

all areas of daily life, forming the basis of people's sense-making of their socio-economic world surroundings. This facilitates denial of one's own responsibility to protect the climate (professionally and privately), when one is repeatedly told that the market will fix things.

Policymakers, economic scientists, and corporate agents should consider alternative economic theories that go beyond, firstly, the self-interested individual, and secondly, the premises of growth, profit maximisation, efficiency, consumption, and the invisible hand. These unquestioned ideas about how to navigate current economic systems are being communicated already to school children, rendering profound structural change unlikely. When so much emphasis is put on the individual, as shown in this study, and market efficiency, it becomes increasingly improbable that people perceive of themselves as part of a collective they want and need to take responsibility for. This maintains the status quo of "growth-fetishism" (Hamilton, 2004), putting even more strain on the climate in the future.

7.6 Outlook

Future research that therefore looks into the effects of orthodox economic theories within education and their effects on students' worldviews and the resulting (in)compatibility with successful future climate action could bring some much-needed answers.

Research that endorses a new, more encompassing concept of knowledge would also be extremely valuable to the social advancement of climate action. Knowledge itself should be thought of as less cerebral or cognitive and instead as more emotional and embodied. Such a knowledge concept would need to fuse cognitive, emotional, and affective elements and should be rooted in everyday practices and routine conduct.

As shown in this study, thinking of climate cultures as manifestations of climate habitus integrates socio-economic with cultural aspects, which represents a promising avenue for future research. Therefore, investigating climate-cultural leanings in other contemporary societies and how they resemble or depart from the findings gained in this study would also afford further valuable insights.