



VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

NEWSLETTER

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THE VISIONS

Welcome to our first Newsletter!

The Visions for the Future project begins from the recognition that our current neo-liberal socio-economic system is confronted with significant challenges such as ecological unsustainability and increasing inequality.

Many alternative Visions for the future have been formulated, and we have decided to begin our work normatively analysing the eight Visions listed on the right of this page.

Our project seeks to address how can we make a systematic comparison and evaluation of these visions. This project makes a comparative normative analysis of these proposed visions, develops a framework to conduct this analysis, and searches for hybrid or new visions.

Visions for the Future is a VICI funded project, of which Ingrid Robeyns is the Principal Investigator and the three

postdoctoral fellows are Caleb Althorpe, Hannah McHugh and Catarina Neves.

We are pleased to announce the Visions for the Future July 2025 Workshop (invitation only), which will introduce the research project, and invites scholars who have contributed to the development of the visions listed above to engage in a discussion regarding the promise of, and challenges faced by, the visions. The discussion will offer the opportunity to consider each vision individually, and further will explore the ways in which different visions may be complementary or contradictory.

To do so, the Workshop has invited scholars to respond to the question: **What are the challenges to the realisation of each Vision?**

Please visit [our website](#) to hear more about this and other events!

VISIONS FOR ANALYSIS

[Basic Income
Society.](#)

[Community
Wealth Building.](#)

[Degrowth
Economy.](#)

[Economic
Democracy.](#)

[Property
Owning
Democracy.](#)

[Stakeholder
Capitalism.](#)

[Wellbeing
Economy.](#)

[Workplace
Democracy.](#)



RECENT SPEAKER SERIES EVENTS

Systemic Risk and the Transformation of Democracy; Dr Steven Klein

Our Visions Speaker Series began in January, and we were delighted to welcome Steven Klein. Democracies today are faltering in the face of large-scale systemic risks, such as financial risk and climate change, which are giving rise to new forms of emergency and crisis governance. This lecture diagnosed our era of systemic risk and asked: how can the politics of systemic risk become democratic?



UPCOMING SPEAKER SERIES EVENTS

Professor Julia Steinberger: Living well within planetary limits

27 February 2025 - 14.00-15.30

Prof. Julia Steinberger teaches in the interdisciplinary areas of Ecological Economics and Industrial Ecology. Her research examines the connections between resource use (energy and materials, greenhouse gas emissions) and societal performance (economic activity and human wellbeing).

Prof. Steinberger has been Professor of Societal Challenges of Climate Change at the University of Lausanne since 2020. Previously, she worked at the University of Leeds. For her research project 'Living Well Within Limits', which investigated how universal human well-being might be achieved within planetary boundaries, she received the Leverhulme Research Leadership Award.

To register for this online event for academics and other interested professionals please use this [registration form](#).

Dr Timothée Parrique: Defining Degrowth

19 March 2025 - 16.00-17.30

If there is one point of consensus in the degrowth scholarship, it is that degrowth defies consensual definition. As of now, there is no widely accepted definition of the term within the field.

This article analyses 115 definitions of degrowth in English and French ranging from 2006 to 2024 in order to identify a minimal list of characteristics that narrows down the meaning of degrowth to a more operational level. Based on that analysis, this paper offers a new definition: degrowth as a downscaling of production and consumption to reduce ecological footprints, planned democratically in a way that is equitable while securing wellbeing.

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