





### The economic program of de-growth and a possible connection with capability approach

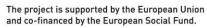
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#### I. Why is it necessary to stop growth?

- Social reasons
  - Inequalities
  - Growth in GDP and life satisfaction?

- Environmental reasons
  - The limits of nature's carrying capacity
  - Global environmental problems

Serge Latouche

- Slogan for a *totally different logic* to shake up everybody from the charm of growth
- Produce less, consume less, work less, have more spare time for valuable activities and social relationships
- "The 8 Rs' angelic circuit" should be followed:
  - Reevaluate

- Re-localize

Re-conceptualize

Reduce

Restructure

Reuse

Redistribute

Recycle

- Reevaluate: highlight and follow the value of
  - Justice
  - Responsibility
  - Solidarity
  - Intellectual life
  - Respect of democracy
- <u>Re-conceptualize:</u> redefine e.g.
  - Poverty and richness
  - Scarcity and abundance
- Restructure:
  - Production and social relationships should follow the changes in values
  - Question: Can it be achieved within the frame of capitalism?

#### Redistribute:

- The access to goods and natural heritage on global, social and intergenerational level also
- Re-localize: "Think globally, act locally!"
  - Local needs from local production
  - Local culture and local politics
- <u>Reduce:</u> production, consumption, risks, working hours, transportation
- Reuse and Recycle:
  - Longer product lives
  - Environmentally friendly technologies

#### Possible results:

- Protection of environment
- Well-being
- Less unemployment, less stress
- More transparent production chains
- Reduction of dependence on multinational companies
- Increasing safety in all sense
- Strengthening participation and democratic attitude
- Opportunities for the Third World

#### III. The capability approach

- Amartya Sen, Martha Nussbaum
- Development defined as broadening those freedoms that people actually enjoy
- The sources of lack of freedom should be terminated
- Different forms of freedom are both means and objectives
- The means can be changed to functionnings (valuable doings and beings) which are the set of capabilities

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### IV. De-growth and capability approach 1. table. Similarities and differences of the de-growth program

 table. Similarities and differences of the de-growth program and the capability approach

	De-growth program	Capability approach
Main focus	Transformative theory, well-being without growth in production and consumption	Redefining well-being
Main problems	Destruction of nature, poverty, injustice	Poverty, health problems, injustice
Responsible for problems	The North	Not specified
Measure of	The criticism of utilitarian measures of welfare	
Means	Restructure the current system and de-growth	Widening capabilities
<b>Equality of</b>	Not specified	Capabilities
Participation in decisions	The importance of local level	
The role of technology	The problem itself / technological regime change is needed	Not specified

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## What can de-growth learn from capability approach?

- More elaborate concepts on
  - Welfare and its measurement

## What can capability approach learn from de-growth?

- Being more sensitive to environmental problems
- Identify more precisely the role of technology
- Identifying stakeholders (who is responsible and who should start to act)

## Thank you for your attention!

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