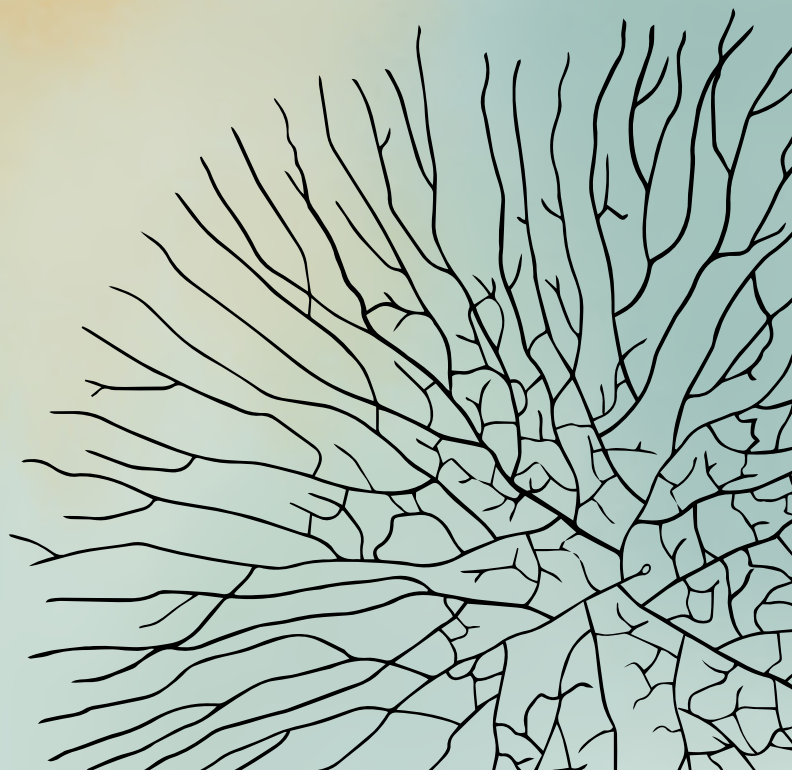


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Important Dates:

January 12th: Call for participation opens

March 15th: Call for participation closes

May 1st: Decisions are sent

May: Registration

CARE – THROUGH SOLIDARITY AND JUSTICE – IS CENTRAL TO DE-GROWTH AS A COLLECTIVE PROJECT PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE, DECOLONIAL, FEMINIST AND POST-CAPITALIST MODES OF FLOURISHING.

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The restless expansion of our economies is causing unprecedented crises and threatening our very existence. How do we confront the contradictions between endless economic growth and the ecological boundaries of our planet? What kind of society would ensure a good life for all, without wealth and power being hoarded by the few? How can we enable a just transition that halts over-extraction, over-production and over-consumption?

Degrowth is a movement and a research field that explores these fundamental questions and proposes solutions confronting the roots of today's crises. With our overall theme, Caring Communities for Radical Change, we highlight that care – through solidarity and justice – is central to degrowth as a collective project promoting sustainable, decolonial, feminist and post-capitalist modes of flourishing.

This call is an invitation to build bridges between social movements, art, research and other practices, bringing together a range of different perspectives and actors. Together, we can create system change!

Are you interested in participating?

If you are interested in participating in any aspect of this project – be it from an activist, artistic, academic, practitioner or another perspective – we warmly invite you to submit your proposal(s)!

The event will cover a range of topics, but you are very welcome to engage with one (or more) of our eight thematic streams.

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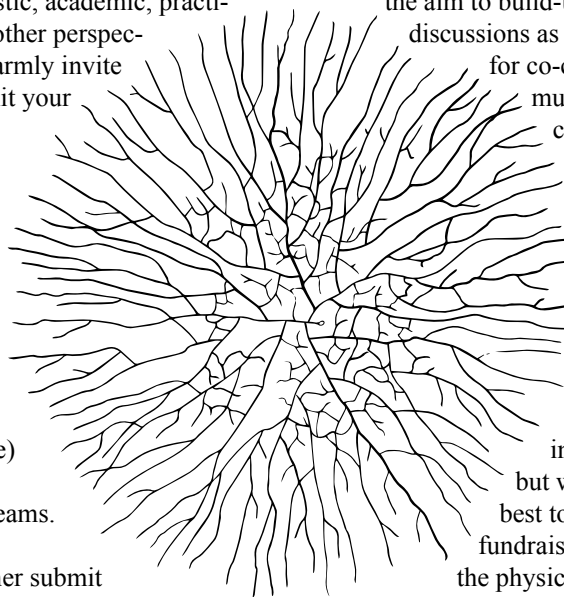
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sessions: roundtables; debates; degrowth-related cinema or storytelling; reading sessions; outdoor sessions or walks; sharing of experiences from previous political campaigns or struggles; poetry slams; practical workshops where knowing and doing merge; activities for children and young adults; theatre performances; topical panels where participants share their research followed by a discussion; and solution-centred sessions where participants seek help from others on a specific problem, etc.

How do you submit your proposal?

You can [submit your proposal online here](#), in Dutch, English, or French. The organising committee (consisting of 50+ people) will collectively review and select the submissions. Wherever relevant, we will then invite session participants to contact each other with the aim to build-up to the conference discussions as part of the process for co-creating caring communities for radical change!

The pandemic situation permitting, the event will be in-person as well as online. As we work with limited means, we cannot guarantee individual artist fees, but we will do our very best to assist your own fundraising and to provide the physical support needed for your work. However, what we lack in monetary means we make up for in enthusiasm and engagement from many dedicated organizers who are volunteering an incredible amount of their time to make this a truly unique event.



THEMATIC STREAMS

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DUTCH SOCIAL MOVEMENTS & DEGROWTH

What are the initiatives that are aligned with degrowth principles (e.g. on food, housing, energy, mobility, money)? How can they generate momentum for degrowth thinking, practice and mobilisation in The Netherlands?

FEMINIST POLITICAL ECOLOGY & DEGROWTH

How can feminisms, relations of care and well-being contribute to the degrowth vision? How can we account for and ensure the care and well-being of all beings in our degrowth practices?

DECOLONIALITY & DEGROWTH

Can degrowth move beyond its Eurocentric impulses and gestures? Is an encounter with life-nurturing decolonial pluralities possible?

ANARCHISM & DEGROWTH

What is the role of autonomous political organization outside of the state in a degrowth transformation? How does the anarchist tradition of prefigurative direct action enable degrowth imaginaries to become realities?

GREEN NEW DEALS & DEGROWTH

What convergences and tensions exist between GNDs and degrowth? What are the spaces for mutual learning and alliances?

EMBODYING DEGROWTH FOR A HEALING TRANSFORMATION

How does the ideology of endless growth impact our mental health and how do we unconsciously buy into it? What do we need to heal ourselves, our communities and the planet?

CULTURAL POLITICS OF DEGROWTH

How can art and narrative act as tactics for degrowth activism? How to mobilize diverse values and identities for degrowth?

URBAN & AGRARIAN DIALOGUES ON DEGROWTH

Degrowth demands a regenerative relation between urban and rural areas: how can urban and agrarian spaces be mutually sustaining in a just degrowth society?



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The conference is organised by a group of individuals working together using principles of direct democracy. Official organizers are Ontgroeï (the Dutch Degrowth Platform) and the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), with the collaboration of ASEED, Casco Art Institute, CodeROOD, Commons Network, Community Economies Research Network NL, Fossiehvrij NL, SOMO, TNI, XR-NL, WEGO-ITN (EU-H2020-MSCA764908), University of Amsterdam (UvA). For more information visit degrowth.nl