

Less, More, Different? Exploring the Global Politics of Post-Growth

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Where do we find post-growth ('beyond growth') ideas in contemporary global politics? And what would a global politics of post-growth look like compared to the currently prevailing institutions built around the pursuit of (green) growth? The roundtable participants, some of whom are members of the international research network 'The Global Politics of Post-Growth' (funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG), address these and related questions by drawing on diverse research agendas. Their work, however, has one key aspect in common: the double aspiration to introduce post-growth thinking into IR scholarship and to 'globalise' post-growth scholarship. Located at this budding intersection of critical thinking, the participants discuss the prospects and pitfalls of a global politics of post-growth. The conversation focuses on the potential of post-growth for doing inter-/transnational security and finance differently. In discussing these matters, the participants draw on illustrative examples, including demilitarisation dynamics and (green) extractivism in Latin America, green Islamic finance in Southeast Asia and the role of international organisations in (post-)growth debates. In this context, the roundtable also briefly reports on ongoing and completed work done within and beyond the research network on these and similar topics. Given that for IR at large post-growth presents a formidable theoretical and empirical challenge, the roundtable begins assembling a box of tools that will help us to better understand and, eventually, crack this hard nut.

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