Ecological economics: The only framework for agroecology?
Premises of sustainability in ecological economics

Embeddedness
- Limits
- Size (throughput) matters

Role of the Economy
- Well-being for all within planetary boundaries
- Distribution matters

Sustainability
- Man-made capital is no substitute for environmental endowments
- Preservation of natural capital is the goal
The myth of ecological modernisation (and green growth)

Absolute decoupling is not working (especially not in the available timeframe)

Problem-shifting is working

What is Degrowth?

MORE OF THE SAME
GROWTH

SAME OF THE SAME
STATIONARY STATE

LESS OF THE SAME
RECESSION

DEGROWTH, SIMPLY DIFFERENT

Source: Research & Degrowth
So, what is Degrowth?

Or what kind of alternative futures should we build?

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<th>In harmony with nature</th>
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<td>Readjustment of working life (working time reduction; diversity of working practices; fair and meaningful work)</td>
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<td>Provision of basic sustenance through redistribution (universal basic income/allowance/services)</td>
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<td>Responsible economic actors (mission-led strategies, coopetition, beyond profit motivations)</td>
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Supportive technology (ethicality, fairness, equity built into technological solutions)
Why the only framework for agroecology?

Because they both rely on

• ... systems view
• ... beyond market solutions
• ... multiple solutions
• ... respect for all types of knowledge
Thank you for your attention!

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