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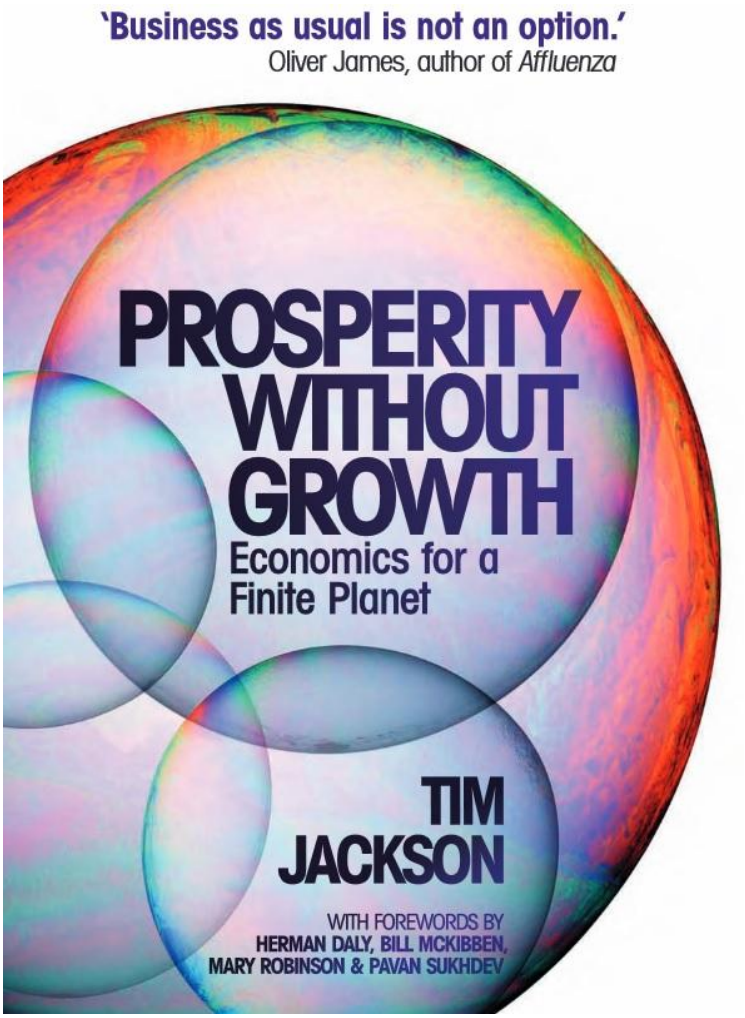


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Is more economic growth the solution? Will it deliver prosperity and well-being for a global population projected to reach nine billion?

No one denies that development is essential for poorer nations. But in the advanced economies there is mounting evidence that ever-increasing consumption adds little to human happiness and may even impede it. More urgently, it is now clear that the ecosystems that sustain our economies are collapsing under the impacts of rising consumption. Unless we can radically lower the environmental impact of economic activity—and there is no evidence to suggest that we can—we will have to devise a path to prosperity that does not rely on continued growth.

Is this economic heresy or an opportunity to improve the sources of well-being, creativity and lasting prosperity? Tim Jackson provides a credible vision of how human society can flourish within the ecological limits of a finite planet. (Text adapted from Routledge Publishing.)

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- Jackson, Tim. "Sustainability and the 'Struggle for Existence': The Critical Role of Metaphor in Society's Metabolism". *Environmental Values* 12, no. 3 (2003): 289–316.


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