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Jacques Grinevald is the author, co-author and translator of numerous works on questions of energy and development, the biosphere, Anthropocene and degrowth concepts. His research interests and teachings focus on these issues as well as on history and epistemology of scientific and technological development. Jacques Grinevald is now an Emeritus Professor of the Institute, where he remained transdisciplinary and unique because he brought global ecology, ecological economics and industrial ecology as a new approach in international and development studies.



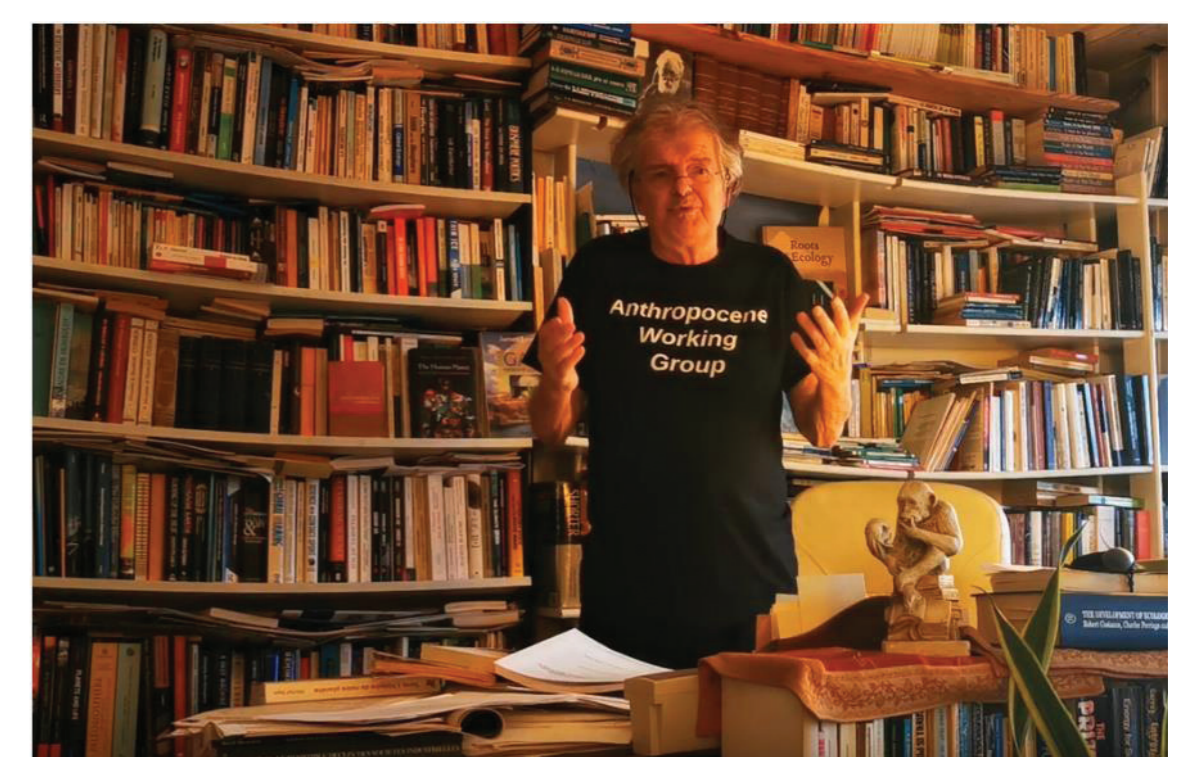
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After his studies and 'cooperation' in Africa, Jacques Grinevald joined the press and information service of the University of Geneva for two years. This gave him the opportunity to interact with the university community as a whole. In 1974, he met Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen who changed Mr Grinevald's ethics and thinking on economics and epistemology.



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Grinevald brought the science of ecology to the Institute in addition to the multiple disciplines concerning environmental and climate issues. He also taught for 25 years at the École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) where he managed to explain human ecology without using the term itself.



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Fellow of the Geological Society of London, he has been a member of the Anthropocene Working Group of the International Commission on Stratigraphy since 2010. He won the 2015 Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen Award in Unconventional Thinking for his work on Degrowth, the Anthropocene and Bioeconomics. He didn't fly to India for the award, continuing his commitment to ethical and ecological concerns.

