

## **6th International Conference on Degrowth for ecological sustainability and social equity**

### **Call for academic submissions**

Degrowth. Décroissance. Decrecimiento. Decrescita. Postwachstum. Nemnövekedés. Nerväxt. These words represent the ambition for a social and ecological transformation of societies beyond the unsustainable and unjust growth paradigm. **21-25 August 2018**, the 6th International Conference on Degrowth will take place in **Malmö, Sweden**. This will be a space to advance debates on degrowth among diverse social groups via interconnected and mutually enriching academic, artistic and activist programmes.

*Dialogues in turbulent times* is the overarching theme of the conference. It is driven by the aim to stimulate dialogues between and within different geographical regions and worldviews, as well as with critical social theories, natural sciences and social movements. Therefore, in this call for academic submissions, we list some of the topics that we would like to be discussed at the conference, inspired by the conference's aims and the main theme. We also look forward to ideas beyond these, which would expand the geographical and thematic scope of degrowth, as well as advance and further substantiate current degrowth debates.

- States
- Critical social theories (e.g. anarchism, feminism, Marxism, postcolonial theory)
- Care, gender and feminisms
- The pluriverse: Articulating alternatives to development
- Politics of degrowth
- Natural sciences
- Climate change, climate and environmental justice
- Indigenous movements
- Technology in a degrowth society
- Money and finance in a degrowth society
- Subjectivities, values, ideals and satisfactions
- Public sector (e.g. transport, healthcare, education)
- Material production (e.g. food, plastics, steel, paper)
- Degrowth in the age of migrations
- Organisational and organising practices
- Art for degrowth
- Expanding geographies of degrowth (especially Nordic countries and the Middle East)
- The future of the European Union

- Ageing
- Spirituality/religion
- War and peace
- Degrowth: culture, power and change

### **Formats of academic submissions**

- **Special sessions** involve a traditional format of paper presentations with a specific thematic focus sessions with 3-4 presentations and time for discussion.
- **Individual papers** that are grouped into sessions by the conference organisers
- **Participatory sessions** encourage reflection on a particular topic using an open format (e.g. discussion workshops, dialogical/reading/planning sessions, walks etc)
- **Posters** to be displayed in the conference venue during the conference

### **Submission procedure**

**Special sessions** with paper presentations require an abstract describing the overall session topic and how it speaks to the conference, as well as paper titles and abstracts (max. 1500 words). Deadline: 31 December 2017.

**Individual papers** and **poster presentations** require the submission of a paper or poster title and an abstract (250-350 words). Deadline: 28 February 2018.

**Participatory sessions** comprising other formats require an abstract with information on the topic of the session, how it speaks to the conference and how it will be conducted (max. 1500 words). Deadline: 31 December 2017.

All submissions are to be sent via our online submission system (opens 1 December 2017).

The main language of the conference is English, but we will review submissions in other languages also.

For any questions, please contact us at: [academic@malmo.degrowth.org](mailto:academic@malmo.degrowth.org)