

BOOK PROPOSAL – SEEKING CONTRIBUTIONS

Housing for Degrowth:

Principles, Models, Challenges and Opportunities

Considering all the empty, secondary and barely used houses, we do not need more urbanisation in the West! So, what kind of housing is relevant for degrowth?

We are proposing a scholarly-activist book on housing for degrowth exploring many of the environmental, social, political and economic issues posed.

Would you like to contribute a chapter? This is an initial call for potential contributions from which we will select proposals based on the relevance, strength and depth of the topic or theme and overall fit to the book project more generally. Drafts will be developed through a peer-review process during 2017.

We are looking for contributions from researchers with experience in:

- planning and policy making to encourage and support housing for degrowth
- collective governance and domestic household practices for degrowth
- designing, building, developing, collaborating on and evaluating such housing
- allied water, energy and materials technologies and techniques for servicing and enhancing such housing (e.g. collective energy generation and use).

If you are interested or have questions, contact Anitra Nelson and/or François Schneider and/or come to our Housing for Degrowth session at the 5th International Degrowth Conference in Budapest at Corvinus University, Rm 322, 2.30-4.00 pm on 1 September 2016 to participate in discussion informed by four presentations:

'A degrowth pathway focusing on housing'

François Schneider (ICTA, University Autonomous Barcelona)

'Squats, squatters, oikonomy and degrowth'

Claudio Cattaneo (ICTA, University Autonomous Barcelona)

'A discussion of communal and sustainable housing in Christiania (Freetown)'

Elisabeth S. Olsen (University of the Faroe Islands) and **Natasha Verco**

'Identifying communal and ecological practices to achieve degrowth housing'

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Since 2001, **François Schneider** has been active developing the degrowth concept, movement and debate in France and Europe, and recently in work for ICTA (UAB, Barcelona). After founding Research and Degrowth (2006), he organised the first two degrowth conferences – in Paris, 2008 and Barcelona, 2010. Email:

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Anitra Nelson has co-edited several books, including *Life Without Money: Building Fair and Sustainable Economies* (2011, Pluto Press), *Sustainability Citizenship in Cities: Theory and Practice* (2016, Routledge) and *Planning After Petroleum: Building Cities for the Age After Oil* (2016, Routledge). Email:

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