

Under the magnifying glass

An introductory text analysis on the subject of post-growth

Overview

In this method, participants are given a first look at different perspectives on post-growth. To this end, three different texts are read and presented in small groups. The similarities and differences of the three perspectives are then discussed and complemented by information from the facilitators.





Instructions

Preparation

The texts are printed and the flipcharts for the presentation are prepared.

Execution

- The participants are divided into three groups of equal size. Each group receives one of the three texts:
 - > A post-growth economy as the only alternative" (Paech)
 - > "A look at a post-growth society" (Seidl)
 - > "Making simpler living simpler to achieve" (Zahrnt)
 and is given the following task:
 - > read the text.
 - > discuss it among yourselves.
 - > prepare a short presentation on what you consider to be the most important aspects of the text for the other groups.
- After 25 minutes the groups come together and present the content of their respective texts to the other groups.
- Once all three presentations have been given, a short discussion is held on the similarities and differences between the three approaches described in the texts. The main features of post-growth are then outlined by the facilitator(s) with the help of the previously prepared flipcharts (cf. Materials).

	15-25
	45 minutes
	Paper for note-taking, pens; Downloadable materials (www.endlich-wachstum.de): 3 texts, texts for flipchart presentations
	The method is best suited to the later stages of an event, when a number of thematic strands relating to economic growth and its various dimensions have already been examined. The participants should have a basic understanding of the concept of sufficiency.
Suggestions for follow-up	Suitable follow-up methods include: "Who can change things?" or "Building another world" (both in chapter 5).