

BuzzWordsPresentation  
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**Buzz Words, an art project on economics decreasing for V.I.R.u.s.** on [www.meetopia.net](http://www.meetopia.net)

A one minute video clip for V.I.R.u.s. An art project for [www.meetopia.net](http://www.meetopia.net)  
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**Buzz Words for Active Decreasing**

**Chapter ONE**

*Subtitle*

**Approaches to increase co-operation in an active, domestic economics decreasing**

*Personal and Collective Decreasing*

*Presentation*

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« La décroissance ne propose pas de vivre moins, mais mieux avec moins de biens et plus de liens. »  
(Charte de la décroissance)

**A gateway to the future. Look for the impossible. Ask for the real. Treat the unnecessary in day life experience as a relic of Victorian-era. Use the life potential to share auto-organisation with the multitude in day-life decreasing. Call for a general strike in terms of contributions to community value and collaborative research. Share widely a vibrant and vigorous call for decreasing.**

*BuzzWords is an excerpt of a long lasting research essay on Downsizing/Downshifting /decreasing / décroissance /simplicité volontaire. The debate can be framed in terms of whether voluntary decreasing will gain the participative intelligence, or whether disenfranchised and alienated consumers will increase.*

*Chapter one has sought to provide an alternative perspective on how a broad array of participative platforms is increasing the effectiveness of a collective decreasing movement.*

*Extensive and interconnected networks drive the diffusion of awareness in decreasing in commodities and factory-based mass production across many components of the so-called urban modern life.*

*If social media as alternative media can renewed day-life construction (Benjamin, One Way Street), then we will liberate time for distributed knowledge.*

*If we explore our mental and our physical environment sharing common challenges (Guattari, Chaosmose), then the games of life will friendly open.*

*If we find ways to openness (many-to-many), then we will create the very conditions that distribute openness (next-gen GNUnet).*

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**Webgraphy**

ParEcon. The Participatory Economics Project is a campaign to promote critical and creative thought on economic issues and vision.

<http://www.zmag.org/parecon/indexnew.htm>

<http://www.zmag.org/parecon/writings/faq.htm>

Parecon. Life after Capitalism by Michael Albert. London - New York. First published by Verso 2003. On-line <http://www.zmag.org/books/pareconv/parefinal.htm>

Réseau québécois pour la simplicité volontaire. [www.simplicitevolontaire.org/](http://www.simplicitevolontaire.org/)

Institut d'études économiques et sociales pour la décroissance soutenable  
Institute of Social and Economic Studies for a Sustainable Decroissance  
<http://www.decroissance.org/>

Réseau des Objecteurs de Croissance pour l'Après-Développement – ROCADE  
<http://www.apres-developpement.org/accueil/index.php>  
Forum sur l'après-développement  
<http://www.apres-developpement.org/forum/read.php?f=1&i=196&t=179>

[Décroissance biz](#) >> [http://www.vingre.net/hors\\_service/melange.php](http://www.vingre.net/hors_service/melange.php)

**Reclaim your work** ! Self managed and ethic cooperative. <http://www.reclaimyourwork.org/>

Reclaimyourwork (ou RYW pour faire court), c'est pour l'instant un réseau autogéré de gens qui ont envie de se réapproprier leur travail, pour ne plus devoir produire des objets ineptes ou nocifs en usine, ni engraisser des actionnaires, ni détruire la terre, ni financer l'Etat.

Economie alternative. Ekopedia

[http://fr.ekopedia.org/%C3%89conomie\\_alternative#Webographie](http://fr.ekopedia.org/%C3%89conomie_alternative#Webographie)

La cause fondamentale des grands problèmes de la société humaine est la concentration des pouvoirs de décision, et des richesses produites, dans les mains d'une infime minorité de privilégiés. Pouvons nous encore faire confiance en notre forme de démocratie, en notre république et en notre économie ?

Nous allons plutôt essayer de définir d'autres formes d'économie, d'autres manières de gérer les échanges.

**The Simple Living Network**

<http://www.simpleliving.net/main/default.asp>

Since 1996 The Simple Living Network has been providing resources, tools, contacts and examples for conscious, simple, healthy and restorative living.

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*Story board. Image frame by frame.*

**Buzz Words for Active Decreasing**

**A gateway to the future. Look for the impossible. Ask for the real.**

**Chapter ONE**

**Why financial cipher clerks make such a buzzzzzzzz?**

Ask for taxes on financial markets

Ask for economics of equitable cooperation

Ask for limits to growth

Ask for international solidarity

Ask for people's labour and cultural activities not be assigned market value

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**Treat the unnecessary in day life experience as a relic of Victorian-era**

**Share widely**

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**Use the life potential**

**to share auto-organisation**

**with the multitude**

**in day-life decreasing**

**Those magic letters...less and less efficient!**

**DOW JONES NASDAQ NIKKEI**

**FTSE 100 DAX S&P 500 CAC 40 XAA**

**Q. Where the working poor would find a place worth to work ?**

**A. In Business Intelligence**

Image : *Tulip Dow Jones*

« Globalize Or Die » : Massachusetts Governor

Gov. Mitt Romney, a former Bain Capital venture capitalist who is mulling a presidential run in 2008, has advised CIOs and technology executives to stop worrying about lost jobs and concentrate on innovating globally to create jobs here and abroad.

Outsource Reporter

Posted Nov 19, 2005, 2 :07 PM ET by Vibhav Nuwal.

Filed under : News, Opinion, Politics. <http://www.outsourcereporter.com/>

**ParEcon The Participatory Economics Project.**

Participatory Economics (Parecon for short) is a type of economy proposed as an alternative to contemporary capitalism. The underlying values are equity, solidarity, diversity, and participatory self management. <http://www.zmag.org/parecon/indexnew.htm>  
economy considerably affects relations among people  
'We don't want an economy that consigns us to a class which has a pre-ordained position, culture, disposition, etc., but to diversify outcomes and ensure that we can each freely choose among them all.'  
Michael Albert interviewed by Remi Gau.  
July 23, 2006.

#### **Has anyone something more substantial to say ?**

Michael Albert : 'I'd rather have an economy in which each person has a say in decisions proportionate to the degree they are affected, rather than authoritarian relations.'

#### **Much more mind-blowing ?**

##### **Which post-capitalist life do we want ?**

The end of the rulling class (huge corporations and economic coordinators) as top down economic dictatorship monopolizing most power and income.

##### **What is wrong with market ?**

Markets misprice goods and misallocate them. Markets produce a division of labor that divides about 20% of the population who monopolize empowering work from about 80% of the population who are left with rote and obedient work.

##### **What would be winning sequences in a pareconist change ?**

Parecon will emphasize changes in work relations and especially the division of labor, more participation in budgeting and workplace decision making, more access to information, and control over collective consumption, more consumer and workers councils, better work conditions, a participatory budget, a progressive or radical tax, a shorter work week with full pay, abolishing the IMF, or whatever else...

Work on how to make the current economical situation less painful for most folks

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#### **Bios**

Bios en bref / Short Bios

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Historienne de l'art, médiéviste et moderniste. Chercheuse indépendante en théorie critique de l'histoire sur l'École de Francfort et Walter Benjamin. Conférencière, consultante indépendante, co-éditrice de sites Internet.

Art historian in medieval and modern art fields, free-lance researcher, lecturer, independent consultant, web sites co-editor

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Histoire/théorie de l'art, études critiques, cybermédias, art des réseaux et « hyper-space »  
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Etudiant en art et design. A terminé en 1999 des études en multimédias à l'Ecole des Arts décoratifs de Genève. Accompli actuellement un Bachelor of Arts dans le domaine de l'animation, à l'Ecole UCCA à Farnham (Grande-Bretagne).

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Art and design student. Born in Geneva (Switzerland), lived seven years in Surrey (Great-Britain). Studies in multimedia conception at EAD (Ecole des Arts décoratifs) in Geneva until 1999. Now studying animation (BA) at the UCCA in Farnham, England.

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