

Solidarity Economy in Brazil and Degrowth: Is it possible a common platform of action and discourse?

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1. Research's Context

important step to Degrowth - provide a platform on which social movements from the North and the South can converge

problems caused to the South as a consequence of the economic development model present in the North

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Objective

to contribute to identify a common platform on which
Degrowth social movements from the North and the South
can converge

additional guiding term:

theoretical elements that guide social groups existent in the South

Solidarity
Economy

Brazil

2. Methods

Data's source - texts

14 Degrowth
14 Solidarity Economy

8 analytical categories

Actors	Values
Historical events	Theoretical sources
Context	Discursive and social practices
Antagonism	Model

comparison

Common

Distinct

Antagonistic

3. Results and discussion

Antagonistic Elements

Solidarity Economy	Degrowth
Qualify economic growth	Reject
Qualify (sustainable) development	Reject

Is this antagonism a barrier to approximate the movements?

3. Results and discussion

Equality Cooperation Sharing
Diversity Distribution Sustainability

Growth is not its major objective

building of a society based on
those notions

3. Results and discussion

Common Elements

close related to Buen Vivir

distinguish basic (+) and created (-) needs

opposition to consumerism and publicity

defense of equality

defense of quality of relations

harmony between human beings and of those to nature

recognition of an intrinsic value of nature that transcends treating it in terms of economic utility

opposition to materialism

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how much of the antagonism may be a semantic issue - the use of the words development and growth - and how much is it in fact a matter of principles, ideology and of coherence of everyday practices?

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would the fact that SE assumes all of those standings, values and critiques, entail SE interests in overcoming economic growth and its productivist bases that are defended by Degrowth?

3. Results and discussion

Distinct elements

Solidarity Economy	Degrowth
absent	bioeconomy
sustainability is peripheral	sustainability as one of the articulating elements of the movement
absent	rebound effect ; limits of the ecoefficiency, decoupling and the substitution of factors of production.
generic	several evidences and datas that suggest a burnout of the ecosystem's productivity

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what impacts upon the conception of growth and development would there be for SE if that debate became part of the movement?

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Distinct elements

Solidarity Economy	Degrowth
does not approach the size and dynamics of the economy scale	reduction of consumption and of economic activities stable and leaner economy
sectors of society historically excluded or in situations of risk	actors from the middle-class
popular sector	Intellectual, activist and academics sector
to guarantee elementary conditions of survival or more stability and opportunities	to promote the questioning of the present socioeconomical system

wouldn't it be an incompatibility between the movements to defend consumption reduction?

3. Results and discussion

would it be rejected by SE in Brazil a debate over the decrease of consumption of the rich and of the superfluous goods and services?

Would SE be converging with the necessity of consumption reduction when it opposes to consumerism, to the necessities created by capitalism and that are imposed by publicity and also when it defends the notion of well-being based on qualitative and relational attributes?

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4. Conclusion

common elements point out to the possibility of a common platform, once the antagonisms and differences do not hinder a dialog between the movements

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commons elements → **platform**

social approach
sustainability issues
patterns of production of basic goods

**complementing
movements**

Economic Growth
Development
Consumption reduction

barriers ?

THANK YOU!!!

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