

[Ferraris for all: is economic growth such a good thing?](#)

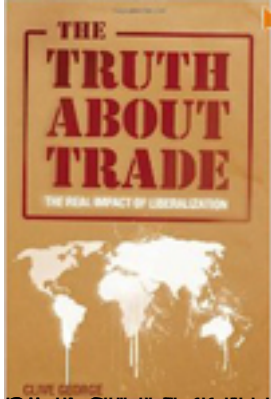
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[Daniel Ben-Ami](#) and [Clive George](#) will introduce a discussion about the scope for and limits to economic development in the developed and developing world.



Is economic growth such a good thing? Until the 1970s few would have even thought of asking this question. Yet today the West is often seen as guilty of overconsumption, while the rapid growth of developing countries such as China and India is seen by many in a highly negative light.

People who champion growth are accused of encouraging greed, damaging the environment and widening social inequalities. Daniel Ben-Ami, in his new book *Ferraris for all*, challenges these notions, arguing that society as a whole benefits from greater affluence and that we should celebrate growth.



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