

Work time reduction for degrowth

3-year PhD scholarship, University Clermont Auvergne, France, 1st Septembre 2022

As part of its research activities, Academia 20-25 and the *Observatoire de la Post-croissance et de la Décroissance* (OPCD) is offering a **three-year PhD scholarship** on the topic of **degrowth and work**, and more specifically on working time reduction in European context.

While the candidate will be flexible in setting the direction of the research, we imagine a **comparative studies of working time in a few European countries** (preliminary suggestions are: France, Sweden, and Spain – and possibly also the Netherlands). This will come on top of a broader, theoretical reflection on the role of work and working time for degrowth. The project could also explore other, work-related policies like **universal basic incomes and job guarantees**.

While all social science backgrounds are considered, we are looking more particularly for someone with a **Master in economy-related disciplines** such as economics, political economy, economic sociology, economic anthropology, economic history, etc. Applicants should be fairly knowledgeable about degrowth (a research work on degrowth carried out during the master's degree is definitely a plus). Candidates should have experience in working with empirical research and **strong quantitative skills**. Applicants with a Master's degree in Systems Dynamics (using Stella or Vensim) are encouraged to apply.

The PhD, supervised by Arnaud Diemer and Timothée Parrique, will be enrolled in the research laboratory of [CERDI](#) (Centre de Recherche et d'Etudes sur le Développement International) part of University Clermont Auvergne, one of the leading French research centre on development economics. The PhD student will be located at the CERDI office in **Clermont-Ferrand (France)** for the three years of the PhD, but is expected to carry out short-term missions in Sweden (University of Lund) with Marx Koch and in Spain (Autonomous University of Barcelona) with Gorgios Kallis.

In addition to his research activities, the PhD student is expected to participate in the overall running of the OPCD (mainly seminars, workshops, and summer schools), as well as in the organisation of the international conference "Limits to Growth" which will be held in Clermont Ferrand on 1 and 2 December 2022. There is no teaching duties attached to the position but if the PhD want to be involved. It's possible. The salary is **1769 euros** (before tax).

The thesis being written in English, candidates must be fluent in that language in both writing and speaking. Ideally, some knowledge of a second language (especially French, Swedish or Spanish) will be a plus (it will be possible to take French courses during the PhD period).

The **deadline for application is 10th June 2022**. Applications should be sent to Arnaud Diemer (arnaud.diemer@uca.fr), including (1) a preliminary research plan, (2) a letter of motivation, (3) a CV, and (4) two letters of recommendation. After selection of the applications, an interview will be offered to the selected candidates during the **second half of June**. The PhD starts in September 2022..