

Degrowth, Capitalism and Rødt – an Ecosocialist Perspective

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- An unwritten social energy contract between the government and the people
- The idea of zero growth never became dominant
- *More of Everything – Faster*, [NOU 2023: 3 \(regjeringen.no\)](#)
- A fast growing green industrial complex

- Low-income sections of the population are alienated from a climate project resonating badly with their material interests

- A lesson to be drawn

- Ecosocialism
- The commodity
- Use value. Exchange value. Surplus value

- Political implications for degrowth
- The purpose of capitalist growth vs the purpose of ecosocialist degrowth

- Rødt's degrowth leaning policies
- A two-price system for electricity
- Concrete measures to reduce the need for more power
- Climate rebate
- Climate scientist James Hansen's *Carbon fee and dividend* proposal.

What must be done if degrowth is to become a feasible political project?

1. A truly democratic and socially just degrowth based on the working-class and broad, progressive alliances
2. Degrowth strategies and policies guided by a realistic and critical analysis of capitalism
3. Structural, ecosocialist reforms mobilising the working people and changing the power balance

- A full-blown *Carbon Fee and Dividend*
- Will generate broad support, not yellow west protests and nationalistic growth sympathies

- The higher the carbon fee, the more low- and middle-income groups will gain, and the more popular - and powerful! - the policy will be
- One thousand kroner to each person each month from 2026, increasing to 2 000 the next year, then 3000, and so on, for as long as it takes to get the emissions down to zero