

Color Codes

Track 1 Beyond GDP: Rethinking Well-being and Prosperity	Track 2 Ecological Boundaries, Biophysical Realities and the Commons	Track 3 Justice, Equity, and Inclusive Futures	Track 4 Socio-Ecological Transformation in Times of Crisis	Track 5 Technology, Work and Care
Track 6 Institutional Innovation and Governance	Track 7 Ecological Macroeconomics, Public Finance, and Money	Track 8 Sufficiency, Values, and Behavioral Change	Track 9 Reimagining Places and the Urban-Rural Divide	Track 10 Rethinking Business and Finance
Track 11 Developments in Ecological Economics as a Scientific Field	Keynote Lectures		Closed Special Sessions Best Student Papers	

Tuesday June 30

15:00 - 16:30

Registrations

Location: Registration Desks - Garden of Sint-Pietersplein 7 (entry from Tweekerkenstraat 2-side)

16:30 - 19:00

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Addresses

Petra De Sutter - Rector of Ghent University
Carine Smolders - Research Director, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Ghent University
Alexandra Köves - President of the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE)

Opening of ESEE2026

Brent Bleys, co-chair of ESEE2026

Keynote by Lucas Chancel (Sciences Po Paris)

Title: Who owns power? A political economy of energy regimes.
Discussant(s): Milena Büchs - Leeds University
Chair: Bart Defloor - Ghent University

ESEE2026 Practicalities

Bart Defloor, co-chair of ESEE2026

Location: Auditorium Quetelet, Tweekerken

Wednesday July 1

9:00 - 10:30

1.1: Well-Being and Prosperity: Theoretical Foundations Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweekerken (De Smet)	10.2.B: Post-Growth Business Models and Mission-Driven Enterprises Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweekerken (Rogiers)	10.5: Impact of Environmental Crises on Financial and Insurance Markets Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweekerken (De Pelsmaecker)	11.2.B: Methodological Questions in Ecological Economics Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweekerken	2.2.B: Nature Conservation, Ecosystem Services, and the Commons Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweekerken (Van Acker)
3.6: Interspecies Justice and Rights for the Non- Human Lives Location: Lokaal 0.3, Tweekerken	4.2: Mediatization and the Science-Policy Interface Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweekerken	5.2.B: The Future of Work and Work-Time Reduction Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweekerken	7.1.F: Post-Growth Macroeconomic Frameworks Location: Auditorium C, Tweekerken (Picard)	8.2.B: Social Norms, Identity, and Values: Well- Being Beyond Consumerism Location: Auditorium F, Tweekerken (Denduyver)
9.3.A: Food Systems, Rural Regeneration and Agroecological Futures Location: Auditorium A, SPP7	OSS 1.8.A: Providing a Good Life for All Within Planetary Boundaries Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweekerken (Vlerick) <i>Measuring Planetary Boundaries</i>	OSS 6.7.B: Exploring Degrowth Societies: Future Scenarios and Policy Mixes Location: Auditorium E, Tweekerken (Van Vaerenbergh) <i>Scenarios</i>		

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30

Keynote by Naomi Oreskes (Harvard)

Title: TBC

Discussant: Erik Gomez-Baggethun (Norwegian University of Life Sciences)
Chair: Tom Bauler (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Location: Auditorium Quetelet, Tweekerken

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:00

1.2.B: Beyond GDP Indicators and Metrics Location: Lokaal 0.3, Tweekerken	11.1: Philosophical Considerations in Ecological Economics Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweekerken (Rogiers)	2.3.E: Transitions in Energy, Materials, and Circularity Location: Auditorium F, Tweekerken (Denduyver)	6.1.B: Deliberative Democracy, Participation, and Citizen Assemblies Location: Auditorium E, Tweekerken (Van Vaerenbergh)	7.1.A: Post-Growth Macroeconomic Frameworks Location: Auditorium C, Tweekerken (Picard)
8.1: The Ethics and Politics of Sufficiency Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweekerken	9.1: Designing the land: Sustainable Land Use and Regional Planning Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweekerken (De Smet)	BSP: Best Student Papers Location: Auditorium A, SPP7	CSS 1: A political economy discussion on Beyond GDP processes towards Sustainable Human Development Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweekerken (Van Acker)	CSS 2: Co-creating narratives for post-growth scenarios Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweekerken (Vlerick)
CSS 3: Putting squared pegs into round holes: are ecological economic approaches fit for geological resource use? Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweekerken	CSS 4: Ecological Economics in Practice: Designing Post-Growth Enterprises Across Sectors Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweekerken	OSS 1.7.B: Temporal Dimensions of Sustainability: Time as a Key to Just Social- Ecological Futures? Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweekerken (De Pelsmaecker) <i>Time Wealth, Time Poverty, and Temporal Justice</i>		

15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30 - 17:00	1.3.B: Measurement and Drivers of Well-Being Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweeakerken	10.1.A: Impact Investing, ESG, and Greenwashing Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweeakerken (De Smet)	11.4: Critical Reflections and Future Developments in Ecological Economics Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweeakerken (Van Acker)	2.3.D: Transitions in Energy, Materials, and Circularity Location: Auditorium F, Tweeakerken (Denduyver)	3.2.B: Intersectional Justice in Sustainability Transitions Location: Lokaal 0.3, Tweeakerken
	4.5.A: Social Movements, Collective Action, and Grassroots Resilience Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweeakerken (De Pelsmaecker)	7.1.D: Post-Growth Macroeconomic Frameworks Location: Auditorium C, Tweeakerken (Picard)	7.5.B: Public Finance for a Just and Sustainable Transition Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweeakerken	8.2.A: Social Norms, Identity, and Values: Well- Being Beyond Consumerism Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweeakerken (Vlerick)	9.3.B: Food Systems, Rural Regeneration and Agroecological Futures Location: Auditorium A, SPP7
	OSS 1.6.A: Rethinking Circular Economy Metrics: Towards Greater Societal and Policy Relevance Location: Auditorium E, Tweeakerken (Van Vaerenbergh) <i>Conceptual and Methodological Advances in Circular Economy Monitoring and Indicators</i>	OSS 3.7: Reclaiming Voices: Traditional Arts Reshaping Environmental Governance Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweeakerken (Rogiers)	OSS 6.7.A: Exploring Degrowth Societies: Future Scenarios and Policy Mixes Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweeakerken <i>Policies</i>		
17:30-18:30	ESEE General Assembly Location: Auditorium D, Tweeakerken (Devreker)				

Thursday July 2

9:00 - 10:30	1.4: Beyond GDP Frameworks at Regional and Local Scales Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweeakerken (De Pelsmaecker)	10.1.B: Impact Investing, ESG, and Greenwashing Location: Auditorium A, SPP7 2.3.B: Transitions in	2.3.B: Transitions in Energy, Materials, and Circularity Location: Auditorium F, Tweeakerken (Denduyver)	3.1.C: Unequal Exchange and Global Power Relations Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweeakerken (Vlerick)	4.1: (Geo)Politics, Polarization, and the Green Agenda Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweeakerken
	4.5.B: Social Movements, Collective Action, and Grassroots Resilience Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweeakerken (Rogiers)	5.2.A: The Future of Work and Work-Time Reduction Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweeakerken	7.1.E: Post-Growth Macroeconomic Frameworks Location: Auditorium C, Tweeakerken (Picard)	8.3.A: Demand Side Measures and Consumption Corridors Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweeakerken	9.4.A: Urban Metabolism, Ecological Cities and lifestyle change Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweeakerken
	OSS 1.6.B: Rethinking Circular Economy Metrics: Towards Greater Societal and Policy Relevance Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweeakerken (Van Acker)	OSS 11.5: Teaching and Learning Ecological Economics Location: Auditorium E, Tweeakerken (Van Vaerenbergh)	OSS 6.6.A: Sustainable Welfare and Eco-Social Policy Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweeakerken (De Smet) <i>Theoretical Foundations: Welfare State Growth- Dependency, Redistribution, and Structural Reform</i>		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break				
11:00 - 12:30	Keynote by Christina Eckes (Amsterdam University) Title: How Democratic is Climate Litigation? Political Underreach and the Role of Courts in European Climate Governance Discussant: Arild Vatn (Norwegian University of Life Sciences) Chair: Philippe Roman (ICHEC Brussels Management School) Location: Auditorium Quetelet, Tweeakerken				
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break				
13:30 - 15:00	2.2.C: Nature Conservation, Ecosystem Services, and the Commons Location: Auditorium A, SPP7	3.5.A: Tackling Income, Wealth and Carbon Inequalities Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweeakerken	4.4: Crises as Catalysts? Transformative Potential and Risk of System Shocks Location: Auditorium E, Tweeakerken (Van Vaerenbergh)	6.4.A: Institutional Path Dependency and System Change Location: Auditorium F, Tweeakerken (Denduyver)	7.3.B: Rethinking Monetary Policy and Money Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweeakerken (Rogiers)
	7.4.A: Work and Income Distribution in Ecological Macroeconomics Location: Lokaal 0.3, Tweeakerken	8.2.C: Social Norms, Identity, and Values: Well- Being Beyond Consumerism Location: Auditorium C, Tweeakerken (Picard)	9.4.B: Urban Metabolism, Ecological Cities and lifestyle change Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweeakerken (De Smet)	CSS 5: Ecological Macroeconomic Modelling: state of the art, research gaps and future perspectives Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweeakerken (Vlerick)	CSS 6: Innovative research tools for ecological economists Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweeakerken
	CSS 7: Listening to the Land. Transformative Potential of Flat Relational Ontologies and Spirituality for Durable Ecologizing of the Economics Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweeakerken	CSS 8: Using Beyond GDP indicators to support policy implementation in the EU: learnings, challenges and future directions Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweeakerken (Van Acker)	OSS 1.7.C: Temporal Dimensions of Sustainability: Time as a Key to Just Social- Ecological Futures? Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweeakerken (De Pelsmaecker) <i>Time, Systems, and Sustainability Transitions: Theory and Practice</i>		
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30 - 17:00	10.4: Ownership, Power, and the Democratization of the Economy Location: Lokaal 0.3, Tweeakerken	2.2.A: Nature Conservation, Ecosystem Services, and the Commons Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweeakerken (Van Acker)	2.3.A: Transitions in Energy, Materials, and Circularity Location: Auditorium F, Tweeakerken (Denduyver)	3.5.B: Tackling Income, Wealth and Carbon Inequalities Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweeakerken	4.6.A: Research in Action: Science- Practice Interface and Extended Knowledge for Transformation Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweeakerken (Rogiers)
	6.2: Legal Innovations: Rights of Nature, Commons Law, and Beyond Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweeakerken	6.4.B: Institutional Path Dependency and System Change Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweeakerken	7.4.B: Work and Income Distribution in Ecological Macroeconomics Location: Auditorium A, SPP7	8.3.C: Demand Side Measures and Consumption Corridors Location: Auditorium E, Tweeakerken (Van Vaerenbergh)	9.3.C: Food Systems, Rural Regeneration and Agroecological Futures Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweeakerken (De Smet)

OSS 1.7.A: Temporal Dimensions of Sustainability: Time as a Key to Just Social- Ecological Futures? Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweeakerken (De Pelsmaeker) <i>New Work Arrangements: Social Determinants and Ecological Impacts</i>	OSS 11.6: Learning from Non-Capitalist Economies Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweeakerken (Vlerick)	OSS 3.8.A: Towards Non-Anthropocentric Nature- Based Solutions (NBS): Theories and Policy Implications Location: Auditorium C, Tweeakerken (Picard) <i>Non-Anthropocentric NBS: Theoretical Frameworks and Critical Perspectives</i>
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Friday July 3

9:00 - 10:30	1.5: History and Critique of GDP and its Hegemony Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweeakerken (De Smet) 5.4: Universal Basic Services and the Right to Provisioning Location: Lokaal 0.3, Tweeakerken OSS 3.8.B: Towards Non-Anthropocentric Nature- Based Solutions (NBS): Theories and Policy Implications Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweeakerken (Vlerick) <i>Non-Anthropocentric NBS: Governance, Justice, and Field Experiences</i>	10.2.A: Post- Growth Business Models and Mission-Driven Enterprises Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweeakerken (Van Acker) 6.3: The Role of Markets, Law, and States in Post- Growth Societies Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweeakerken OSS 8.6: Challenges of Micro-Behavioral Methods for Macro-modelling and Policy Assessment Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweeakerken (De Pelsmaeker)	2.3.C: Transitions in Energy, Materials, and Circularity Location: Auditorium F, Tweeakerken (Denduyver) 7.3.A: Rethinking Monetary Policy and Money Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweeakerken	3.1.B: Unequal Exchange and Global Power Relations Location: Auditorium A, SPP7 8.2.D: Social Norms, Identity, and Values: Well- Being Beyond Consumerism Location: Auditorium E, Tweeakerken (Van Vaerenbergh)	4.3: Imaginaries of Collapse and Hope: Navigating Uncertainty and Futures Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweeakerken (Rogiers) OSS 1.8.C: Providing a Good Life for All Within Planetary Boundaries Location: Auditorium C, Tweeakerken (Picard) <i>Sufficiency, Justice, and the Limits of Growth</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break				
11:00 - 12:30	1.2.A: Beyond GDP Indicators and Metrics Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweeakerken (De Pelsmaeker) 3.3: Intergenerational Equity and Rights of Future Generations Location: Lokaal 0.3, Tweeakerken 8.5: Narratives, Learning and Cultural Change for Sufficiency Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweeakerken (De Smet)	11.2.A: Methodological Questions in Ecological Economics Location: Auditorium F, Tweeakerken (Denduyver) 4.6.B: Research in Action: Science Practice Interface and Extended Knowledge for Transformation Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweeakerken (Rogiers) OSS 1.8.B: Providing a Good Life for All Within Planetary Boundaries Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweeakerken (Vlerick) <i>Safe and Just Space: Doughnut Frameworks and Social Foundation</i>	2.1.B: Planetary Boundaries and Material Footprints Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweeakerken 6.1.A: Deliberative Democracy, Participation, and Citizen Assemblies Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweeakerken OSS 6.6.B: Sustainable Welfare and Eco-Social Policy Location: Auditorium E, Tweeakerken (Van Vaerenbergh) <i>Applied Perspectives: Redesigning Care, Health, and Spending for Post-Growth Societies</i>	2.4: Promises and Pitfalls of the Bioeconomy Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweeakerken 7.1.C: Post-Growth Macroeconomic Frameworks Location: Auditorium C, Tweeakerken (Picard) CSS 10: Beyond Crisis Management: Challenges and Opportunities for Ecological Economics and Policy in the Current Polycrisis Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweeakerken (Van Acker)	3.1.A: Unequal Exchange and Global Power Relations Location: Auditorium A, SPP7 7.5.A: Public Finance for a Just and Sustainable Transition Location: Lokaal 3.2, Tweeakerken (Van Acker)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break				
13:30 - 15:00	1.3.A: Measurement and Drivers of Well-Being Location: Lokaal 0.2, Tweeakerken (De Smet) 7.1.B: Post-Growth Macroeconomic Frameworks Location: Auditorium C, Tweeakerken (Picard) CSS 12: Value pluralism, law and governance: how Institutions encode, filter, promote or suppress plural values in environmental decisionmaking Location: Lokaal 2.1, Tweeakerken	2.1.A: Planetary Boundaries and Material Footprints Location: Auditorium A, SPP7 8.3.B: Demand Side Measures and Consumption Corridors Location: Auditorium E, Tweeakerken (Van Vaerenbergh) CSS 13: Values and Worldviews in Climate Models Location: Lokaal 1.3, Tweeakerken (Rogiers)	3.2.A: Intersectional Justice in Sustainability Transitions Location: Lokaal 0.3, Tweeakerken 8.4: Lifestyle transformation, Frugality, and Voluntary Simplicity Location: Lokaal 0.1, Tweeakerken (De Pelsmaeker) CSS 9: Building bridges across disciplines: Ecological economics in action Location: Lokaal 2.2, Tweeakerken	5.5: Automation, AI, and the Politics of Technological Change Location: Lokaal 1.4, Tweeakerken CSS 11: From tensions to interested pluralism: engaging perspectives in sufficiency research. Location: Lokaal 0.4, Tweeakerken (Vlerick)	6.4.C: Institutional Path Dependency and System Change Location: Auditorium F, Tweeakerken (Denduyver)
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30 - 17:00	Closing Ceremony Keynote by Olivier De Schutter (UCLouvain) Title: Escaping Growth Dependencies: the UN Roadmap Project Discussant(s): Alexandra Köves (Corvinus University of Budapest), PhD student (TBC) Chair: Brent Bleys, Ghent University BSP prizes, ESEE updates (including announcement on ESEE2028) Location: Auditorium Quetelet, Tweeakerken				