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The Formation of Transitions
over the Life Course

People are making many small transitions towards a more sustainable lifestyle. What about a career transition?

White collar

Green collar

to

"comments sections filled up with confessions from white-collar professionals; people wrote me asking for guidance or tell me I had inspired them to quit their jobs to find something more meaningful." (Gräber 2018)

"...using my skills to have an impact, that is what I am currently looking for." (Interview April 2020)

Our growing concern for the environment has given space and attention to new discourses, but many oppose each other: "green growth" vs. "degrowth" for example (Neckel 2018). Therefore, going Green collar also means positioning oneself.

"If I could choose another Utopia, I would choose a capitalistic system that is based not on growth." (Interview April 2020)

Continuous Design

similarly to Grounded Theory, field material collection, interpretation, and theorizing are happening simultaneously, and throughout the study.



Climate Change
Post-Capitalism
minimalist
system
Values
Nature
useful
my stuff
Financial
Aussteiger
Political
Children
Lifestyle
Life crisis
slow down
Challenge
Solidarity

DeGrowth
FridaysForFuture

Practise Theory

What is the common **discursive Praxis**? Are there **embodied know-how** to learn or unlearn? Which **artefacts, affects** and **atmospheres** (Reckwitz 2016) accompany WtoG transitioners?

Research questions

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Transition from White to Green Collar

how do transitions in the life course happen?

How do practices accompany WtoG in the transition process?

How are transitions made relevant?

How do WtoG justify and legitimize their transition?

How does discourse play it's role in carrying out the transition?

How do sustainability discourses fit in the nexus of practices of WtoG?

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