrowth and agricultural models: what connections are needed for a social and cultural transition?</i>	EQuiStiamo, Rete Cibopertutti, Comitato Italiano Sovranità Alimentare, Terre di mezzo - promotori di Kuminda, Italy
39. <i>The idea of sobriety and economic self-sufficiency from the monastic civilization to new monasteries and eco-villages</i>	Vincenzo Marigliano, Massimo Candela, Rete degli ecovillaggi
<b>ECOLOGICAL MACROECONOMICS AND TRANSITION</b>	
40. <i>Macroeconomics of Sustainability</i>	Emanuele Campiglio, New Economic Foundation (London), Simone D'Alessandro, Univ. di Pisa.
41. <i>Energy Transition and Degrowth Paradigm</i>	Christian Kerschner, François Diaz Maurin, ICTA-UAB / R&D
<b>Theme: DEMOCRACY (22 September)</b>	
<b>Sub-themes:</b>	
<b>POWER AND DEMOCRACY</b>	
42. <i>Degrowth and power</i>	Marco De Bernardo, LAD, CUSA, Italy
43. <i>A place for everything and everything in its place: scales of power and appropriate size of political communities</i>	Anne-Laure Pailloux, France
44. <i>Degrowth and Migrations</i>	Chiara Marchetti, Ass. Decrescita
<b>INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC SPACE AND PARTICIPATION</b>	
45. <i>Hold the Line. The emerging forms of democratic expression</i>	Simone Santilli, Francesca Crudo, Italy
46. <i>Towards a society of the commons: from the democracy of the earth to new institutionalities</i>	Giuseppe De Marzo, Lucie Greyl, Italy
47. <i>Environmental Justice and local communities</i>	Mani Tese/Giosuè De Salvo, Italia
48. <i>Degrowing politics: a new model for government and participation</i>	Marco Boffi, Italia
49. <i>'Real' Democracy? Perspectives and chances for democratic practice in a post-growth/de-growth society</i>	Konrad Ott, Germany Barbara Muraca, Germany
<b>SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND POLITICAL STRATEGIES</b>	
50. <i>Left, Right, Postpolitical? Unmasking Conservative Degrowth Strategy</i>	Andrea Vetter, Matthias Schmelzer, Barbara Muraca, Germany
51. <i>Political strategies: how to make a democratic and peaceful transition to sustainable and desirable societies based on Degrowth</i>	French Degrowth Movement,
52. <i>Designing Real Utopias? Political consumerism and Sustainable Community Movements between dreams and practice</i>	Francesca Forno, Paolo R. Graziano, Italy
53. <i>Wars are fossils. How to prevent them? Can we stop them? Why the "Movement" is silent?</i>	Marinella Correggia
<b>BUEN VIVIR, WELLBEING AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>	
54. <i>Living well together. Democracy and human wellbeing</i>	Abdel Martinez Castro, Ricardo Vázquez Díaz, Cuba . Michela Guerini, Italia
55. <i>Real utopias: from Solidarity Economy to the "buen vivir"</i>	Davide Biolghini, Italia
56. <i>Urban transition- towards sustainable futures of cities</i>	Sarah Meyer KIT, Olivier Parodi, Germany
<b>LAND, FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AND DEMOCRACY</b>	
57. <i>Democratic Processes and Access to Land and Natural Resources</i>	Petra Wächter, Austria
58. <i>How to connect the Degrowth movement and the Food Sovereignty</i>	Mani Tese/Giosuè De Salvo, Italia
59. <i>Constructing sustainable food economies through collective citizens' action for food democracy</i>	Adanella Rossi, Gianluca Brunori, Henk Renting and Markus Schermer, Italy
<b>INFORMATION AND IMAGINARY</b>	
60. <i>Breaking news: the degrowth</i>	Pierluigi Sullo, Anna Pizzo, Marco Palma, Chiara Spadaro, Chiara Sasso
61. <i>School, Ecology and Degrowth</i>	Associazione eco-filosofica, Italia

## APPENDICE B. INSTRUCTIONS: ABSTRACT FORM FOR WORKSHOP

**SURNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ORGANISATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Theme** (Please indicate either; commons, or work or democracy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub-theme** (Please indicate one from the list below): \_\_\_\_\_

<u>COMMONS</u>	<u>WORK</u>	<u>DEMOCRACY</u>
Common goods	Financial crisis, debt and alternatives	Power and democracy
Food culture and sovereignty	Job, income and leisure	Institutions, public space and participation
Life styles	Equity, inclusion and social rights	Social movements and political strategies
Urbanism and housing	Territory, population and migrations	Buen vivir, wellbeing and sustainability
Environment, ecology and sustainability	Technique, technology and management	Land, food sovereignty and democracy
Degrowth: roots and grafts	Agriculture, poverty and self-sufficiency	Information and imaginary
	Ecological macroeconomics and transition	

**WORKSHOP NUMBER:** (You can indicate one workshop, from the list in the appendix A) \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTRACT (max 600 words):** ... ..

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**APPENDIX C. INSTRUCTIONS: ABSTRACT FOR FOCUS DISCUSSIONS**

**SURNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ORGANISATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOCUS DISCUSSION** (Source, or Scenarios, or Subject): \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTRACT (max 600 words):** ... ..

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**APPENDIX D. INSTRUCTIONS: ABSTRACT FOR POSTER**

**SURNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ORGANISATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THEME** (Commons, or Work or Democracy) \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTRACT (max 600 words):** ... ..

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