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Ecological economics: The only framework for agroecology?

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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

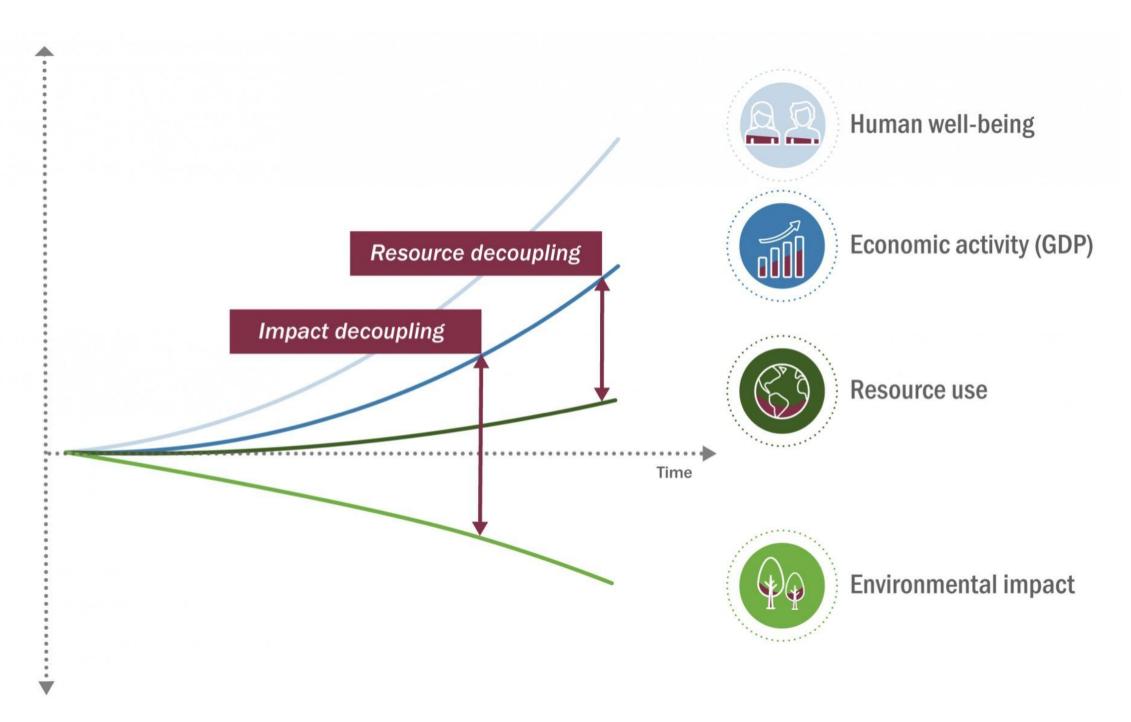
Man-made capital is no substitute for environmental endowments

Preservation of natural capital is the goal

The myth of ecological modernisation (and green growth)

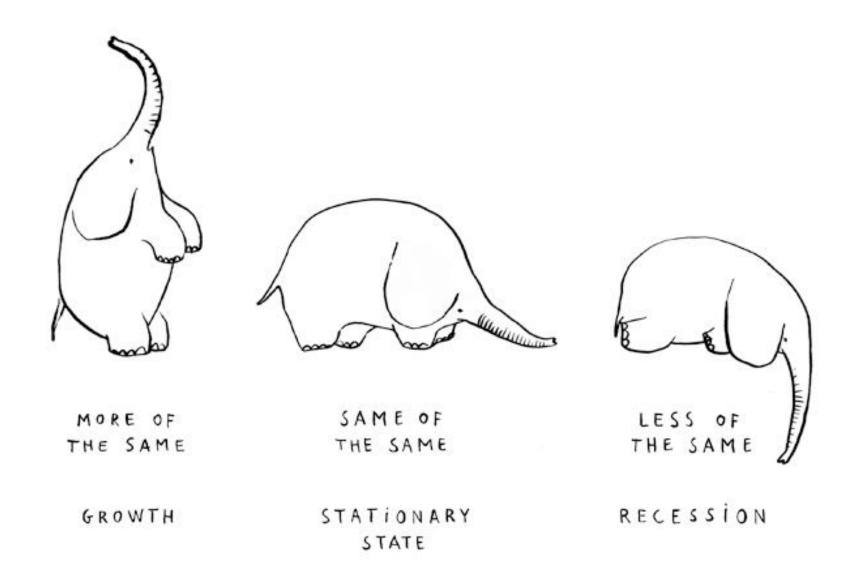
Absolute decoupling is not working (especially not in the available timeframe)

Problem-shifting is working



Source: UNEP. (2011) Decoupling natural resource use and environmental impacts from economic growth, A Report of the Working Group on Decoupling to the International Resource Panel.

What is Degrowth?



DEGROWTH, SIMPLY DIFFERENT



Source: Research & Degrowth

So, what is Degrowth?

Or what kind of alternative futures should we build?



Autonomy

Redefinition of well-being





Conviviality

Slow life





Solidarity

Trust



Tools

Readjustment of working life (working time reduction; diversity of working practices; fair and meaningful work)

Provision of basic sustenance through redistribution (universal basic income/allowance/services)

Responsible economic actors (mission-led strategies, coopetition, beyond profit motivations)

New economic models: sharing economy, solidarity economy, circular economy, service economy

Glocalisation (local production and consumption chains, shorter supply chains, stronger communities)

Private sufficiency – public luxury

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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