

# Theories of Change

## Make-up task | Seminar February 9th

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**Deadline: Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> | Write 1- 1 ½ pages in total.** Use references from Roman Krznaric's article and other literature and lectures.

### **Purpose:**

The aim of this seminar was to come closer to understanding both what it means to have a theory of change, and what our own theory of change is. The purpose of this exercise is trying on different pairs of disciplinary glasses and see where they take you. How do they inform us about how change happens?

### **a) Understanding processes of change**

Read Roman Krznaric's paper "How Change Happens". Analyse the following processes of change. Which disciplines (*History, Politics, Sociology, Ecology etc.*) do you find most useful in answering each of these questions? Why?

- How can we explain the recent rise of far right wing parties in Europe?
- How can we explain the incredibly rapid and extensive digital revolution of the last 30 years?
- Why are we now experiencing human caused climate change?

### **b) Disciplinary perspectives on change that is needed**

Choose one of the disciplines presented by Krznaric. From your disciplinary perspective - what are the most important courses of action we must take in order to ensure that global warming does not exceed two degrees Celsius? What actors need to be involved and what strategies should they use?

As a warm-up for the second question you can read Chris Riedy's short criticism of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's theory of change, in relation to COP21 in Paris.

<http://chrisriedy.me/2014/11/13/theories-of-change/>

Good luck!  
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