Cities beyond Growth: Urban Struggles as Points of Leverage for Solidary Re-Localization
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Project of a post-growth-city: strong relocalization, not only of economic production and services, but also of democratic decisions and administration

What we have noticed in our (really diverse) cities: contradictions, privileges are more visible, differences of urban structures/quarters, dramatic changes in use of public space and local economy

>>> 3 points of leverage for social-ecological transformation of crisis-ridden urban space and society

And: Action!

Don't undo!
Keep pushing back growth-centered urban design

e.g. "temporary" bike lanes and pedestrian sidewalks instead of roads; conscious and local shopping; "What was really missing?" discuss the non-essential; keep urban air clean ...

Do!
Making solidary alternatives visible and accessible for all

e.g. support local delivery, balcony communities, notice the importance of green spaces for mental health, revalue unplanned encounters and socio-cultural spaces ...

Continue!
Protecting and institutionalizing approaches of urban degrowth

e.g. active role of cities in shaping economic recovery through local support programmes, strengthen cooperative platforms, keeping in mind what was suddenly possible ...

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