

DEGROWTH!

Political School

PROGRAM

The Limits to Growth

9-11 September 2022

Lokve, Trnovo Forest Plateau

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CONCEPT

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of *The Limits to Growth* report that has challenged the possibility of an endless economic growth on a planet with limited resources. If the report's warnings against a collapse of global ecosystems and the demise of conditions for a prosperous human development were considered controversial at the time, the emerging challenges require us to urgently reconsider their hypothesis.

The book contains a message of hope, as well: "Man can create a society in which he can live indefinitely on Earth if he imposes limits on himself and his production of material goods to achieve a state of global equilibrium with population and production in carefully selected balance".

The Degrowth! Political School 2022 by Policy Lab invites you to Slovenia on the Trnovo forest plateau to Lokve village to inaugurate a new cycle of critical political thought. The Political School aims to rethink the key challenges of sustainability and social justice outside the comfort zones of mainstream narratives - development based on economic growth. It is about creating a space for building a degrowth knowledge platform to promote exchange, for exploring possibilities of co-creating and building stronger connections. A springboard for thinking about possibilities.

Degrowth offers a critique of the ideology of economic growth. On the other hand, it offers a hypothesis that transformative downscaling of the high-income economies towards zero-carbon societies is possible.

Society and politics lack the imaginative capacity to conceive an equitable future within the planetary boundaries. This is what the Policy Lab wants to change.

We welcome you to a place of connection to offer more opportunities for building stronger alliances amongst diverse actors, and to plant seeds for emergence of critical narratives that would contribute to alternative pathways of social and economic development in practice. Bringing into effect new alliances that are fundamental to weave alternatives and foster change.



FRIDAY 9

3.30 PM **MEETING POINT**
TIVOLI PARK – BUS PARKING NEXT TO MINI GOLF
Location: Ljubljana

3:45 PM **BUS DEPARTS FROM LJUBLJANA TO LOKVE**

6:00 PM **CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION**
Location: Winkler Guesthouse & Gostilna Lokve

7:00 PM **DINNER**
Location: Winkler Guesthouse

8:00 PM **WELCOME & INTRO**
Location: Old School in Lokve

8:30 PM **OPENING PANEL**

***BUILDING A POPULAR IMAGINARY OF
DEGROWTH POLITICAL SCHOOL***

Christina Plank (University of Natural Resources and
Life Sciences, Vienna)
Vedran Horvat (Institute for Political Ecology Zagreb)
Aleksandar Matković (EKO Društvena akcija, Novi Sad)
Chair: Ajda Pistotnik (Policy Lab, Ljubljana)
Location: Old School in Lokve

SATURDAY 10

8:00 AM **BREAKFAST**

9:00 AM **MORNING LECTURE**

***HOW TO WIN A DEGROWTH DEBATE DURING FAMILY DINNER
WITHOUT SPOILING THE DESSERT***

Aljoša Slameršak (Policy Lab, Research & Degrowth
Barcelona)
Location: Old School in Lokve

10:15 AM **MORNING LECTURE**

DEGROWTH – A SOBER VISION OF LIMITING WARMING TO 1.5°C
Mladen Domazet (Institute for Political Ecology, Zagreb)
Location: Old School in Lokve

11:30 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

12:00 AM **PANEL SESSION**

DEGROWTH BALKANS: LET'S GET SERIOUS vs. WHY NOT

Simona Getova (Research&Degrowth, Universitat Pompeu
Fabra, Barcelona)
Predrag Momčilović (Zajedničko, Belgrade)
Marija Brajdić Vuković (Institute for Social Research,
Zagreb)
Peter Purg (University of Nova Gorica)
Chair: Ana Svetel (University of Ljubljana)
Location: Public Parliaments

1:30 PM **LUNCH**
Location: Gostilna Lokve

3:00 PM PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

- **HERBAL GARDENING** (by Winkler Ecological Farm, Lokve)
- **RIDING E-BIKE ON TRNOVO PLATEAU**
- **CULTURAL WALKING TOUR** (by Petra Kolenc: ZRC SAZU – Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Nova Gorica & Lokve)
- **GAME-CHANGERS: BOARD GAMES** (by Rok Kranjc: Institute for Ecology Ljubljana, Futurescraft)

4:30 PM PUBLIC PARLIAMENT WORKING GROUPS – PART ONE

A – DEGROWTH STRATEGIES

Iva Marković (Polekol/Pravo na vodu, Belgrade)
Borja Nogue (Research&Degrowth International)
Martin Pogačar (ZRC SAZU – Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana)
Nika Tavčar (Umanotera, Ljubljana)
Žiga Divjak (Dokurama, Ljubljana)
Matjaž Ličer (Researcher, Ljubljana)
Facilitator: Eva Matjaž (Poligon Creative Centre, Ljubljana)

B – THE STATE OF CONTROL

Alma Midžić (Independent Researcher, Sarajevo)
Kenneth Haart (Corporate European Observatory, Copenhagen)
Danilo Čurčić (A 11-Initiative for Economic and Social Rights, Belgrade)
Blaž Kosovel (Razpotja/Crossroads magazine, Ljubljana & Nova Gorica)
Sara Pistotnik (University of Ljubljana)
Lea Kuhar (Humboldt, Residency Programme, Berlin & Ljubljana)
Facilitator: Arne Zupančič (Journal for the Critique of Science, Imagination, and New Anthropology, Ljubljana)

C – THE CITY RISES

Nikola Zdunić (Možemo!/ Zagreb je NAŠ, Zagreb)
Bara Kolenc (University of Ljubljana)
Gaja Mežnarić Osole (Trajna, Krater, Ljubljana)
Taj Zavodnik (Focus, CEDRA, Youth for Climate Justice, Rdeča pesa/Beetroot, Ljubljana)
Jure Vetršek (Eko krog, Zagorje ob Savi)
Facilitator: Jasminka Dedić (Vesna – Green Party, Ljubljana)

6:30 PM DINNER

Location: Gostilna Lokve

8:00 PM EVENING DEBATE

Brototi Roy (ICTA-UAB, CEU, Research&Degrowth, Vienna)
Edouard Gaudot (Green European Journal, Brussels)
Chair: Maja Žiberna (RTV Slovenija, Ljubljana)
Location: Gostilna Lokve

9:30 PM PARTY

Location: Gostilna Lokve



SUNDAY 11

8:00 AM BREAKFAST

9:00 AM PUBLIC PARLIAMENT WORKING GROUPS - PART TWO

A - DEGROWTH STRATEGIES

B - THE STATE OF CONTROL

C - THE CITY RISES

10:30 AM PUBLIC PARLIAMENT PLENARY
REPORTING INSIGHTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS
Location: Public Parliaments

11:00 AM COFFEE BREAK

11:30 AM CLOSING SESSION

POLICY OF DEGROWTH:

LIMITS FOR WHOM & WHEN IF NOT NOW?

Marjana Dermelj (Ljubljana)

Luka Omladič (Institute for Applied Ethics, Ljubljana)

Željko Milovanović (List of cyclists and pedestrians,
Maribor)

Chair: Aljoša Slameršak (Policy Lab, Research&Degrowth
Barcelona)

Location: Public Parliaments

1:00 PM LOCAL PRODUCTS MARKET

1:30 PM LUNCH

Location: Winkler Guesthouse

3:00 PM DEPARTURES TO LJUBLJANA & VENICE



See you soon!

In case of rain, all the events on public parliaments
will take place in the old school.

