

Megjegyzések Ivan Illich fejlődés- és ideológiakritikájához a
degrowth-diskurzus kontextusában

[Notes on Ivan Illich's Critique of Development and Ideology in the
Context of Degrowth Discourse]

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Abstract

The study undertakes an examination of the critical views on development articulated in Ivan Illich's work, *Myths of Progress*. It interprets the work written in 1978 within the context of today's degrowth discourse. The consumption and acceleration characteristic of the post-industrial era, along with the increasingly strong institutional control, are interpreted as consequences of covert ideologies that increasingly undermine human autonomy and freedom. This process has accelerated in recent times and has even become self-perpetuating. The place of creative, autonomous thinking and creation has been almost imperceptibly taken over by the dominance of ideologies. Following Illich, the degrowth discourse also points out that technological development and economic growth not only do not necessarily accompany the growth of human autonomy and creativity but can also become obstacles to the free unfolding of the human spirit.

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