Farewell to Growth

Serge Latouche

Translated by David Macey

Contents

Pro	vii	
In	1	
1	The Territory of De-Growth	5
	A UFO in the Microcosm of Politicking	5
	What is De-Growth?	7
	The Battle over Words and Ideas	9
	The Two Sources of De-Growth	13
	Addiction to Growth	. 16
	The Green Algae and the Snail	20
	An Unsustainable Ecological Footprint	23
	A False Solution: Reducing the Population	25
	The Political Corruption of Growth	29

vi	Contents

2 A Concrete Utopia		31
•The De-Growth Revolution		31
The Virtuous Circle of Quiet Contraction	~~~	33
De-Growth as a Local Project		43
Is Reducing Growth a Retrograde Step?		52
De-Growth: A Challenge for the South		56
Is De-Growth Reformist or Revolutionary?		65
3 A Political Programme ,		67
An Electoral Programme		68
Jobs for All in a De-Growth Society		76
De-Growth: Behind the Work-Based Society		81
Is De-Growth Soluble in Capitalism?		88
Is De-Growth a Right-Wing Policy or a Left-Wing Policy?		92
Do We Need a De-Growth Party?		95
Conclusion: Is De-Growth a Humanism?		97
Bibliography		106
index		119