



# Call for Courses

*Degrowth in action: Climate justice - Summer School 2015  
9th - 14th of August in the Rhineland Coalfield, Germany*

## There's no climate justice without degrowth!

The summer school "Degrowth in action: Climate Justice" (August 9 - 14, 2015) is a follow-up project of the 4th International Degrowth Conference last autumn, where around 3000 people came together to discuss alternatives for an ecological and equitable society. The summer school picks up the momentum of this conference and takes it to the heart of a political conflict: the Climate Action Camp, situated on the brink of the Rhineland Coalfield, the biggest source of CO<sub>2</sub> in Europe.

### We are looking for people who can prepare a course for the summer school!

The core of the summer school programme is made up of courses that take place continuously over 4 days. In addition, there is the possibility to offer two day long courses. Each day for 2,5 hours, the same group of people (about 20 - 30 people) focuses on specific topics in the field of alternative economic models or climate justice, or works on tangible approaches for putting degrowth into political practice.

Below you'll find more information on how to organize a course as well as a list of possible topics. Contributions are possible from April 1 onwards via <http://>

[programme2015.degrowth.de/](http://programme2015.degrowth.de/) - where you can also find the requirements for submitting your proposal. The closing date is April 30, 2015. If you have more questions, don't hesitate to get in touch:

[courses2015@degrowth.de](mailto:courses2015@degrowth.de)

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• We consider summer school and climate  
• camp (August 7 - 17, 2015) to be a joined  
• place of mutual learning; so we encourage  
• all interested organizations, initiatives  
• and individuals to make contributions  
• related to climate justice: ranging from  
• workshops and world cafés to practical  
• projects and fun stuff for kids. If you  
• want to offer an event, please write to:  
• [klimacamp-programm@riseup.net](mailto:klimacamp-programm@riseup.net)  
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In the context of summer school and camp there will also be a variety of cultural events: films, concerts, readings, art exhibitions and space for many more creative activities such as jam sessions, improv theatre or creative writing courses. If you have ideas for the culture programme, please send them to:

[arts2015@degrowth.de](mailto:arts2015@degrowth.de)

See you in the Rhineland!

Warm regards,  
the summer school team

## Degrowth in action: Climate Justice – Summer School 2015 (August 9 – 14, 2015)

- is a follow-up project of the 4th International Degrowth-Conference,
- picks up the momentum of the Degrowth Conference and takes it to the heart of a political conflict: the Rhineland Coalfield,
- connects the debates around climate justice and degrowth,
- is organized in cooperation with the climate camp in the Rhineland,
- includes - apart from continuous courses - a variety of workshops, lectures, panel discussions, practical projects, films, an open space as well as time to organize and shape community life at the summer school and the camp,
- is also our response to the 21st Conference of Parties of the UN Climate Negotiations that will take place in Paris at the end of this year. No matter whether this summit will offer results or not, we will show that we cannot achieve climate justice without degrowth; and develop concepts for shaping society and economy beyond the paradigm of growth.

**We welcome academics as well as activists, artists as well as practitioners to join us, and of course all interested individuals! The registration for participants of the summer school will open at the beginning of May.**

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### Summer of Degrowth

The summer school is part of the “Summer of Degrowth“. There is also a summer school on “Degrowth and Environmental Justice“ in Barcelona (July 6 – 15; <http://summerschool.de-growth.net>). In Italy there will be two summer schools: in Trieste (June 16 – 18), focusing on degrowth and Economy of Solidarity; in Torino (first week of September) on urban metabolism and labour. Contact: [mauro.bonaiuti@unito.it](mailto:mauro.bonaiuti@unito.it)

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### Information on organizing a course

The courses are the core of the summer school programme. They focus on specific topics in the area of alternative economic models and climate justice, or work on tangible approaches for putting degrowth into political practice.

#### The courses

- take place continuously over 4 or 2 days, with sessions of 2,5 hours per day,
- work with a group of 20-30 people who take part in the sessions every day and who register for this course in advance,
- offer space for intensive exchange on selected topics and for developing practical alternatives beyond the paradigm of growth,
- can be, ideally, the beginning of long-term campaigns and actions aiming at a social transformation,
- can be held in German and English,
- can be recompensed, if necessary, with up to 450 €.

## The format of the course

- is up to your creativity,
- can include inputs, discussions, working groups etc. - or a mixture of it all,
- allows you to invite speakers for certain contributions,
- must be possible on an open field or in a tent, at the climate camp. You should bear in mind that there might be logistical problems, such as electricity shortages.

## Your course proposal

- includes a summary (max 750 characters), a detailed description of the course content (max 4000 characters) and a rough time line including methods (max 1500 characters). Moreover we would like to know why the summer school is the right place for this course (max 400 characters),
- should be sent in between April 1 and April 30 via <http://programme2015.degrowth.de/>,
- will be reviewed by us with consideration. At the beginning of June we will get back to you.

## Possible topics for courses

- > Traffic and mobility/building and architecture/agriculture/work/production/global trade in a degrowth-society
- > Degrowth and gender
- > Climate Change, war and migration
- > Social security systems
- > Pathways to a „Just Transition“
- > Energy poverty vs. energy democracy
- > Planned obsolescence and alternatives
- > Resource issues: Recycling vs (?) “leave it in the soil“
- > Resistance against unnecessary infrastructure projects
- > Free trade vs. the climate: What does TTIP mean for our possibilities to realize degrowth and climate justice?
- > Degrowth as a postcolonial concept?
- > Multi-perspective economic education
- > Degrowth and art/symbols for the climate justice movement
- > The role of the global financial system for climate justice and degrowth
- > The myth of „Green Growth“
- > Academic and practical approaches to climate justice
- > Democracy and redistribution
- > (De)commodification and (de)monetization of nature
- > The role of social movements for climate justice and degrowth
- > etc.

We are looking forward to your proposals!  
Your summer school team