**Vienna – GROWL course, Work in degrowth society 26. 4. - 1. 5.**

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**Access to land, agricultural in the city (SoliLa initiative)**

* Vienna is growing – 20 000 people per year
* Predictions of faster growing, now 1, 8 mil.
* Investors, lobbing…
* In Vienna, 80 000 flats are empty -> building houses for itself. So there is a question – who predicts that, who says that there is a need to build new houses? -> pressure of developers, EU – pressure of Siemens – to build houses, „build things“
* 15 % of land in Vienna is agricultural. So building is happening on agricultural land
* West-bahnhof – train station with huge shopping centres – for who, for what -> commercialization of public space
* There is a big tradition of social housing in Vienna, from 1919.
* -> but for last 10 years, there is no reconstruction of old houses. They also build houses for middle-class, not for pure people

**Waste in Austria**

* In 1995 they decided to stop approach of reducing (until this year, strategy was to prevent production of waste – best approach…) -> production of waste is higher and higher from this time
* In Vienna – using plastic waste to burning it in factory – it has higher energy level – it is the same in Czech republic…

**Feminist theories about degrowth (Sabine Gruber)**

* Traditionally, 1 employee for whole life, man like „bread worker“
* Difference between east and west – communism era – different roles of woman and man – women in work during communism – they had to work. In west – they had been excluded from earning process to raise children
* ! aim of the economy – it is not a production but it has to satisfy our needs

**Some interesting notes from workshops:**

„Leave the coal in the hole!“ ☺

„Leave the gas in the ass!“ ☺

**IT – internet – it is opened to all people from 1996**

* What people do with your data? -> alternatives – decentralization, platform, community supported internet

**Education**

* Importance of cultural aspects!
* In this way of education – gap between pure and rich is growing
* Education without growth – would more oriented to values and other needs

**Health sector**

* Without growth – time for prevention

**Feminist political economy**

* Consideration of power relations
* Harriet Taylor Mill (19. Century), Charlotte P. Gilman, Barbara L.S. Bodichon
* Criticism of classical and neoclassical economy
* Exclusion of household
* Restrictions in work for women
* Division of the society – production is the first X unproductive
* Definition of the value of the work
* Individualism
* Prototype of worker/man = masculine world
* Justification of less paid jobs
* Monetary valuation of work
* At the begin of industry revolution – women and men worked together -> Marx describes that. Then women started to be excluded from the process (where they worked f.e. for 20 hours every day…)

**Marxist economy**

* Reproduction – surplus

Surplus – when you work very hard and more and more - cycle

Marx don´t talk about children, rating, sleeping, education, free time, clearing house,…

* He talks only about the cycle WORK – MONEY – SHOP – FOOD – EATING.
* Until Marx – it was not so separated – we have it from this time

SURPLUS

* People are forced to work
* You work for the system
* You have to produce more and more
* Perpetual cycle
* More work, more goods, better wages – smth like run to the bottom -> market system

**Visions of work in degrowth society (impressions of Nicole Lieger)**

**Transition towns (Rob Hopkins**)

“from oil dependency to local resilience”

**Open high-tech subsistence (DIY)**

* Do all by myself, high-tech machines
* 3D printers
* Internet – open knowledge
* Matalab

**Commons**

* Sharing things like the best way to solve problems with growth
* Really may things in life should be share

**Cradle2cradle**

* Putting everything to a cycle
* Compost ☺
* We have to begin at the start – no pipe solutions
* Minimizing the footprint and good mood ☺
* Socio-ecological reindustrialization of Europe (initiated by educational part of green party) – f.e. more production of T-Shirt in Europe

**Give what you can get what you need**

* F.e. income, some kind of maintenance
* “planet is my own” – emotional level, putting everything to good state
* -> we don’t need to put so high value and importance to work

**Memories by doing X learning**

DOING – through mistakes, multidimensional, you member it better