

In defense of degrowth

Opinions and minifestos

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The idea of degrowth is contentious, often misunderstood, and (perhaps paradoxically) growing in popularity. In this book, Giorgos Kallis, one of the movement's leading thinkers, presents an accessible, inspiring, and enjoyable defense. The book's chapters—a compilation of his opinion essays, newspaper articles, blog posts, and 'minifestos'—range from topics such as eco-modernism, the history of economics, science fiction, the Greek crisis, and Hollywood films. The book also features debates and exchanges between Kallis and degrowth detractors. *In defense of degrowth* is intended as an introduction for the curious, a defense against the skeptics, and an intellectually stimulating conversation for those already convinced but willing to learn more.

Kallis is a citizen of Greece, professor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, publisher of over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles, and an active member of the group Research & Degrowth. In 2015 he co-edited *Degrowth: A vocabulary for a new era*, the first English language book to comprehensively cover the burgeoning literature on degrowth.

Praise for *In defense of degrowth*

"I'm thrilled that Giorgos Kallis, one of the world's foremost thinkers on degrowth, is making this essay collection available for free. Whatever your level of familiarity with the subject, the book's mix of engaging commentary, bold analysis, and creative policy tools is certain to deepen your thinking."

—Naomi Klein, author of *This changes everything* and *The shock doctrine*

"In defense of degrowth ... shows why its author, and the Barcelona group to which he belongs, have become the indisputable world leaders in the vital project of crafting novel economic imaginaries and feasible frameworks for an age where, literally, everything has to change."

—Arturo Escobar, author of *Encountering development: The making and unmaking of the Third World* and *Feel-thinking with the Earth*.



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