

Capitalism, Economic Growth and the Environment

Resource notes for the November 14, 2017 Enviro-Cafe with Richard Swift

Capitalism is an incredibly productive and dynamic way to organize an economy but has built-in tendencies to gross income inequality and ecological crises. With perpetual growth hard-wired into capitalism's operating system, the unsustainability of incessant growth on a finite planet becomes more apparent every day.

But what are the alternatives to capitalism? Are there better ways to support a good living standard for everyone without undermining the health of the biosphere?

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About Richard Swift

- <https://btlbooks.com/authors/view/richard-swift>

Resilience Article on Alternatives to Capitalism

- <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2017-05-17/hope-for-imagining-a-world-beyond-corporate-control-2/>

CBC Ideas Program Produced on Degrowth Movement

- <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-degrowth-paradigm-1.2914099>
<https://degrowth.org>

Interview about SOS Alternatives to Capitalism

- <http://www.socialistproject.ca/bullet/1051.php#continue>

The commons as a fountain of hope

- <http://www.socialistproject.ca/bullet/1006.php#continue>

New Internationalist Article "Transition Movement Meets Degrowth"

- <https://newint.org/blog/2017/02/16/transition-meets-de-growth>

Canadian Dimension Article on Death of Wage Labour

- <https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/the-dead-end-of-wage-labour>

Critical Progressive Reviews of Degrowth Movement

- <http://climateandcapitalism.com/2013/03/25/should-socialists-support-degrowth-2/>
- <https://monthlyreview.org/2011/01/01/capitalism-and-degrowth-an-impossibility-theorem/>

Richard's Additional Suggest Resources List

- <https://blog.p2pfoundation.net/>
- <https://www.rosalux.de/en/>
- <http://www.onthecommons.org/>
- <https://www.degrowth.info/en/>
- <https://www.peakprosperity.com/insider/109556/blueprint-degrowth>
- <https://degrowthcanada.wordpress.com/>
- <http://www.civicus.org/>
- <https://monitor.civicus.org/>

Red Pepper Review of Hardt and Negri's "Assembly"

- <http://www.redpepper.org.uk/anything-is-possible-when-the-multitude-assembles/>