

Hello,

My name is Clayton Dasilva, and I am a Doctoral Candidate working under the supervision of Dr. Jasmin Habib at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, through the University of Waterloo in Canada. As part of my PhD, I am conducting a research study on the perceived constraints to transcending the economic growth imperative in the context of sustainable development. Given your expertise, I would like to invite you to participate in this study as an interviewee for the insight that you can provide into this topic.

If you decide to participate, your participation will consist of a one-on-one semi-structured interview, held remotely via telephone or video-conferencing, that will take approximately 60 minutes of your time. During the interview you will be asked questions about ‘Beyond GDP’ and ‘Beyond Growth’ aspirations as well as the constraints that these movements, and/or research agendas, face. For example: in your opinion, where do the Beyond GDP and the post-growth, or degrowth, agendas differ? How does the idea of a ‘Wellbeing Economy’ relate to sustainability, and to the former agendas, if at all? And ranked from most to least important, what are the primary obstacles to achieving positive reforms, or overall changes, that reduce humanity’s adverse environmental footprint while also improving wellbeing and equity? With your permission, I would like to audio-record the interview to ensure accurate transcription and analysis. Alternatively, if a one-on-one interview would prove difficult for any reason but you would still like to participate, I would welcome an email response to the interview questions.

I would also like to assure you that the study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Board. However, the final decision about participation is yours.

Please read the attached Information Letter for more details regarding what participation will involve. If you would like to participate, or you require additional information to assist you in reaching a decision about participation, please do not hesitate to contact me at cdasilva@balsillieschool.ca. You may also contact my supervisor at jasmin.habib@uwaterloo.ca.

Sincerely,

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