



Fellow's Individual Project

Fellow	Host Institution	PhD enrolment	Start Date	Duration
ESR 12	HUB	Y	Month 9	36 months

Project title and related WP(s): Social (re)production and the good life in a post-growth society: a feminist and queer perspective (WP4, WP7).

Objectives: Economic growth is assumed to play an essential role in the dynamic stabilisation of societies, by guaranteeing security and revenue for welfare states, and by securing the legitimisation of democracies. In recent years this fundamental assumption has been questioned by degrowth movements in the Global North that advocate the need to limit economic growth and to change radically resource management patterns. The ESR will critically interrogate degrowth experiments in USA and Europe by undertaking research with local communities. The focus will be to examine changing gender roles, the reorganisation of labour and new consumption patterns in local projects such as transition towns. In addition, the project will investigate the connections between the degrowth movement and the emancipatory projects of feminism and gender/queer movements. A central feature of the research will be to investigate alliances among feminism and queer movements with degrowth movements in their collective search for alternative models of well-being and of a 'good life'.

Expected results: The ESR will map out social justice movements contributions to alternative models of well-being and of a 'good life' centred on the emancipatory projects of degrowth, feminist and queer movements.

Planned secondments: ISS (3 months) to study emerging literature on degrowth movements and PDV (3 months) to look at alternative models of care and economic well-being.