

## Discussion Qs

For the next two classes- T 4/26 & 4/28, it's your job to write one discussion question for each article.

### 5/3 T

1. How is Black Friday indicative of the overwhelming success of the neoliberal economic market (think capitalism) to indoctrinate commodity fetishism into American society?
  - a. What had the trade-off been for capitalist growth?
  - b. Why does the author question whether 'consumerism spurs growth or the economic system's built-in need for growth drives consumerism'?
  - c. How does advertising fit into capitalism?
  - d. How do adverse feedback loops undermine sustainability?
2. What is 'degrowth' and why do its advocates argue this model is a necessary step beyond practicing sustainable development?
  - a. What are no-growth advocates?
  - b. How and why did degrowth emerge as an economic model?
3. What are the key issues we, as humans, especially people in GN countries, need to address to promote sustainability?
  - a. How to/ what will/ what can successfully challenge the dominant neoliberal economic paradigm?
  - b. What are the main policy changes necessary for sustainability through degrowth?

### 4/5 T

1. What are the concerns about selling water?
2. How are new supplies of potable water generated?
3. How can existing supplies be made reusable and thus potable?
4. What are the main factors affecting water demand?
5. What strategies could help tackle poor water management?

### 4/7 TH

1. How is waste a 20<sup>th</sup> century problem?
2. What factors caused the shift from a '2-way' system to the beverage industry adopting 'one-ways'?
3. Why (was) China a primary recipient and buyer of recycled plastic?
4. Why doesn't the plastics industry fight or back the Bottle Bill?