The Center for Iberian & Latin American Studies

● “Degrowth and Buen Vivir: debates on the post-development in Europe and Latin America”

The discussion after the lecture will be in Spanish.

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 ● Time: 3-4:30 pm
Place: Deutz Room in the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD

This lecture will address a summary of some of the theoretical debates on the criticism of the development concept in Europe and in Latin America. In the European case it will analyze the concept of Degrowth (Decroissance), which arose in France a decade ago. Concerning the case of Latin America it will discuss the notion of Buen Vivir that emerged in the Andean countries, particularly in Bolivia and Ecuador. Both concepts have had an important diffusion and incidence in some academic and social sectors, and often they are introduced and confused, without enough evidence as similar.

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