

DAY 1 • THURSDAY 8/9

12:00	Start of the conference registration	> BRNO MARKET HALL, 3 RD FLOOR
14:00–15:00	Opening of the conference	> BRNO MARKET HALL CZ/ENG

INTRODUCTION TO DEGROWTH

15:00–16:00	Introduction to the degrowth idea Eva Fraňková, Tadeáš Žďárský	> BRNO MARKET HALL KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG
16:00–16:30	coffee break	
16:30–18:30	Socio-ecological transformation in Central and Eastern Europe: How not to grow on the semiperiphery? Ondřej Slačálek, Naďa Johanisová, Jan J. Zygmuntowski, Géza Csorba, moderated by Josef Patočka	> BRNO MARKET HALL PANEL DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG
18:30–20:00	joint dinner at the Market hall	

EVENING

od 20:00	Theatre programme – Kohlhaas Husa na provázku theater	> HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATRE CZ
20:00–24:00	Brno Market – Convivial evening	> BRNO MARKET ALL LANGUAGES

DAY 2 • FRIDAY 9/9

8:30–8:45	Degrowth awakening: dreaming of the body Martin Nawrath	> MARKET HALL, 4 TH FLOOR, TERRACE CZ
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THE VISION OF DEGROWTH

9:00–10:30	Ecological crisis and the social question: How to meet the basic needs of all within ecological limits? Nina Treu, Lucie Trlifajová, Yuliya Moskvina, Ondřej Kolínský, Moderated by Josef Patočka	> BRNO MARKET HALL PANEL DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG
10:30–11:00	coffee break	
11:00–12:30	A not-for-profit market economy for a post-growth world Jennifer Hinton (online)	> BRNO MARKET HALL KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG

11:00–12:30	Ulrich Brand: How capitalism affirms its hegemony. The imperial mode of living and possible alternatives Ulrich Brand (online)	› TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, ENG
11:00–12:30	Vojtěch Pelikán, Josef Zvoníček, Tomáš Blaha: The church and the new economics? Vojtěch Pelikán, Josef Zvoníček, Tomáš Blaha	› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 1 KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ
11:00–12:30	Gernern & Hansen: Let's map ecofeminism: (un)learning, weaving, building alliances Nadine Gerner, Lina Hansen	› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 2 WORKSHOP, ENG
11:00–12:30	Eva Malířová: Internal transformation for external change Eva Malířová	› CAFÉ TROJKA WORKSHOP, CZ
11:00–12:30	Kárníková & Čajka: Radical Imagination Anna Kárníková, Adam Čajka	› HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATER WORKSHOP, CZ
12:30–14:30	joint lunch at the Market hall	

DEGROWTH POLITICS

14:30–16:00	Treu & Guenot: Degrowth as part of social-ecological transformations Nina Treu, Nicholas Guenot	› BRNO MARKET HALL WORKSHOP, CZ/ENG
14:30–16:00	Maltzahn: Degrowth and the city - Vienna experience Lisette von Maltzahn	› TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, ENG
14:30–16:00	Nakládal: Crises of housing affordability Jakub Nakládal	› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 1 KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ
14:30–16:00	Čech & Kolinský: Selected public policies: are we gonna work a lot? Martin Čech, Ondřej Kolinský	› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 2 KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ
14:30–16:00	Bromová: Design for just transformation and beyond Anna Bromová	› CAFÉ TROJKA WORKSHOP, CZ
14:30–16:00	Kárníková & Čajka: Social presencing theater Anna Kárníková, Adam Čajka	› HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATER WORKSHOP, CZ
16:00–16:30	coffee break	

16:30–18:30	Care Economy Nadine Gerner, Petra Ezzeddine, Maja Vusilović Moderated by Tadeáš Žďárský	› BRNO MARKET HALL PANEL DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG
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EVENING

19:30–20:50	Theatre programme – Perception Tickets & info: www.hadivadlo.cz	› HADIVADLO THEATER CZ/ENG
from 19:30	Degrowth walk through Brno	› IN FRONT OF BRNO MARKET HALL CZ
20:00–24:00	Brno Market – A convivial evening	› BRNO MARKET ALL LANGUAGES

DAY 3 • SATURDAY 10/9

8:30–8:45	Degrowth awakening: dreaming of the body Martin Nawrath	› MARKET HALL, 4 TH FLOOR CZ
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DEGROWTH IN PRACTICE

9:00–10:30	Solidarity economies in practice: where to get inspiration and how to foster cooperation Marie Křiváková, Tomáš Hajzler, Géza Csorba, Jan J. Zygmuntowski, Moderated by Eva Fraňková	› BRNO MARKET HALL PANEL DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG
10:30–11:00	coffee break	
11:00–12:30	Csorba, Kiss, Zygmuntowski: Restarting cooperativism in the CEE region Jan J. Zygmuntowski, Géza Csorba, Ildiko Kiss	› BRNO MARKET HALL KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG
11:00–12:30	Thomas, Hajzler, Menci: Degrowth and business, or How to set the boundaries between ethical business and green-washing? Michaela Thomas, Tomáš Hajzler, Marek Menci	› TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ
11:00–12:30	Čaban: Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie: behind the scenes Kate Čaban	› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 1 KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, ENG
11:00–12:30	Malá: Participatory Housing Workshop: sharing and cooperation in housing as a solution to crises? Soňa Malá	› TBRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 2 WORKSHOP, CZ
11:00–12:30	Wranová, Michalčáková, Rafaj: Food, energy and money up close: existing alternatives in the Czech Republic Alena Wranová, Anna Michalčáková, Pepe Rafaj	› CAFÉ TROJKA KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ
11:00–12:30	Sbor družstva Život: Performative lecture on radical breathing and collective singing Sbor družstva život	› HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATER WORKSHOP, CZ
12:30–14:30	joint lunch at the Market hall	

DEGROWTH STRATEGY

14:30–16:00	Barlow: Degrowth & Strategy: How to bring about social ecological transformation Nathan Barlow	› BRNO MARKET HALL KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG
14:30–16:00	Čajková: How does modernity/coloniality/capitalism live in ourselves? Tereza Čajková	› TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER KEYNOTE WITH DISCUSSION, CZ
14:30–16:00	Topolářová & Vusilović: Can 1:1 conversations serve as the basis for organizing that will lead to transformation? Ester Topolářová, Maja Vusilović	› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 1 WORKSHOP, CZ

14:30–16:00	Tománek, Šipka, Kováčová: Transformative education and degrowth Eliška Hanzlová, Magdalena Šipka, Katarína Kováčová	› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 2 WORKSHOP, CZ
14:30–16:00	Marek Mencl (Pábení): Compass for a sustainable organisation Marek Mencl	› CAFÉ TROJKA WORKSHOP, CZ
14:30–16:00	Hrubanová: The Way of Council – strategies of degrowth and for degrowth Kristýna Hrubanová	› HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATER WORKSHOP, CZ
16:00–16:30	coffee break	
16:30–18:30	How to achieve social-ecological transformation? Nathan Barlow, Ekaterina Chertovskaya, Arnošt Novák Moderated by Anna Kárníková	› BRNO MARKET HALL PANEL DISCUSSION, CZ/ENG

EVENING

od 19:30	HaDivadlo theatre: Nikola 2030, 2045, 2080 Tickets & info: www.hadivadlo.cz	› HADIVADLO THEATER CZ
od 20:00	Holy Poly dance party	› CAFÉ TROJKA
20:00–24:00	Brno Market – A convivial evening	› BRNO MARKET ALL LANGUAGES

DAY 4 • SUNDAY 11/9

8:30–8:45	Degrowth awakening: dreaming of the body Martin Nawrath	› MARKET HALL, 4 TH FLOOR
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FUTURE OF DEGROWTH

9:00–10:00	Open space I participative programme – current topics	
10:00–10:30	coffee break	
10:30–11:30	Open space II participative programme – future collaborations	
12:00–13:00	Conference closing	› BRNO MARKET HALL
13:00–14:00	joint lunch at the Market hall	



THURSDAY • MORNING

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

TIME: 14 - 15:00
LANGUAGE: CZECH, WITH TRANSLATION
› BRNO MARKET HALL

INTRODUCTION TO THE DEGROWTH IDEA

EVA FRAŇKOVÁ, TADEÁŠ ŽĎÁRSKÝ
TIME: 15 - 16:00
LANGUAGE: CZECH, WITH TRANSLATION
› BRNO MARKET HALL

The idea of degrowth is controversial, often misunderstood yet, paradoxically, increasingly popular. We will have a few days to explore and think about it during the conference – In the opening lecture we will outline some of the basic context and ideas, so that the other sub-blocks of the programme fit together. We will also present current developments in the field of degrowth in the Czech Republic. More and more people in our country are coming to the conclusion that the world does not have to be a realm of competition and scarcity. On the contrary – it can be a community of joy and abundance for all. But this is not given, it is our decision, and at the same time a deeply political question for our whole society: how to live a good life, accessible to all, within the framework of one planet?

Eva Fraňková works as an assistant professor at the Department of Environmental Studies at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University in Brno. She originally studied biology in České Budějovice and then environmental humanities in Brno. Her long-term interests include alternative economic practices, economic localisation and the concept of sustainable degrowth. Her recent research was focused on the functioning of social enterprises in the Czech Republic; currently she is mostly involved in introducing degrowth into the Czech context. She cooperates with the Trust for Economy and Society, NaZemi and Re:set – Platform for Social-Ecological Transformation.

Tadeáš Žďárský studied Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development at Palacký University in Olomouc, and Environmental Studies at Masaryk University in Brno, where he discovered – via his interest in the climate crisis – the field of ecological economics. He currently works at NaZemi, where he is involved in critical pedagogy, climate education and, more recently, mainly degrowth. He works on popularizing the topic of post-growth futures – he writes articles and educational materials, leads workshops and was also part of the working group on climate education of the Government Council, where he contributed to the publication *Climate is changing, are we too?*, published by the Ministry of Environment.

Interpreters at the conference

Barbora Štefanová interprets from/into English and Russian. Her focus is on film history, culture and socio-environmental issues.

Petra Jelínková works as a translator and interpreter. She is also completing her education in social work and psychotherapy. She focuses on linking together social and environmental policy. She is active in the climate justice movement and participates in the preparation of Czech climate camps.

SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: HOW NOT TO GROW ON THE SEMIPERIPHERY?

ONDŘEJ SLAČÁLEK, NAĎA JOHANISOVÁ, JAN J. ZYGMUNTOWSKI, GÉZA CSORBA
MODERATED BY JOSEF PATOČKA
TIME: 16.30 –18.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH, WITH TRANSLATION
› BRNO MARKET HALL

Thirty years after the collapse of the Eastern bloc, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe remain on the borderline between two worlds: from a global perspective, they are among the rich countries, but within the Central and Eastern Europe they are in a rather dependent economic position, characterized by low labor costs and high outflow value. This is also linked to phenomena such as the political polarization of recent years, linked to the rise of the nationalist right, against which, on the other hand, a significant part of society has resorted to defending the existing order. In this specific situation, how can we look for ways of consistent social-ecological policy and transformation? How to create an economy of fulfilling needs within ecological limits? We will seek the answer with guests from the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary.

Ondřej Slačálek is a political scientist who focuses on social movements, nationalism and the position of the CEE regions in terms of global inequalities. In the past, he has been significantly involved in various social movements, especially anarchist, alterglobalization and anti-fascist movements. He has also worked as a journalist, formerly with A-kontra and Nový Prostor, now mainly with A2, A2larm and Salon Práva.

Naďa Johanisová is an ecological economist. Her focus is on critical approaches towards economic dogmas and on so-called economic alternatives such as cooperatives and social solidarity economy. From non-monetary economies she deals with urban gardening. She is the author of a number of articles and several books and a popularizer of environmental-economic issues (e.g. *Kde peníze jsou služebníkem, nikoliv pánem* or *Ekonomičtí disidenti*). She works at the Department of Environmental Studies, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University in Brno.

Jan J. Zygmuntowski is an economist, public policy analyst

and business advisor. He is currently doing PhD research at Kozminski University on data governance and the public interest. He serves as Co-president of the Polish Network of Economics and Program Director at CoopTech Hub. Co-founder and 2015–2020 Chairman of the Board at In strat think-tank. In general he is interested in development studies, political economy of technology and the digital economy. Author of „Kapitalizm sieci“ („Network capitalism“), book nominated for the Economicus 2020 prize.

Géza Csorba's main profession is software engineering, but following his interest in sociology, he spent 4 years in the College for Advanced Studies in Social Theory. He is now trying to use these fields to build a worker-friendly IT cooperative. In the Solidarity Economy Center, Géze is focusing on the development of a Hungarian network of solidarity economy initiatives, and on providing IT tools for this network.

THURSDAY • EVENING

THEATRE PROGRAMME – KOHLHAAS

TIME: 20.00 – 21.00
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATRE

The theatre group Lachende Bestien will tune us into the theme of (De)conference with Kohlhaas, a performance that offers answers to the question: How far can we go in our quest for change?

Heinrich von Kleist's novella tells the story of a man who is wronged. In his pursuit of redress through lawful means, he reaches a point where legal means are no longer enough. In his fight for justice, Michael Kohlhaas goes beyond the law and uses violence. Lachende Bestien goes beyond interpretation and ventures into authorial commentary. The theatrical production is not a study of when a man becomes a terrorist. Or a guerrilla. Or a revolutionary. But it could be.

The performance starts at 20:00 at the Husa na Provázku Theatre. The performance has a capacity for 80 people and is being performed mainly thanks to the conference taking place. We believe we will fill the capacity.

[You can buy your tickets here.](#)

BRNO MARKET – A CONVIVIAL EVENING

TIME: 19.30 – ??
LAGUAGE: ANY LANGUAGE
> BRNO MARKET

One of the main goals of the (De)conference is to deepen and create new relationships. Therefore, we would be happy if we

meet those, who have the desire and capacity, in the evening at the Market Hall and together create a friendly, convivial atmosphere. There is no limit to the imagination. We can chat, dance, play board games, sing and play musical instruments (so bring your musical instruments or favourite board games). There is also a Craftbeer on site where we can have a beer, soda or other drink. We can stay on site until late in the evening.

FRIDAY MORNING

NAVRATH: DEGROWTH AWAKENING: DREAMING OF THE BODY

TIME: 8:30 – 8:45
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> MARKET HALL, 4TH FLOOR

The morning awakening will be a mixture of work and connection with the body, movement, breath, voice, imagination, creativity, space and group.

Martin Nawrath: Facilitator, therapist, essayist and poet. He is dedicated to guiding individuals, couples and groups through phases of uncertainty, conflict and searching. He is interested in the boundaries of disciplines, professions, communities and identities and the risks of understanding personal growth.

ECOLOGICAL CRISIS AND THE SOCIAL QUESTION: HOW TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF ALL WITHIN ECOLOGICAL LIMITS?

NINA TREU, LUCIE TRLIFAJOVÁ, YULIYA MOSKVINA, ONDŘEJ KOLÍN-SKÝ
MODERATED BY JOSEF PATOČKA
TIME: 9.00 – 10.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH, WITH TRANSLATION
> BRNO MARKET HALL

Economic growth at the expense of the environment has historically been (among other things) a remedy for inequality and a way to banish economic and power conflicts in Western societies. Workers could also get a slightly bigger slice of the bigger pie if, in exchange, they accepted the fact that the „bakery“ would continue to belong to the owning class. But inequality also drives growth: the unbearable rise in the price of privatised essentials in markets dominated by big business and speculators helps to spin the ‚hamster wheels‘ in which most of us have to run ever faster to stay in place. How to get out of this? How do we ensure that everyone's basic needs are met when our economy has to ‚grow up‘ and reduce its consumption of materials and energy? Can equality be the cure for growth?

Nina Treu is a co-founder of Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie (Laboratory for New Economic Ideas) in Leipzig, Germany and has been working on degrowth and transformation for the last 10 years. If you can't dance, it's not her revolution.

Lucie Trlifajová is an anthropologist and social policy analyst, working at the Institute of Sociology at the Czech Academy of Sciences and the Center for Social Issues – SPOT. She focuses on poverty and social inequalities, welfare state, precarization, debt and its impact on civic hierarchies. She has published numerous analyses and expert studies on these topics in the Czech Republic and abroad. She is co-author of the calculation of the Minimum Decent Wage for the Czech Republic.

Yuliya Moskvina is a sociologist working at the Institute of Sociological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. Her work focuses on housing, the right to the city, urban movements and the so-called urban commons – public ownership in the governance of the people. She has also worked at CEFRES – the French Institute for Research in the Social Sciences and is currently working at the Re-set platform.

Ondřej Kolínský is a lecturer at the CTU, working on green transformation in the Czech Republic with an emphasis on local development policies, innovation and labour. In addition to research and teaching, he has experience in local government (Local Agenda 21) and development contexts.

WS1 JENNIFER HINTON: A NOT-FOR-PROFIT MARKET ECONOMY FOR A POST-GROWTH WORLD

TIME: 11.00 – 12.30, ONLINE
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH, WITH TRANSLATION
> BRNO MARKET HALL, ONLINE WORKSHOP

Debates about how to change the economy often get stuck in the dichotomy of market-based versus government-based solutions. And yet, there is a third way. In fact, businesses and markets don't have to be capitalist at all. In her talk, Jennifer will use the lense of systems thinking in order to explore the destructive dynamics of the for-profit economy, present the vision of a not-for-profit market economy, showcase already existing not-for-profit businesses and dispel the false dichotomy of capitalism vs. the state-planned economy.

Jennifer Hinton is a sustainable economy researcher and activist. Her work focuses on how societies relate to profit and how this relationship affects global sustainability challenges. More specifically, Hinton's relationship-to-profit theory explains how key institutional aspects of business and markets drive social and ecological sustainability outcomes. She holds a double PhD in Economics and Sustainability Science. As an activist, she collaborates with civil society organizations, businesses, and policy makers to transform the economy so that it works for everyone within the ecological limits of the planet.

WS2 ULRICH BRAND: HOW CAPITALISM AFFIRMS ITS HEGEMONY. THE IMPERIAL MODE OF LIVING AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

TIME: 11.00 – 12.30, ONLINE
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
> TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC), ONLINE WORKSHOP

Critical social and social scientific thinking has a rich tradition in conceptualising and concretely analysing stability, change and crises of capitalist societies. Critical analyses depart from the inherently contradictory and also contested character of social relations and its destructive societal nature relations. The concept “imperial mode of living” aims to grasp some historical and current contradictions with an emphasis on a major challenge of our times: the deepening ecological crisis and its relationship to globalizing capitalism. And it looks at entry points and experiences for a “solidary mode of living”.

Ulrich Brand teaches and does research at the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna. His research focuses on the crisis of liberal globalization, the ecological crisis, imperial mode of living, social-ecological transformations and degrowth. He participated at the International Degrowth Conferences in Leipzig (2014), Budapest (2016), Melmoe (2018) and Vienna (2022) and contributed to the book „Degrowth and Strategies“. From 2011 until 2013 he was an expert member of the Expert Commission „Growth, Well-Being and Quality of Live“ of the German Bundestag. Together with Markus Wissen he published a book on the „imperial mode of living“, first in German and published or currently translated into 11 languages, including Czech translation at the Neklid publishing house.

WS3 VOJTĚCH PELIKÁN, JOSEF ZVONÍČEK, TOMÁŠ BLAHA: THE CHURCH AND THE NEW ECONOMICS?

TIME: 11.00 – 12.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 1

Although spiritual life and ethical issues are a crucial dimension of degrowth, churches are not yet counted among the degrowth allies. When the degrowth movement does seek spiritual inspiration, it tends to turn to non-Christian cultural sources (be it Zen Buddhism, African Ubuntu or South American buen vivir). In the context of socio-economic transformation, would it make sense to look for inspiration – whether historical or contemporary – within Christianity as well? During the pontificate of Pope Francis, a current of thought is growing within Christianity that is critical of the global economy – a Francis Economy movement is taking shape that aims to put fraternity and care for the Planet back at the centre of the economy. What interesting things are happening in the Czech Republic in this regard – either at the level of the social teaching of the Church or the practice of individual dioceses, parishes and monasteries? How strongly does the encyclical Laudato si' resonate in the care of the countryside on land returned as

part of ecclesiastical restitution? Can the Czech churches be an inspiration or an ally of the degrowth movement?

Vojtěch Pelikán is an environmental anthropologist working at Masaryk University. Recently, in addition to researching the environmental context of the restitution process, he has been working on the topic of social perception of climate change and has participated in a longitudinal study of the ecologically friendly way of life of the so-called „diverse“.

Josef Zvoníček is the coordinator of the Francis Economy, an initiative of Pope Francis whose main pillars are the social teaching of the Church and Franciscan spirituality. Their goal is to return human, care for him and for Creation, to the centre of our thinking, not only in economics, but in every area of our society, so that our world is more sustainable and just and no one is left out.

Tomáš Blaha graduated from Environmental Studies at Masaryk University with a thesis on the possibilities of returning old and regional varieties of fruit trees to the landscape of Tišnov region. He worked as a lecturer of environmental education in the Moravian Karst, and worked for several years on the restoration of the Banskoštiavnica Calvary. After an internship in a Breton cidery, he decided to return to his native Tišnov region and offer his services to the Cistercian Abbey Porta Coeli. There he is currently working as a volunteer coordinator and together with other volunteers is helping to restore the old extensive orchards, create a residential centre for after-school education in the monastery and generally beautify the grounds of this unique religious monument.

WS4 GERNERN & HANSEN: LET'S MAP ECOFEMINISM: (UN)LEARNING, WEAVING, BUILDING ALLIANCES

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
> BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 2

Ecofeminism is both theory and practice. It's concepts and social struggles are about the connection that exists between the domination of women, queer, migrantized or racialized people and other marginalized groups and the domination of ecologies/nature. The ecofeminist view helps us to think beyond the invisible aspects of global political economic structures, such as reproductive work, and to think about colonial continuities and the human-nature relationship. Together, we would like to create a space to exchange upon our experiences as degrowthers and put feminism and degrowth into a lively conversation. By weaving together our work, lived experiences and interconnectedness through the creative process of mapping, we aim to (un)learn together.

Nadine Gerner holds a double degree from the University of Münster, Sciences Po Lille and Toulouse where she specialized in sustainable development and gender studies. She is a

lecturer at the University of Münster and the University of Marburg in Germany where she teaches on ecofeminism, care, social reproduction and degrowth. She is currently planning to do a PhD in the field of feminist political ecology, intentional community research, feminist degrowth and ecofeminisms. Nadine likes to organize conferences, give workshops on ecofeminism and considers herself as a scholar activist. She is organised in the climate justice movement and part of the Feminism and Degrowth Alliance (FaDA) coordination group.

Lina Hansen is a member of the FaDA coordination group. She studied in Bremen, Groningen and Tbilisi and successfully completed her sociological master's degree in Jena with a focus on „Social Transformation and Sustainability“. She enjoys organizing transdisciplinary feminist conferences and is currently working on a doctoral project on the topic of ecofeminist solidarity. She loves to work together and to visit another person's garden to get to know them.

WS5 EVA MALÍŘOVÁ: INTERNAL TRANSFORMATION FOR EXTERNAL CHANGE

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> CAFÉ TROJKA

The degrowth movement is predominantly focused on transforming the economic system and institutions, but past experiments with systemic change show that if one does not consciously work with the inherent patterns of the current system during transformation, they inevitably reproduce and create another offshoot of the same thing. In other words, internal transformation is a necessary condition for external transformation as well. How do we change the harmful aspirations we often have internalised? How do we find new strategies to meet our needs that are not destructive to the planet or other people? When working to transform ingrained patterns, we cannot act individually, but rather in collectives or communities. During the workshop, you will experience naming dysfunctional patterns and the direction to change them. To truly change patterns often requires a long-term, conscious and collective effort, so during the workshop you will also receive tips on how to start and run an inner transformation group.

Eva Malířová discovers and explores ways to overcome personal and systemic obstacles that prevent us from learning, collaborating and living in community with other people and creatures. Aware of our interconnectedness and the limits of the planet in mutual respect and unlimited diversity. She works primarily in NaZemi, where she focuses on global education and critical pedagogy. She is a nonviolent communication trainer, shares the work of Miki Kashtan and developing systemic applications of nonviolent principles with an emphasis on working with privilege and oppression.

WS6 KÁRNÍKOVÁ & ČAJKA: RADIKÁLNÍ IMAGINACE

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATER

We usually approach the crises of our time and their possible solutions analytically and rationally, which allows only a certain spectrum of discussions, solutions found and our own processing of the situation. Radical imagination is an attempt to leave the commonly used frameworks and, using methods that engage not only the head but the whole person, to expand the field in which we move and relate, whether to the global situation, other people or ourselves. The workshop will be a space to co-create, the input will be only a first reflection on what radical imagination can be and what methods to use to develop it from many diverse sources such as lateral thinking (Edward De Bono), U theory (Otto Scharmer), flânerie or Zen Buddhism. Take all inspiration with you, no matter how eclectic. Anna Kárníková has been the director of the Friends of the Earth Czech Republic since 2019, where she has been preparing the organisation's long-term strategy framed around the idea of degrowth. In 2018, she headed the Centre for Transport and Energy. She studied European Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University and Environmental Policy at the London School of Economics. She has a background in public administration (she headed the Department for Sustainable Development at the Cabinet Office), focusing on the social dimension of decarbonisation and strategies to promote social change.

Adam Čajka focuses on education about global context, facilitation and non-violent communication. He explores the roots of degrowth in the Global South and its possible inspiration for the movement in the Czech Republic.

Lunch break
12.30 – 14.30
We will have lunch together at the Brno Market.

FRIDAY • AFTERNOON

WS7 TREU & GUENOT: DEGROWTH AS PART OF SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH, WITH TRANSLATION
> BRNO MARKET HALL

In this interactive workshop, we will explore social-ecological transformations. How can degrowth be placed in this larger picture? What could be elements of transformation? How

to link the theoretical background and actual struggles on the ground? Where do we see possibilities for alliances and intervention? Nina Treu and Nicolas Guenot from Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie in Leipzig will give an input and then we will discuss together.

Nina Treu is a co-founder of Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie (Laboratory for New Economic Ideas) in Leipzig, Germany and has been working on degrowth and transformation for the last 10 years. If you can't dance, it's not her revolution. **Nicolas Guenot** works for the Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie in Leipzig, Germany, on digitalisation and social-ecological critiques of digital capitalism. He is originally a computer scientist and moved focus towards the political aspects of digital technology, co-organising the „Bits & Bäume“ conference in 2018 in Berlin. His work is oriented towards new ways of thinking about technology and its role in society, with an emphasis on degrowth and on our ability to envision low-tech devices and future-proof technical infrastructures for a just society.

WS8 MALTZAHN: DEGROWTH AND THE CITY - VIENNA EXPERIENCE

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
> TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER (TIC)

The workshop's capacity is limited to 30 people.

What could a Degrowth City look like? And how do we get there? Building on the Vision of a Solidary Degrowth City that is directed towards the good life for all, Degrowth Vienna is exploring these questions together with a broad variety of Viennese actors. In this workshop we will introduce the perspective of a Solidary Degrowth City, share our experiences in the Viennese context and provide a space to collectively discuss strategies towards cities that have a good life for all at their core.

As part of Degrowth Vienna, **Lisette von Maltzahn** is working on a social ecological transformation that enables a good life for all. Her background is in feminist social ecology and political economics, she is involved in various projects as a scholar activists.

WS9 NAKLÁDAL: KRIZE DOSTUPNOSTI BYDLENÍ

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 1

Housing prices are rising faster than wages and housing is becoming unaffordable for an increasing proportion of the population. What are the roots of the housing crisis, how is it being discussed in the public sphere and what are the possible ways to solve it? A lecture followed by a debate will be given by Jakub Nakládal, a member of the Re-set platform and the

collective Paměť města (Memory of the City collective).

Jakub Nakládal is an architect and activist, he deals with the issues of housing, the right to the city and territorial development. He researches and popularizes the causes and solutions to the housing crisis. He is a member of the collective Paměť města (Memory of the City) and Re-set: A Platform for Social-Ecological Transformation. In 2019, he published, in collaboration with Arnika, An Analysis of the Housing Situation in Prague: What's Behind the Housing Crisis.

WS10 ČECH & KOLINSKÝ: VYBRANÉ VEŘEJNÉ POLITIKY: ČEKÁ NÁS SPOUSTA PRÁCE?

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 2

With the demand for sustainable degrowth comes many public policy proposals that pledge support in the pursuit of a socially and environmentally just society. Some of these could be game changers and are already being hotly debated. At the same time, their immediate application is hampered above all by our reticence and caution in maintaining an unsustainable status quo. Shortening working hours offers relief to people and nature. An unconditional basic income provides security for the employed and the unemployed in precarious situations. The Job Guarantee enables the creation of environmentally friendly jobs with decent pay. We will use these three policies in the seminar as a springboard for discussing work in the context of the degrowth transformation.

Martin Čech studied Environmental Studies at Masaryk University in Brno and spent a semester at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. At Masaryk University, he participated in research projects and his master thesis focused on unconditional basic income and its potential benefits for sustainable degrowth. He is currently working with the organisation NaZemi, where among other things he is working on the topic of decent work.

Ondřej Kolínský is a lecturer at the CTU, working on green transformation in the Czech Republic with an emphasis on local development policies, innovation and labour. In addition to research and teaching, he has experience in local government (Local Agenda 21) and development contexts.

WS11 BROMOVÁ: DESIGNEM KE SPRAVEDLIVÉ TRANSFORMACI A JEŠTĚ DÁL

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> CAFÉ TROJKA

The workshop's capacity is limited to 30 people.

Design can connect knowledge across disciplines to solve complex problems. As a result, designers can play an exciting role in the process of equitable transformation and in finding solutions to the challenges that lie ahead now and in the future. In this workshop we will talk more about transition design and show concrete tools and projects where design goes hand in hand with social change.

Anna Bromová is a communication and design professional and has long been active in the climate justice movement. She has experience in non-profits, the private sector, the public sector and international organisations. She currently works at CzechGlobe - Institute for Global Change Research at the Czech Academy of Sciences.

WS12 KÁRNÍKOVÁ & ČAJKA: SOCIAL PRESENCING THEATER

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATRE

Given the current state of the world, we see the need for systemic change. You may have some experience with theories of change and their analytical grasp of the enormous transformation that is needed. This workshop is an invitation to explore systemic change by our own bodies and body movement. Using basic theatre techniques and the movement intelligence of our bodies. Social Presencing Theatre is a method developed by Arawana Hayashi and Otto Scharmer within a so-called Theory U, a conceptual framework for systemic change which uses elements of mindfulness or performance art.

Anna Kárníková has been the director of the Friends of the Earth Czech Republic since 2019, where she has been preparing the organisation's long-term strategy framed around the idea of degrowth. In 2018, she headed the Centre for Transport and Energy. She studied European Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University and Environmental Policy at the London School of Economics. She has a background in public administration (she headed the Department for Sustainable Development at the Cabinet Office), focusing on the social dimension of decarbonisation and strategies to promote social change.

Adam Čajka focuses on education about global context, facilitation and non-violent communication. He explores the roots of degrowth in the Global South and its possible inspiration for the movement in the Czech Republic.

ECONOMICS OF CARE

PETRA EZZEDDINE, MAJA VUSILOVIĆ, NADINE GERNER, MARTINA HVOZDENSKÁ
MODERATED BY TADEÁŠ ŽDÁRSKÝ
TIME: 16.30 - 18.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH, WITH TRANSLATION

> BRNO MARKET HALL

The efforts of the feminist movement have succeeded in increasing women's participation in the labour market, but have not led to a fairer distribution of care between men and women. Looking at the low wages and precarious conditions, it can be concluded that neither has it led to a decent life for carers. On the contrary, they increasingly come from countries of the (semi-) periphery or the global South and are targets of exploitation. How to organize care in a degrowth society that aims at social and ecological sustainability, but also gender justice? Which transformative policies or practices can bring us closer to a more just world? And how does the social construction of masculinity relate to the crisis of care?

Peter Ezzeddine is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague. Her research focuses on gender in migration, transnational motherhood, and transnational child and elderly care networks. She is also a research fellow in the Global Conflicts and Local Interactions Programme at the CAS. She is currently leading the international research project EUROCare, which focuses on different forms of mobility and migration of elderly care in Central Europe.

Maja Vusilović is a feminist activist, journalist and trade unionist. She is a long-time member of the Brno collective Sdruženy. In 2022, she co-founded the critical feminist website Druhá směna (Second Shift).

Nadine Gerner holds a double degree from the University of Münster, Sciences Po Lille and Toulouse where she specialised in sustainable development and gender studies. She is a lecturer at the University of Münster and the University of Marburg in Germany where she teaches on ecofeminism, care, social reproduction and degrowth. She is currently planning to do a PhD in the field of feminist political ecology, intentional community research, feminist degrowth and ecofeminisms. Nadine likes to organise conferences, give workshops on ecofeminism and considers herself as a scholar activist. She is organised in the climate justice movement and part of the Feminism and Degrowth Alliance (FaDA) coordination group.

Martina Hvozdenká is a nurse who works at the Tomáš Baťa Regional Hospital in Zlín. Since 2017, she has been the chairwoman of the local Health and Social Care Trade Union and a member of the Zlín Regional Healthcare Commission. Since 2020 she has been a member of the Tripartite of the Zlín Region.

FRIDAY • EVENING

THEATRE PROGRAMME – PERCEPTION

TIME: 19.30 - 20.50
LANGUAGE: CZECH, WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

> HADIVADLO THEATRE

On Friday night, you can check out HaDivadlo, which has had a full degrowth season and is successfully starting a discussion about non-growth in cultural circles. Starting at 7:30pm, it will be putting on a production about freedom and degrowth called Perception.

A scenic introspective essay on the melancholy of resistance, freedom in degrowth. The boundary between work and leisure will necessarily be redefined in a new stage of history determined by the climate crisis. When an actor is on stage, he is working; when he is in his apartment, he is living his leisure. In modern society, time away from work is filled with activity; we try to spend it productively - we are defined by production! But what if the room of an actor's apartment appears on stage? What if an actor's performance is compromised by the absence of plot or conflict? Can that Nothing associated with unproductivity (so important for a sustainable future) become a theme? Can Nothing be shown? The free roaming mind. Focusing on the extra-human elements that make up the reality of the apartment equivalent to a human being. An exploration of light. Caring for houseplants. Visiting a friend. Sharing fatigue with the planet. Conversations about productivity. What are the challenges of art today? Can art be the vanguard of unproductivity, or is it inherently allied to production? Is it possible to be new all the time? How to free ourselves from excess in art? Being versus signifying. Subtraction of elements. Divestment. Slowness. Incompleteness? Mu means nothing in Japanese.

[Tickets are available here.](#)

DEGROWTH WALK THROUGH BRNO

START: 19.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> MEETING POINT IN FRONT OF THE BRNO MARKET

A guided walk through the surroundings of HaDivadlo, central Brno and places that co-create functional and limited public space by their contrasting purposes (city park, pedestrian zone, arterial road, traffic junction). What historical mementos are we overlooking in our neighbourhood? Where was the first electrically lit theatre in Europe created? Where was the first coal-fired power plant in Brno? Does accessible and well-located green space guarantee a good quality of life? Is it more important to plant new trees or to try to preserve the local microclimate? How infectious for human health is the busy car traffic in Koliště, why is the number of registered cars in the country used in the city still growing? Is Brno ready for the transformation that is possible? Together with the leader of the walk, climate analyst Olda Sklenář, we will go out into the urban space after a day at the conference and read through its signs, functions and discuss its limits or barriers. Will we see Brno as a good place to live?

Oldřich Sklenář is an analyst at the <https://www.amo.cz/> Association for International Affairs (AMO), where he is a member of the climate team. He works on energy and greenhouse gas production and is a member of the project Fakta o klimatu.

BRNO MARKET – A CONVIVIAL EVENING

TIME: 19.30 – ??
LANGUAGE: ANY LANGUAGE
> BRNO MARKET

One of the main goals of the (De)conference is to deepen and create new relationships. Therefore, we would be happy if we meet those, who have the desire and capacity, in the evening at the Market Hall and together create a friendly, convivial atmosphere. There is no limit to the imagination. We can chat, dance, play board games, sing and play musical instruments (so bring your musical instruments or favourite board games). There is also a Craftbeer on site where we can have a beer, soda or other drink. We can stay on site until late in the evening.

SATURDAY • MORNING

NAVRATH: DEGROWTH AWAKENING: DREAMING OF THE BODY

TIME: 8:30 – 8:45
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> MARKET HALL, 4TH FLOOR

The morning awakening will be a mixture of work and connection with the body, movement, breath, voice, imagination, creativity, space and group.

Martin Nawrath: Facilitator, therapist, essayist and poet. He is dedicated to guiding individuals, couples and groups through phases of uncertainty, conflict and searching. He is interested in the boundaries of disciplines, professions, communities and identities and the risks of understanding personal growth.

SOLIDARITY ECONOMIES IN PRACTICE: WHERE TO GET INSPIRATION AND HOW TO FOSTER COOPERATION

MARIE KŘIVÁKOVÁ, TOMÁŠ HAJZLER, GÉZA CSORBA, JAN J. ZYGMUNTOWSKI
MODERATED BY EVA FRAŇKOVÁ
TIME: 9.00- 10.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH, WITH TRANSLATION
> BRNO MARKET HALL

Many examples of solidarity economies, for which both the planet and the people matter, undoubtedly exist at the local level. We don't have to go too far to find them - both traditional and community gardening, the cooperative movement or environmental social enterprises have existed and do exist in the Czech Republic, as well as in neighbouring countries. At the same time, it must be acknowledged that most economic alternatives

operate only on a small scale; they essentially survive on the margins of the mainstream economy, and despite its principles. Degrowth policies could significantly support the development of eco-social enterprises, but this would require their active involvement. However, quite the opposite is happening: most of the economic alternatives, at least within the CEE region, are purposefully avoiding politicising their activities. Are they going to continue to nurture their small niches, while obediently patching up the negative consequences of global capitalism, be it in the environmental or the social sphere? Or are they ready to step out of their shadows and join the broader movement to transform the current economic system? Under what headlines, within which platforms could their mobilisation take place? Or is it already underway?

Marie Křiváková graduated in Commercial Engineering at the University of Technical University of Ostrava. In 2012, she joined ZO ČSOP Veronica as a project manager, where she mainly deals with support of the local economy, social entrepreneurship and making EVVO accessible to the disabled. Since 2013 she has been the director of the Veronica Hostětín Center, where she founded the environmental social enterprise Veronica Fruit Processing Plant and Café (Fér Kaffé Veronica) in 2020. She has experienced working in government and the commercial sector and working in NGOs and social entrepreneurship makes sense to her the most.

Tomáš Hajzler is professionally dedicated to the topic of work and the future of business. He brought the Svoboda v práci (Freedom at Work) movement and the concept of the free company to the Czech Republic, and co-founded a cooperative of organizations called Slušná firma and PeopleComm, which he leads with the vision of the most environmentally friendly European publishing house. All this with the aim of contributing to changing the way business is done and worked in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. In Prague, he was at the birth of the first Czech federal store Obživa and is the co-author of the project Zpátky k jídlu (Back to Food). He has been writing and lecturing on the topics of new work, the future of business, education and locally rooted responsible living since 2007.

Géza Csorba's main profession is software engineering, but following his interest in sociology, he spent 4 years in the College for Advanced Studies in Social Theory. He is now trying to use these fields to build a worker-friendly IT cooperative. In the Solidarity Economy Center, Géze is focusing on the development of a Hungarian network of solidarity economy initiatives, and on providing IT tools for this network.

Jan J. Zygmuntowski is an economist, public policy analyst and business advisor. He is currently doing PhD research at Kozminski University on data governance and the public interest. He serves as Co-president of the Polish Network of Economics and Program Director at CoopTech Hub. Co-founder and 2015-2020 Chairman of the Board at Instrat think-tank. In general he is interested in development studies, political

economy of technology and the digital economy. Author of „Kapitalizm sieci“ („Network capitalism“), book nominated for the Economicus 2020 prize.

WS12 CSORBA, KISS, ZYGMUNTOWSKI: RESTARTING COOPERATIVISM IN THE CEE REGION

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH, WITH TRANSLATION
> BRNO MARKET HALL

The workshop's capacity is limited to 30 people.

During this session, we will first share our insights from reviving the cooperative movement with the use of new technologies like digital and renewables. The challenge is especially difficult in the Three Seas (CEE) region, where the legacy of low social trust and single-party rules still affects civic organising. We will invite the audience to brainstorm with us the possible avenues for a larger movement. As a living example, we will introduce an IT cooperative from Hungary that is based on solidary economic and democratic principles. Its goal is to support the self-organization of workers and IT unions, and to create a solidary wage model. We will talk about what we've done so far, what worked for us and what ideas failed miserably. We will describe the projects which support other allied organisations, and our financial model that operates both on the outside market and inside the network of Solidarity Economy. Also, we will talk about how the IT project management methods brought from the for-profit sector can be integrated effectively into the operation of a cooperative built on solidary economic bases.

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Ildiko Kiss is currently a member of an IT cooperative in Hungary - their goal is to create a working community based on solidarity economy and democratic principles. The cooperative is also committed to open source projects and the self-organization of its employees.

WS13 THOMAS, HAJZLER, MENCL: DEGROWTH AND BUSINESS, OR HOW TO SET THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN ETHICAL BUSINESS AND GREENWASHING?

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER (TIC)

It is clear that degrowth poses a major challenge to the traditional notion of business. Not only is profit no longer the main goal of business - it is perhaps completely undesirable? Not only does the business no longer have to grow - it even has to shrink? Some to disappear altogether? Another is supposed to grow, but then stop? At what point? It is clear that we need not only to pump out nice little examples of super-ethical companies, but also to transform the way big companies operate. Where are the boundaries between „working with key players“ and simply doing „bushwhacking“, which is what business-as-usual hides behind in the greenwashing of large companies? How do representatives of ethical/environmental companies in the Czech Republic manage to tackle these issues?

Michaela Thomas is the founder of design activist studio Butterflies & Hurricanes. Michaela considers her biggest milestone to be the realization that more than anything she is first and foremost an inhabitant of planet Earth, a human being and also a woman. She then began to adapt all her actions to her primary post-Earth roles. Her arsenal for big systemic change includes design, which she seeks to use as a service to society, and the mindset of Mattering, which she and her design studio have been living since 2019. Mattering helps companies and people become who they are. Instead of spreadsheets, charts and analysis, however, he uses subtle and intimate processes in which he mirrors, peels away unnecessary husks and plants the necessary seeds to tell a New Story.

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WS14 ČABAN: KONZEPTWERK NEUE ÖKONOMIE: BEHIND THE SCENES

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30

Language: English, with translation

› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 1

Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie (based in Leipzig, Germany) has been working as a collective for a social, ecological and democratic economy and society for 10 years. The topics include degrowth, transformative education, climate justice, digitalization and care (work). In addition to educational events, the association also organizes large conferences and networks civil society, activist, scientific and political actors.

At Konzeptwerk, we not only develop concepts for a new economy, we also try them out. In this workshop we will get an inside look on Konzeptwerks internal structure, distribution of money, internal anti-oppression work and how these areas developed during the past 10 years.

Kate Čaban has worked at Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie since 2019. Their main focus is on the intersection of climate justice, care work and anti-oppression. They co-organised some of the large events run by Konzeptwerk such as climate camp and „Future for All ,’ Congress. Kate gives workshops on topics of socio-ecological transformation and is part of the anti-oppression working group in Konzeptwerk.

WS15 MALÁ: PARTICIPATORY HOUSING WORKSHOP: SHARING AND COOPERATION IN HOUSING AS A SOLUTION TO CRISES?

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30

LANGUAGE: CZECH

› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 2

The workshop’s capacity is limited to 20 people.

The housing crisis is heating up. Mortgages are unaffordable, rental housing is being bought up by investment funds, energy is expensive and green building is expensive. What can we do about it? Share, collaborate, organize, participate. A participatory housing workshop is a taster experience of the process of creating housing with a group of multiple households. What spaces or activities would you like to share and with whom? How are you willing to be involved in housing preparation, ownership and financing? Is vision important in housing?

Soňa Malá is a garden and landscape architect. She is a facilitator at NaZemi, where she particularly enjoys exploring participatory processes and thinking about how to encourage people to care for the landscape and community around them.

WS 16 WRANOVÁ, MICHALČÁKOVÁ, RAFAJ: FOOD, ENERGY AND MONEY UP CLOSE: EXISTING ALTERNATIVES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30

LANGUAGE: CZECH

› CAFÉ TROJKA

Food, energy and money – crucial areas where local democratic alternatives need to be actively developed. Let’s get excited together about the sparks of change that exist in the country. Alena Wranová from the Association of Local Food Initiatives (AMPI o.p.s.) will present activities in the field of local food and access to land. Anna Michalčáková from the Union for Community Energy (UKEN) will summarise where we are in the Czech Republic with community energy. Are there real energy communities in our country yet? And what is stopping us from decentralising energy? Representatives of the Correny initiative will then present this system to support the local economy. They will share the experience of its pilot testing and a call to spread it to other cities in the Czech Republic.

Alena Wranová is a trained landscape engineer who was led by a confluence of circumstances to join Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in 2015. The enthusiastic volunteers gradually formed into a micro team forming the national KPZkoALICE network of which she is a part. They focus on supporting and connecting small farmers farming according to organic principles with consumers who prefer direct partnerships with a community overlay. It also focuses on the development of the Centrum Konipas (Konipas Centre), a new educational farm incubator for aspiring organic farmers. It works in partnership with the Nadace pro půdu (For the Land Foundation).

Anna Michalčáková is a member of the expert group “Frank Bold” and works in the team “Responsible Energy”. She focuses on community energy and emission allowances. As a member of the coordinating team of the Community Energy Union, she focuses on donations and external communication of the topic. She sees it as crucial to fast-track legislation to regulate the operation of energy communities and provide a stable framework for their development.

Pepe Rafaj is a Czech film producer and internet entrepreneur in the field of electronic and digital payments. He graduated from the University of Economics in Prague and FAMU in Prague. He founded Redeggs, Foundation, as well as film production companies Jacket Bros. Production and Shining Pictures. He is also the co-creator of the first micropayment system I LIKE Q (2000). He is the author of the Correny.cz project to support the local economy with a one-time currency corrent from 2020.

Marek Mencil: Under the umbrella of the Pábení design studio, Marek Mencil focuses on strategic corporate development,

facilitation and service design. He believes in organizations that promote a safe and dignified place to live through their behavior.

WS17 SBOR DRUŽSTVA ŽIVOT: PERFORMATIVE LECTURE ON RADICAL BREATHING AND COLLECTIVE SINGING

TIME: 11.00 - 12.30

LANGUAGE: CZECH

› HUSA NA PROVÁZKU THEATR

The choir of družstva Život (Life Cooperative) will present a performative lecture inspired by the work of authors such as Franco Bifo Berardi, Kate Raworth, Pouline Oliveros, Giorgos Kallis and others. We will first observe the physiological and political aspects of our own breath and voice through rhythmic exercises. Then, by singing together, we will let our bodies resonate through a mosaic of emancipatory texts about degrowth and slowing down.

Sbor družstva Život (Denisa Langrová, Ruta Putramentaite, Jonáš Richter) works with the emotional charge of collective singing and its ability to create a shared space together. The artists are united by their interest in the voice and its social and political impact in relation to themes of social ecology. In their workshops, the choir seeks to create a temporary community through collective singing, one sounding body made up of the voices of all participants. The choir is amateur in principle and the songs are created so that listeners can easily join in the singing without preparation. The lyrics consist of fragments of academic texts, folk or pop songs, but above all they are thematically responsive to the specific event in which the performance takes place.

Lunch break

12:30-14:30

SATURDAY • AFTERNOON

WS18 BARLOW: DEGROWTH & STRATEGY: HOW TO BRING ABOUT SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH, WITH TRANSLATION

› BRNO MARKET HALL

This workshop will provide context to the debate within degrowth on the topic of strategy, introduce the collected volume on Degrowth & Strategy published this year, and finally in breakout groups participants will have the chance to exchange on strategies across a diversity of fields and apply their past experiences as well as the learnings from this workshop. In closing the group will come together to reflect on what insights and takeaways can be distilled from this workshop that are

relevant for degrowth and other struggles for social ecological transformation.

Nathan Barlow is a PhD candidate at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) at the Institute for Multilevel Governance and Development, researching strategies for social ecological transformation. He is an editor of the collected volume „Degrowth & Strategy: how to bring about social ecological transformation“ (MayFly, 2022) and was an organizer of the Vienna Degrowth Conference in 2020. He is also a founding member of the Vienna Degrowth Association and active with the collective that manages the website Degrowth.info.

WS19 ČAJKOVÁ: HOW DOES MODERNITY/ COLONIALITY/CAPITALISM LIVE IN OURSELVES?

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00

LANGUAGE: CZECH

› TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER (TIC)

For a profound Degrowth transformation, we need not only external but also internal transformation. This lecture invites us to explore the consequences of our socialization in the system of modernity/coloniality on our ways of thinking, perceiving, relating to people and the world. Can the patterns of modernity be written literally into our neurophysiological responses? We will look at the range of „dependencies“ through which our behavior may unwittingly participate in maintaining the dynamics of a system that we want to radically change. We will reflect on what characterizes the way of being in modernity and how we can relate from it, for example, to indigenous ontologies without romanticizing or appropriating them. What questions should we not overlook in creating alternative visions of present/futures if we do not want to repeat the mistakes of the past?

Tereza Čajková is part of the collective Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures, which addresses questions related to historical, systemic and ongoing violence and the ecological unsustainability of our current ways of being. As part of her doctoral studies at the University of British Columbia, Canada, she is exploring what forms of learning may be appropriate for coping with the unpredictability and uncertainty arising from current and future global crises.

WS20 TOPOLÁŘOVÁ & VUSILOVIČ: CAN 1:1 CONVERSATIONS SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR ORGANIZING THAT WILL LEAD TO TRANSFORMATION?

TIME: 14.30 - 16.00

LANGUAGE: CZECH

› BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 1

The workshop’s capacity is limited to 30 people.

One-on-one conversations are the foundation of workplace union organizing and help move individuals and entire union

campaigns forward. In this way, each and every person involved gradually learns not only how to organize, but also how to build relationships and networks or create campaigns together, which they then work on further. Last but not least, it's often the 1:1 conversations that get other people involved.

In this workshop, we will explore how to have these conversations, how they should be structured and when to use them. Together we will then lead a discussion on how 1:1 conversations can be used within different movements and how to connect them. The workshop will be led by union organizers Ester Topolářová and Maja Vusilović.

Ester Topolářová is involved in trade union organising in several sectors, including care. What she enjoys most about it is seeing workers gradually realise that they have power and can change things together. Otherwise, she tries to find ways to get involved in other activities while operating sustainably.

Maja Vusilović is a feminist activist, columnist and trade unionist. She is a long-term member of the Brno collective "Sdruženy". In 2022, she co-founded the critical feminist website "Druhá Směna" (Second Shift).

WS21 TOMÁNEK, ŠIPKA, KOVÁČOVÁ: TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION AND DEGROWTH

TIME: 14.30 – 16.00
LANGUAGE:: CZECH
> BRNO MARKET – WORKSHOP SITE 2

The workshop's capacity is limited to 30 people.

Education must undoubtedly be a fundamental pillar of the transformation. But while the lack of education is commonly seen as a problem, it is the current form of education that is the main instrument of socialisation into growth capitalism, because it leaves out questions of power, blunts the imagination and overlooks the systemic causes of the problems around us. What should education for a Degrowth transformation look like? During the workshop you will learn about the basics of Paul Freire's critical pedagogy, experience transformative education first-hand and have the opportunity to look at existing Czech Degrowth education methodological materials.

Magdalena Šipka is a poet and theologian. She is currently working on critical pedagogy at NaZemi as part of the Futuropolis project.

Eliška Hanzlová works with teachers and educators who are looking for new ways in education and want to make a difference. She has experience in formal and non-formal education and is currently thinking about education with people in NaZemi not only in the Futuropolis project.

Katarína Kováčová studies Environmental and European Studies at Masaryk University in Brno. Her long-standing

passion for non-formal education led her to the Brno-based organization NaZemi, where she works as a lecturer in global education and where she is also involved in degrowth. In recent months she has been working on the preparation of a degrowth methodological booklet for educators. She is also active in Limity jsme my (the Limits Are Us) movement, which uses civil disobedience tactics to push for an end of coal in the Czech Republic and climate justice.

WS22 MAREK MENCL (PÁBENÍ): COMPASS FOR A SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION

TIME: 14.30 – 16.00
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> CAFÉ TROJKA

How is your organisation doing in terms of sustainable operations? The workshop will give you the opportunity to critically reflect on the current functioning of your organisation. The activity is based on the concept of the Doughnut Economy by economist Kate Raworth. You will take away from the workshop your own visualisation of the Doughnut Model and a set of questions that you can then take back to your colleagues. Marek Mencl: Under the banner of Pábení design studio, Marek Mencl focuses on strategic corporate development, facilitation and service design. He believes in organisations that promote a safe and dignified place to live through their behaviour.

WS23 KRISTÝNA HRUBANOVÁ: THE ADVISORY CIRCLE: STRATEGIES OF DEGROWTH AND FOR DEGROWTH

In many cultures, sharing in a circle has always been a simple and powerful tool for awakening collective wisdom and learning from each other. Here we use it as a different form for exploring the topic and finding ways to put degrowth ideas, principles and actions into practice on a broader than individual level. Kristýna Hrubanová is dedicated to education and the search for meaningful ways to learn within and outside of current formal institutions, respond to the current social and environmental challenges of the contemporary world and to learn for the world that will come.

HOW TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION?

NATHAN BARLOW, ARNOŠT NOVÁK, EKATERINA CHERTOVSKAYA
MODERATED BY ANNA KÁRNÍKOVÁ
TIME: 16.30 – 18.30
LANGUAGE: CZECH, WITH TRANSLATION
> BRNO MARKET HALL

Having a vision is not enough and time is against us. How do we connect all levels of needed change – creating lived utopias now and here, transforming infrastructures, institutions and the deepest parts of the system – that is, its values and thus ourselves? How do we achieve deep change, and quickly? What steps would the first degrowth government take? In which

parts of the system is change most likely to be born? How to be ready? And with whom do we necessarily need to work for change?

Nathan Barlow is a PhD candidate at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) at the Institute for Multilevel Governance and Development, researching strategies for social ecological transformation. He is an editor of the collected volume „Degrowth & Strategy: how to bring about social ecological transformation“ (MayFly, 2022) and was an organiser of the Vienna Degrowth Conference in 2020. He is also a founding member of the Vienna Degrowth Association and active with the collective that manages the website Degrowth.info.

Arnošt Novák is a sociologist, he deals with social movements, degrowth and the relationship between society, nature and the environment in general. For more than 30 years he has been involved in anarchist, autonomist, environmental and squatter activities with varying intensity. He is currently involved in the radical publishing house Neklid.

Ekaterina Chertovskaya is a researcher at Lund University in Sweden where she works on degrowth and critical organisational theory. Her work examines the multiple crises created by capitalism, neoliberalism and growth-focused policies, and she explores pathways for socio-ecological transformation.

HOLY POLY PARTY

TIME: 20.00 – 23.00
> CAFÉ TROJKA

Prague's emerging DJ collective Polina Records brings their beloved HOLY POLY party to Brno! Since they all came for education, after feeding their minds with the hottest and crispiest policies, politics, strategies and concepts, they will bath you in a sound at Brno's darling Trojka.

Expect nothing less and nothing more than curated selection of weird sounds, good portion of fun, mesmerizing costumery and edgy techno/electro/house beat with a genderfuck aesthetics of supporting crowd.

Polina Records is a collective of emerging DJs from Prague, playing mostly in the shadow of Jeseniky mountains. As clichéd as it gets, the collective was born during the pandemic, when the beloved clubs were closed, but the craving for music persisted. Nothing should be taken too seriously (apart from climate crisis and a case for degrowth), as none of them does, so expect just fun and just vibes. Bring the costumes, babes!

BRNO MARKET – CONVIVIAL EVENING

TIME: 19.30 – ??
LAGUAGE: ANY LANGUAGE
> BRNO MARKET HALL

One of the main goals of the (De)conference is to deepen and create new relationships. Therefore, we would be happy if we meet those, who have the desire and capacity, in the evening at the Market Hall and together create a friendly, convivial atmosphere. There is no limit to the imagination. We can chat, dance, play board games, sing and play musical instruments (so bring your musical instruments or favourite board games). There is also a Craftbeer on site where we can have a beer, soda or other drink. We can stay on site until late in the evening.

SUNDAY • MORNING

NAVRATH: DEGROWTH AWAKENING: DREAMING OF THE BODY

TIME: 8:30 – 8:45
LANGUAGE: CZECH
> MARKET HALL, 4TH FLOOR

The morning awakening will be a mixture of work and connection with the body, movement, breath, voice, imagination, creativity, space and group.

Martin Nawrath: Facilitator, therapist, essayist and poet. He is dedicated to guiding individuals, couples and groups through phases of uncertainty, conflict and searching. He is interested in the boundaries of disciplines, professions, communities and identities and the risks of understanding personal growth.

OPEN SPACE

LANGUAGE: CZECH, ENGLISH
> LOCATIONS OF PARTICULAR PROGRAM BLOCKS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING SATURDAY EVENING.

9:00 – 10:00

1ST PART OF THE OPEN SPACE

6 parallel topics according to the participant preferences

10:00 – 10:30 coffee break

10:30 – 11:30

2ND PART OF THE OPEN SPACE

6 parallel topics according to the participant preferences

The purpose of the Open Space is to create space for joint thinking, understanding and networking of people dedicated to the topic of degrowth. Open Space is a participatory format that allows attendees to decide on the content of the particular programme blocks during the event. At the same time, it blurs the distinction between the roles of lecturers and participants – everyone is actively involved in the design of the programme and its implementation. Thus, everyone will be able to bring his/her topic to offer to others to discuss and explore. Thus we will be able to focus on topics particularly relevant to the attendees

of the conference and to enable initiation of future activities and collaborations. The implementation of the open space format will be facilitated by the NaZemi and „Three Tails“ facilitation group.

12:00 – 13:00

Joint closing of the Conference

› BRNO MARKET HALL

13:00 – 14:00

joint lunch at the Market hall



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