

## **“Beyond growth? Alternative models for economic development”**

A PEGNet/GIZ initiative

### **Call for papers**

#### **Rationale**

*“The earth’s interlocking resources – the global system of nature in which we all live – probably cannot support present rates of economic and population growth much beyond the year 2100, if that long, even with advanced technology” (Club of Rome, 1972).*

This quote published by the Club of Rome in the 1970s shows that the debate on the global ‘limits to growth’ is far from new. It raised the question on whether a world of limited resources (and sinks) can support unlimited economic growth and started the debate on the pros and cons of economies targeting economic growth. Due to current global challenges like the climate crisis, rising inequalities, or the loss of biodiversity, the debates on the ‘limits to growth’ and on sustainable transitions become more relevant than ever. At the same time, questions of environmental justice are getting more important as, while the majority of current and past greenhouse gas emissions were emitted in the Global North, climate change is strongly affecting developing countries. However, until now this debate on alternative economic models is mainly driven by scholars from the Global North and there is still a lack of implemented policies.

This leads, inter alia, to the following questions:

- How relevant are alternative economic models for the Global South?
- Can poverty reduction work without growth? How applicable are such models?
- Is sustainable, green growth possible (in developing countries)?
- What are the implications of the principle of common-but-differentiated responsibilities?
- What are the implications of gender, postcolonial and environmental justice aspects on this debate?
- How can human needs and wellbeing for all be achieved within the planetary boundaries?
- How could these alternative models be implemented i.e., translated into policies?

With this special issue on “Beyond growth – alternative models for economic development”, we would like to elaborate on these and more questions by inviting contributions from economics and related social sciences. Please send abstracts or full papers to [pegnet@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:pegnet@ifw-kiel.de) indication “**Special Issue - Beyond growth**” until **15 May 2022**.

#### **Format of contributions**

- Abstracts to be submitted by 30 April 2022
- Authors workshop to present and discuss the draft papers (June 2022)
- Full papers (max. 9000 word, including references) to be submitted by 31 August 2022

#### **Publication**

- Papers are expected to be published as a special issue in a relevant journal, e.g. the European Journal of Development Research (EJDR)
- Selected contributions will be presented by the authors during dedicated sessions at the GIZ Future Forum 2022 and/or the PEGNet Conference 2022