

# In defense of degrowth

Opinions and minifestos

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The idea of degrowth is contentious, often misunderstood, and (perhaps paradoxically) growing in popularity. In this book, Giorgos Kallis, one of the movement's leading thinkers, presents an accessible, inspiring, and enjoyable defense. The book's chapters—a compilation of his opinion essays, newspaper articles, blog posts, and 'minifestos'—range from topics such as eco-modernism, the history of economics, science fiction, the Greek crisis, and Hollywood films. The book also features debates and exchanges between Kallis and degrowth detractors. *In defense of degrowth* is intended as an introduction for the curious, a defense against the skeptics, and an intellectually stimulating conversation for those already convinced but willing to learn more.

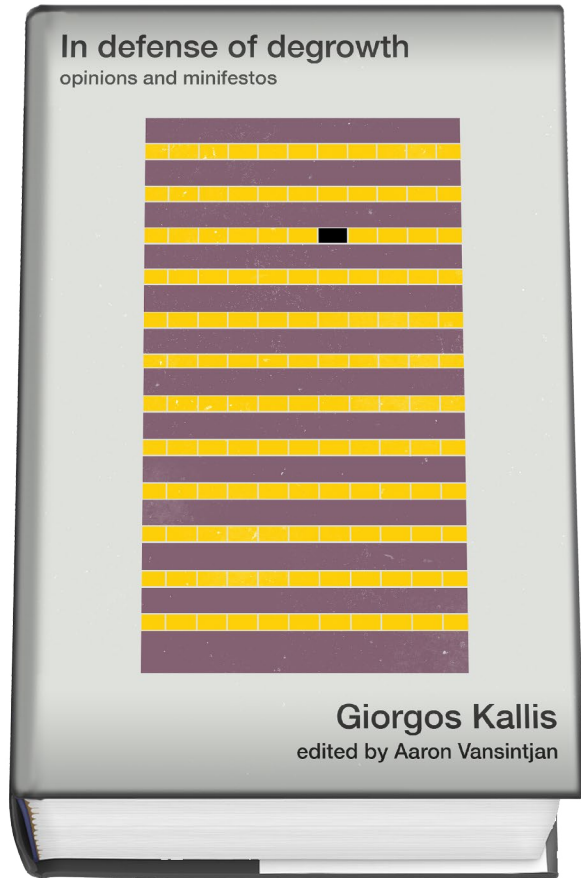
Kallis is a citizen of Greece, professor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, publisher of over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles, and an active member of the group Research & Degrowth. In 2015 he co-authored *Degrowth: A vocabulary for a new era*, the first English language book to comprehensively cover the burgeoning literature on degrowth.

## Praise for *Degrowth: A vocabulary for a new era*

"This ... is a volume that those committed to building non exploitative relations will need to consult as it offers a map to the world of alternatives to capitalisms." — Silvia Federici

"At a time in history when political, economic and intellectual leaders assure us that nothing fundamental can any longer be questioned, nothing could be more important than the movement – of thought, and of action – that this volume on Degrowth represents..." — David Graeber

"This book is one of the most thorough and insightful presentations and discussion of economic theory and practice in the field of de-growth economics, a revolutionary attempt to understand the economy as if humans and Nature matter." — Manuel Castells



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