The idea for this project was inspired by a call for proposals of the current sustainability literature in- and outside of the university. Goals were to critically reflect on the positions of the authors and also to explore new formats and networks for technical exchange about sustainability literature in- and outside of the university. Since spring 2017, the university chose the book “Limits to Growth” (EUSD) as it lines up with the “Limits to Growth” in 1972. Back then, the “Limits to Growth” were a wake-up call and a decisive milestone for the development of the environmental movement as well as the sustainability discourse.

We organized public readings to each of the 13 book chapters – realized every time by another institution or entity of the university at different venues and in various formats. After the opening event in May 2017, and since then, at least one reading or discussion event per month was hosted with altogether over 200 participating staff and students as well as Eberswalde citizens. The sessions took place at ten different locations, five of them outside the university, for example, the local organic shop, the town hall, or the town library. The results of the discussions were documented and made available in a blog.

Additionally, the project was integrated into some teaching modules, e.g., in the international master programme Global Change Management. As an outcome, the students of the mentioned master programme conducted a public workshop which was used to compile a statement on the book in the form of a position paper.

**Background**

Since spring 2017, Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development (EUSD), in a series of diverse events involving staff, students and citizens, intensively discussed the book „Reinventing Prosperity“ by Graeme Maxton and Jürgen Randers.

Goals were to critically reflect on the positions of the authors and also to explore new formats and networks for technical exchange about current sustainability literature in- and outside of the university.

The university chose the book „Reinventing Prosperity“ as it lines up in the series of the famous Reports to the Club of Rome that started with the “Limits to Growth” in 1972. Back then, the “Limits to Growth” were a wake-up call and a decisive milestone for the development of the environmental movement as well as the sustainability discourse. Therefore, the key publications amongst the Reports to the Club of Rome belong to the ‘Must (Should)-Reads’ at Eberswalde University.

We would like to thank all involved parties and contributors, who hosted one of the reading & workshop events and thus breathed life into the project.

**Outcomes**

Main findings formulated in Position Statement - Draft 1.1

A. Valuable food for thoughts and discourse.
B. A long, but still short situation analysis.
C. Critical gaps in the analysis and the proposals might hinder a successful implementation.
D. There are possible negative effects through the implementation of the proposals.
E. Transformational change management cannot be achieved without a paradigm (and regimetal) shift.

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