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**Decolonising Degrowth Conference:
From Sustainability to Climate Justice**
Centre for Culture and Ecology, Durham University
24 - 25 June 2021 (via Zoom)



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Thursday 24 June 2021

13:00 Introductory Remarks

13:30 First panel

- Sarah Espinosa (University of Vienna): When Not Only Strong Sustainability but Also Strong Degrowth Is Needed
- George Sotiropoulos (Panteion University): 'The Master's Tools': Thinking Climate Justice and Degrowth Beyond Fairness
- Alberto José Franco Barrera (University of Santiago de Compostela): Climate Justice and Sustainable Development: A Viable Relationship?

15:00 Keynote lecture

- **Miriam Lang (Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar): Degrowth, postdevelopment and buen vivir, or the need for a transformative South-North-South dialogue**

16:00 Break

16:30 Second panel

- Sunu Rose Joseph & Shashikantha Koudur (National Institute of Technology Karnataka): Development vis-à-vis Degrowth: Stories of Resistance, Struggle and Survival from the Western Ghats
- Ishtiaque Ahmed Levin (Jawaharlal Nehru University): Indigenising the Anthropocene: Relevance of Gandhi's 'Swaraj'
- Leiyo Singo (University of Bayreuth, University of Dar es Salaam): Degrowth for the Global South? Towards Re-appropriation of Bioeconomy to Visibilise Pastoralists' Futures in Tanzania
- Carlos Tornel (Durham University): Decolonising Degrowth: From a Dialogue of Knowledges to a Dialogue of Livings

Friday 25 June 2021

13:30 Third panel

- Ruth Irwin (RMIT University): From Flabby Economics to Metabolic Wellbeing
- Jessica de Jesus de Pinho Pinhal (Technische Universität Berlin): The Epistemology of (De)growth: The Myth of 'Scalability' in Silicon Valley
- Edoardo Toffoletto (EHESS): Pharmacology of Growth and Imperialism: Between Geopolitics and General Economy
- Sophia Hatzisavvidou & Benoit Dillet (University of Bath): Decolonial Degrowth as Epimethean Politics

15:00 Second keynote lecture

- **Patricia E. Perkins (York University): Care, Humility, and Collective Futurity**

16:00 Break

16:30 Fourth panel

- Abigail Perez Aguilera (The New School): Beyond Human Relationality: A Decolonial Ecofeminist Approach to Degrowth
- Lorenzo Gineprini (University of Cologne): Rethinking Material Consumer Culture and Ecology through the Aesthetics of Waste
- Oscar Talbot (University of Amsterdam): Abolitionist Ecology—Rejecting the Green Gulag
- Alexandra Papademetriou (Artist and independent artistic researcher): The Degrowth Toolbox for Artistic Practices: Rethinking Creative and Exhibitionary Practices from a Degrowth Perspective

18:00 Conclusive Remarks

Registration to the conference is free and open to anyone, to get the Zoom link, please email:

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Lectures

Miriam Lang is an Associate Professor in the Area of Environment and Sustainability at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador. She has a PhD in Sociology and a Masters in Latin American Studies from the Free University of Berlin. She co-founded and collaborates with the Latin American Permanent Working Group on Alternatives to Development and with internationalist, feminist, environmentalist and antiracist social movements. Her current research focuses on the critique of development, systemic alternatives and the territorial implementation of Buen Vivir. She combines decolonial and feminist perspectives with political economy and political ecology.

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