

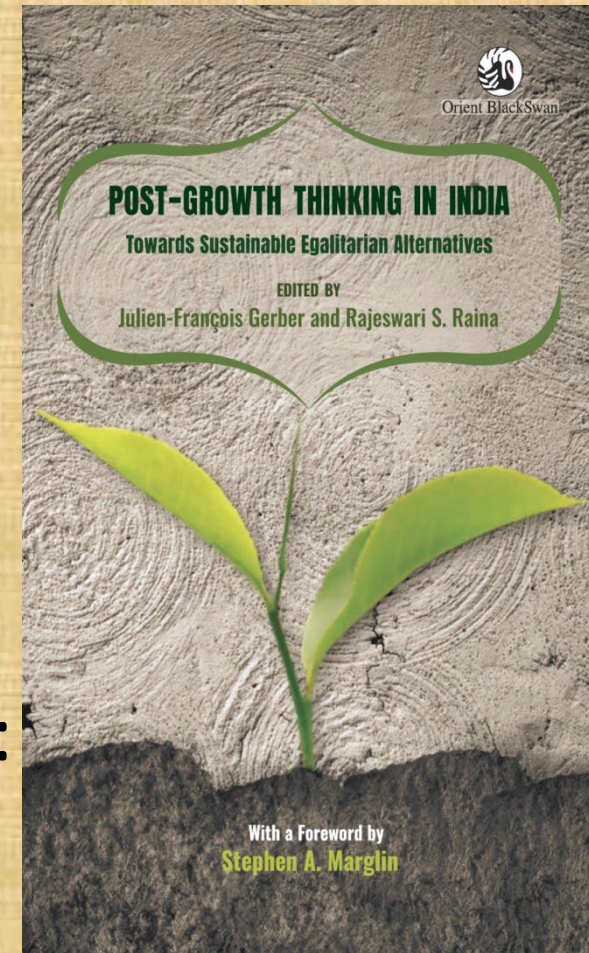
Conviviality, Cooperation and Prosperity: not Growth

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Post-Consumption
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Responses

- Post-growth: World Systemic and Class Sensitive
- Question growth=development myths
- Sustainability, Diversity and Justice for all
- Invest in unlearning and learning: Human Capital and Natural Capital



What is post-growth?

- **Degrowth** → let's downscale our metabolism and reorganize society
 - **Agrowth** → let's carefully define what we want, whether it requires GDP growth or not
 - **Steady-state economics** → let's stabilize our metabolic throughput at a sustainable level
 - **Post-extractivism** → let's leave oil in the soil
 - **Community + solidarity economies**
 - **Alternative 'good life'** → let's base our economy on our conception of the 'good life'
- } **Post-development**

Fundamental Propositions

- Institutionalized myths: trickle down (Arndt 1983)
- Mental models/lenses: Limits vs Scarcity (Lele et al 2018)
- Inter-locking structures: injustice (Raina and Kachroo 2024)

- **...a class-based approach is more fruitful:**

The world-system is governed by a single global ruling class with a similar metabolism

The degrowth critique is applicable to the global middle and upper classes regardless of their location

‘substantivist’ (social ecological economics, socio-metabolic measures – MEFA, MuSIASEM) approach to economic policies is appropriate

Post-growth is not always about producing and consuming less
some activities will grow (e.g. cooperatives, gardens) while other will decline (e.g. extractivism, advertising)

How Post-growth? Theory and Policy

- **Pluralism:**
 - Discursive engagement and vision
 - Organizing sustainable social-ecological transformations
 - Goals of social justice, economic and environmental wellbeing. (Kapp – the economic goal of ‘least suffering’)
- **Integration:** Radical (international) Political Economy, International Relations – Ecological Economics – Political Ecology – Science, Technology, Society Studies (STS)
- **Theory of State and Theory of Consumption**

Data for a post-growth policy

- Measures of Social metabolism – MEFA and MuSIASEM
- Processes of Radical Ecological Democracy
- Capacities for Decentralized Social-Ecological database
- Mapping and monitoring Social-Ecological Systems, structures, connectivity, relations.