



# Module Description

<b>Module name:</b> Political ecology, Degrowth and the Green New Deal			
<b>Course form</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Language</b>
Workshop (online)	4 ECTS	1 week block course	English

## 1) **Qualification goals / Outcome:**

After completing the module, participants should be able to analyse the concepts of degrowth, ecological unequal exchange, Green New Deal, and embeddedness by applying theories situated within the fields of academic research of Ecological Economics and Political Ecology.

## 2) **Course content:**

The first day of the workshop is intended to initiate students to the foundational concepts of ecological economics. Ecological economics is an ecological critique of economics, applying the energetics of life to the study of the economy. It also investigates the social distribution of environmental costs and benefits. It does so by deconstructing concepts that are taken for granted like “nature” or “the economy”, excavating their ideological origins.

## 3) **Teaching methods:**

Students will be given a reading list ahead of the start of the summer academy to help familiarize themselves with the key concepts that will be discussed. Each input session will be structured in the following way: 1-hour lecture followed by a 30-min discussion. Students are expected to develop a final presentation for the whole summer academy based on what the group will decide in the course of the first collaborative session.

## 4) **Kind of module:**

This Module can either be accomplished in a compulsory or elective module, depending on the degree programme. In every degree programme it might be suited for elective or transdisciplinary modules. In degree programmes in economics or with parts in economics, it might be suited for advanced courses, too.



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**5) Requirements for participation:**

Students who are interested in attending this workshop should ideally have completed or being currently enrolled in a master's degree in either economics, anthropology, sociology, or PPE.

**6) Requirements for granting credit points**

a) contact times	b) self-study	c) exam preparation	d) marking
30 h	30 h	60 h	yes (pass/fail)

**e) assessment pattern**

Written exam containing open questions. Pass/fail

**7) Module coordinator**

The module is carried out by the Netzwerk Plurale Ökonomik e.V.  
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**8) Module teaching staff**

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