

PUBLIC TALK - ONLINE

Post Development, policies, and the sustainability of life

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1. Key ideas and concepts on PD: some of them are (i) Centrality of the criticism of Development discourse (including the invention of underdevelopment and the impact it has on people's self-perception as "underdeveloped"; denialism of diversity; impacts on dignity and Human Rights; centrality of economic growth); (ii) Role played by PD in opening the possibility of seeing "what has been actively created as non-existent" (Boaventura de Sousa Santos). in relation to this, analysis of Hospitality; Attentiveness; "The art of noticing".

2. Practical applications: (i) starting with the proposal of Sustainability of life, (ii) an analysis of the "Defensoria" as a "place of hospitality", (iii) how this relates to policies and people's participation (strengthening democracy), (iv) Examples of policy recommendations to the government of Montevideo (in line with common good, relationality, community, and also sharing some reactions from neighbours that show the "desire for development").

3. Ideas for debate

I will share some thoughts around the question: Can policies play an enabling role in making "transformative initiatives" (as they are named in the PD Dictionary) part of the societal framework towards the sustainability of life?

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