



Beyond GDP-growth

Scenarios for sustainable building and planning

Open seminar – Beyond GDP-growth

What happens if the current GDP growth won't continue? How will such a society look like? This may be due to a redirection of politics towards a steady state economy or it may be a result of financial crises or failed growth politics.

These are questions that are questioned in a five year interdisciplinary research project, there researchers will explore what happens if the assumed GDP growth is halted. To this seminar three researchers are invited (Read more about the project and the lecturer on the other side)

Date: Friday 23 May 2014, 13.15 –16.00

Place: KTH, Borggården, Lindstedtsvägen 22. Local: F1

The seminar is free, but a fee of 250 SEK will be charged with cancellation later than two days before the seminar. **N.B!** The seminar will be held in English.

More information about the project and how to register you find at: www.bortombnptillvaxt.se

Program

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| 13.15 | Opening and about the project Beyond GDP-growth. Göran Finnveden, KTH and moderator Karolina Isaksson, VTI |
| 13.30 | Kate Raworth – economist and researcher
<i>“Can we live in the doughnut? Rethinking progress between planetary and social boundaries”</i> |
| 14.00 | Peter Victor – economist and researcher
<i>“Managing without growth: Slower by design, not disaster”</i> |
| 14.30 | Coffe break |
| 15.00 | Ivana Milojević – researcher and author
<i>“CLA - Causal Layered Analysis as a method of arriving at alternative visions and scenarios”</i> |
| 15.30 | Panel discussion will end the day |

About the project

In policies for sustainable urban development, continued GDP growth is generally taken for granted. Sustainable growth is an overall political goal, however the rhetoric around this concept have become increasingly criticized by researchers pointing to that there is no evidence of nations having decoupled growth from environmental degradation, given that the global foot prints of these nations are accounted for.

GDP growth is still reliant on access to cheap energy, and in the context of climate change and peaking resources, it is predicted that energy costs will rise. In this program we will explore what happens if the assumed GDP growth is halted. This may be due to a redirection of politics towards a steady state economy or it may be a result of financial crises or failed growth politics.

The aim is to explore scenarios for developments with degrowth, steady state and low growth and develop strategies that can be used within the field of building and planning in Sweden. Using three case study regions, we will develop strategies for the building sector, for delivering welfare services, for transportation and for everyday practices.

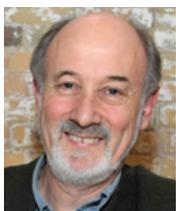
Beyond GDP-growth is a project including researchers from KTH, Uppsala University, Lund University, IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute and VTI (The Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute).

About the speakers



Kate Raworth is an economist focused on reframing economic paradigms to reflect 21st century realities and needs. She is a senior visiting research associate and lecturer at Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute, and a senior associate of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.

Until 2013, she was Senior Researcher at Oxfam, where she developed the concept of 'the doughnut' of social and planetary boundaries. From 1998-2001 she was economist and co-author of UNDP's Human Development Report, and she began her career as a Fellow of the Overseas Development Institute, working in microenterprise development in Zanzibar, 1994-97.



Dr. Peter Victor is an economist who has worked on environmental issues for over 40 years as an academic, consultant and public servant and was one of the founders of the emerging discipline of ecological economics. His current research is focused on alternatives to economic growth. His most recent books are *Managing without Growth. Slower by Design, not Disaster* (2008) and the edited volume *The Costs of Economic Growth* (2013).

Dr. Victor is a Professor in Environmental Studies at York University. Prior to joining the University in 1996 as Dean of the Faculty, he was Assistant Deputy Minister in the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.



Dr. Ivana Milojević /'ivana 'milɔjeviʃ/ is a researcher and writer with a professional background in sociology, education, gender, peace and future studies. She is a co-director of [Metafuture.org](http://www.metafuture.org), an educational think tank that explores alternative and preferred futures. Her university affiliations include Adjunct Professor at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia (since 2009) and Visiting Professor at the University of Novi Sad, Serbia (since 2008). Milojević has authored or edited numerous books and is the author of seventy academic articles and book chapters, many of which are available at www.meta-future.org.