



York University Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change (EUC) Announces Webinar Series on Degrowth: **Aim high, degrow: dialogues on degrowth**

Commencing November 22, 2023, EUC will present *Aim high, degrow: dialogues on degrowth*, a series of 6 monthly free lunchtime webinars addressing the many sides of degrowth - introducing key degrowth concepts and some of the major issues, debates and possibilities emerging from the field. The Seminar Series will be held virtually, so participants can tune in from anywhere.

Degrowth argues we cannot maintain infinite economic growth on a finite planet. It is a growing global movement of activists and researchers that prioritizes social and ecological well-being ahead of corporate profits, over-production and excess consumption. This requires radical redistribution, reduction in the material size of the global economy and a shift in common values towards care, solidarity and autonomy for people and their communities.

The idea of degrowth is gaining recognition. The [New York Times](#) referred to the Pope as a “degrowther” after the recent release of his encyclical, *Laudata Si*. In May of 2023, thousands from around the world attended online and in person the European Parliament’s conference entitled, [Beyond Growth](#), and each year there are conferences and [groups on degrowth](#) cropping up around the world.

The seminar series aims to provide a space for deeper dialogues on degrowth, involving scholars and audiences from within and outside the degrowth world to explore key debates and how they connect to other issues like urbanization, decolonization, technology and the role of the state. Each discussion will run for an hour and is programmed around lunch hours. Guest panelists come from around the world and the moderators will be drawn from the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change at York University.

For further information and for registration, see the [EUC Seminar Series website](https://euc.yorku.ca/euc-seminar-series-2023/) (<https://euc.yorku.ca/euc-seminar-series-2023/>).

The first session, entitled *Degrowth: a slogan, a movement, or a concept?* takes place **Wednesday November 22 at 1 p.m.** EST and will provide an overview of the economic and ecological premises of degrowth and its main arguments. The speakers are Peter Victor (Professor Emeritus, York University) and Elena Hofferberth (Researcher, University of Lausanne).

The following webinars are:

December 14, Thursday, 11:30 am EST, *Decolonization and feminism: does degrowth cut it?*

January 31, Wednesday, 11 am EST, *Degrowth and the city: urbanization and planning for degrowth.*

February 12, Monday, 11:30 am EST, *Degrowth and systems: back to the caves or back to the future?*

March 22, Friday, 12:30 pm EST - *Degrowth and the State.*

April 18, Thursday, 12:30 pm EST - *Transitioning to a degrowth future: naïve or revolutionary?*

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