

9–11 September 2026; Brussels

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Website (with updated programme versions): <https://ecowelfarenetwork.org/ecowelfare-network-conference/>

VENUE

The conference venue is at [USquare](#), Building A

CATERING

There will be catering for lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, as well as for the coffee breaks on all three days. Furthermore, we will have a reception on Wednesday evening. There will be no lunch on Friday.

KORPI'S RULE SESSIONS

Each paper will be presented for 15 minutes by another participant rather than by the author, followed by discussion with the audience. The author should listen without intervening during the presentation and discussion and will only be invited to respond at the very end. Authors should contact their assigned presenters directly and agree on a sufficiently early deadline for sharing the paper, allowing enough time for the presenter to read it carefully and prepare the presentation. All authors and presenters are expected to read all papers in their session in advance and prepare comments.

PROGRAMME UPDATES:

We will not provide printed programmes at the conference but implement a digital programme, as well as a pdf version. The digital programme will be available at <https://ecowelfarenetwork.org/ecowelfare-network-conference/>; we will also upload the updated pdf version there.

EDWARD ELGAR BOOK STAND

Edward Elgar will be present with a stand at our conference – we are very happy to welcome Catherine Elgar! Please get in touch with her if you have any interesting Book plans!

SESSION TYPES

There are five different session types: Plenary Sessions (curated and organized by the organisers), Open Academic Paper Sessions (curated and chaired by the organisers, the network board and volunteers), Intensive Academic Sessions (with Korpi's rule; curated by the organisers), Academic Closed Sessions (curated and chaired by applicants), Policy Sessions (curated and chaired/organised by applicants). Please get in touch with the respective organisers/chairs of the session if you have organizational questions

PRESENTATIONS IN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSIONS

Each open academic paper session lasts 1.5 hours and has either three or four presentations. Unless case session chairs do not communicate differently, in sessions with four papers, each presentation should be 12 minutes, followed by a 10 min Q&A. In session with three papers, presentations should not be longer than 15 minutes. Each room is equipped with a projector. Presenters should arrive a few minutes early to connect their computers with the slides. They should bring HDMI-adapters, if needed. Session chairs may opt to use their own computers and ask participants to send slides in advance. They will communicate accordingly. If you have any question about the logistics of your session, please contact the session chairs/organisers.

FURTHER REQUESTS

Please send all questions to Alicia Homann (Alicia.homann@uni-hamburg.de) and potentially some of the conference organisers.

For potential programme changes: Please note that we regret to inform you that at this point, we are not able to administer any programme changes. If your allocated presentation slot is inconvenient for you, we ask you to directly get in touch with potential candidates for a swap, as well as session chairs. Please only send a request to us once you have confirmed with them (cc-ing them). We will then try to accommodate your request.

PAPER UPLOAD

If you want to share your paper with other conference participants, you can upload it here (subfolders for each session exist): <https://cloud.uni-hamburg.de/s/PPmRFJ7bFR2pwmf> Please use the following labelling format: LastName_ShortTitle_Date. Please do not circulate any uploaded papers or share with non-participants.

Programme Overview

Programme times are shown in local time

WEDNESDAY | 9 September 2026

11:00	Registration opens
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 13:30	Welcome
13:30 – 15:00	Opening Plenary
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions
17:15 – 18:45	Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions
19:00	Reception

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09:00 – 10:30	Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:15	Policy Roundtable
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:15	Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions
17:15 – 18:45	Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions
18:45 – 19:30	Early Career Meeting

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09:00 – 10:30	Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Parallel Sessions Parallel Sessions
12:30 – 13:30	Closing

Detailed Programme

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11:00	REGISTRATION OPENS (Hallway)
12:00–13:00	LUNCH (Hallway)
13:00–13:30	WELCOME
PLENARY Welcome and Introduction Room: Poline Mendeléef Seminar Hall Welcome and Introduction by the Conference Organisers	
13:30–15:00	OPENING PLENARY
PLENARY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Revisiting the Sustainable Welfare and Eco-Social Policy Field Room: Poline Mendeléef Seminar Hall Moderation: Katharina Zimmermann Participants: Tuuli Hirvilammi Katharina Bohnenberger Benedetta Cotta Paolo Graziano Vincent Gengnagel Amandine Crespy Tiago Moreira Ramalho	
15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK (Hallway)

15:30–17:00		PARALLEL SESSIONS			
ACADEMIC INTENSIVE SESSION · KORPI'S RULE Room: Mess – A1.123 (1st Floor) Chair: Matteo Mandelli Amine Messal: The matter of wellbeing: the Easterlin paradox through the eyes of matter and energy flows. (Presenter: Katharina Bohnenberger) Katharina Bohnenberger: Challenges of eco-social contracts: from national social security to supranational sustainable welfare (Presenter: Kenneth Nelson) Kenneth Nelson: Stratified eco-social risks in European welfare states – A mobility divide? (Presenter: Amine Messal)		ACADEMIC OPEN SESSION · KORPI'S RULE Distributional Consequences and Public Support for Climate Mitigation Policies: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives Room: Seminar Room A 005.2 (Ground Floor) Organisers: Adeline Otto, Johan De Deken Participants: Adeline Otto: Understanding Support for Just Transition Policies: The Role of Policy Design, Justice and Deservingness Perceptions Johan De Deken: A Matthew Effect in Climate Change Policies? On the (re-)distributive effects of programmes that seek to reduce the carbon emissions of households by subsidising energy efficiency and renewable energy investments Pär Dalén: From Economic Hardship to Climate Action: How Social Safety Nets Enable Public Acceptance for Higher Energy Prices		OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION (Un)Just Transitions - Narrating Growth, Fairness and Degrowth Transitions Room: Polina Mendeléef Seminar Hall Ground Floor Chair: Alessia Greselin Hugo Abad Frías & Ana Díaz-Vidal: Forging eco-social policy packages for a degrowth transition: Policy sequencing narratives and political potential of degrowth policy proposals Masa Filipovic Hrast: Narratives of fairness, responsibility and policy change in times of climate change David Palomera: Narratives of Growth and Welfare in the Climate Crisis	
17:15–18:45		PARALLEL SESSIONS			
POLICY SESSION Affordability: The New Buzzword or a Genuine Eco-Social Agenda? Organisers: SOLIDAR Room: Polina Mendeléef Seminar Hall Chair: Andrea Casamenti Presentation: Ralf Schramm - Analysing how political groups in the European Parliament frame and discuss affordability and the green transition Participants: Emiliano Rocchetti, International Union of Tenants (IUT) Heleen Schockaert, REScoop.eu Mags Bird, WWF European Policy Office		OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION Policy Integration and Institutional Change - Strategies and Pathways of Eco-Social Transformation Room: Mess - A1.123 (1st Floor) Chair: Andrew Hammond Laura Angresius: Change from within? The strategies used by public officials to advance post-growth approaches Friederike Möller: Circular economy a missing piece in eco social debate Francesca Matera: Redistributing the Top 1% in a Post-Growth Economy: Wealth Taxation as a Fiscal Foundation for Universal Basic Income in Europe		OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION Eco Social Risks and Vulnerabilities – Labour, Health and Interconnected Vulnerabilities Room: Seminar Room A 005.2 (Ground Floor) Chair: Bianca Luna Fabris Marouane Laabbas el Guennouni : Climate change and workers health: protecting the most vulnerable Julia Beier: Transformative Adaptation of Workers Vulnerability to Heat Stress: A Provisioning System Perspective Larissa Nanning: Global heating, work and the politics of time: the case of labour struggles of agricultural workers in Spain	
19:00		RECEPTION (Hallway)			

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09:00–10:30		PARALLEL SESSIONS	
OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION Eco-Social Conflict and Societal Frictions - Conflicts, Social Tensions and Collaboration in Transformation Room: Mess - A1.123 (1st Floor) Chair: Robin Schulze Waltrup Carlotta Terhorst: Contested Winds: The Politics of Loss in a Regional Conflict over Offshore Wind in Northern Spain Johannes Kananen: Contribution: Co-Creative Social Policy Adeline Otto: Eco-Social Policies and Climate Justice: Social Work and the Integration of Experiential Knowledge in Local Climate Governance		POLICY SESSION How can research better shape policy implementation? Organisers: Jamie Kendrick, Friederike Möller (Green European Foundation) Room: CUBE Participants: Jamie Kendrick, Philippe Pochet, Matteo Mandelli, Sofia Martínez, Amandine Crespy, Els Barnard This panel will discuss how to anchor just transition and eco-social frameworks in public administrations. Informed by learnings from Spain and Belgium, our discussion will explore the role of public administrations and the state in eco-social policy implementation	
		OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION The Eco-Social Role of the State – Beyond the State? Public Authority, Firms and Eco-Social Innovation Room: Seminar Room A 005.2 (Ground Floor) Chair: Francesco Laruffa Matteo Villa & Marta Bonetti: Bringing the corporate welfare in the sustainable welfare discourse: the case of sustainable business models in the fashion value chain Borbála Erzsébet Rácz: Eco-social innovations in Hungary Serghei Sprincean: Contribution: Eco-social policy on parental leave as a condition for social sustainable welfare	
10:30–11:00		COFFEE BREAK (Hallway)	
11:00–12:30		PARALLEL SESSIONS	
ACADEMIC CLOSED SESSION Participatory workshop on policy design for eco-social policies Room: Mess - A1.123 (1st Floor) Organisers: Tuuli Hirvilammi, Alisa Rannikko, Alessia Greselin, Saija Iivonen This participatory workshop provides an opportunity for an in-depth scholarly discussion of two key questions facing the sustainable welfare and eco-social policy community: What constitutes an eco-social policy? Which concrete design considerations should be taken into account?		ACADEMIC CLOSED SESSION Rethinking work beyond productivism from labour law and its uses Room: Seminar Room A 005.2 (Ground Floor) Organisers: Elise Dermine (Rethinking Work Project) Participants: Valérie Coolen, Elise Dermine : From margins to mainstream: A socio-legal approach for designing a post-productivist future of work Elise Dermine, Juliette v. Ypersele: Labour, law and ecological transition: theoretical and practical developments of a post-productivist function Valérie Coolen, Agathe Osinski: What resources and strategies support the development of eco-social activities? Findings from a systematic literature review	
		OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION The European and Global Governance of Transformation - EU Governance, Legitimation and Party Competition Room: Polina Mendeléef Seminar Hall Chair: Katharina Zimmermann Antoine Athanassiadis: The next EU budget and the future of a Just Transition in Europe Ekaterina Domorenok & Paolo Graziano: Governing in Turbulent Times: The European Commission, the Green Agenda, and the Politics of Legitimation Harry Crichton-Miller: A European eco-social agenda? National eco-social policy under the European Green Deal and NextGenerationEU Benedetta Cotta: The European Green Deal in Party Competition: An Eco-Social Analysis of the 2024 European Parliament's Election Manifestos	

12:30–13:30**LUNCH BREAK** (Hallway)**13:30–15:15****POLICY ROUNDTABLE****POLICY SESSION****Leveraging Knowledge for Just Transition Policymaking: Challenges and Opportunities****Room:** Main hall**Moderator:** Sotiria Theodoropoulou (European Trade Union Institute)**Speaker:**

Andrea Casamenti, Solidar

Léa Das Neves Bicho, European Trade Union Confederation

Sara Matthieu, Member of the European Parliament

Frank Siebern-Thomas, European Commission

Katharina Zimmermann, University of Hamburg

The purpose of this roundtable is to foster dialogue among the Sustainable Welfare and Eco-social Policy research community, civil society and social partners representatives, and EU and international policymakers on how knowledge and policy can and do support, reinforce and stimulate each other in the pursuit of a socially just and democratically legitimate transition towards climate neutrality and environmental sustainability. Questions to be addressed include what are the critical knowledge gaps that policy makers and practitioners face in addressing the complexities of pursuing a just green transition? What are the challenges of ensuring an effective, inclusive and pluralist transmission of knowledge among research communities, civil society, social partners and policymakers? How can we strengthen knowledge production at different levels and its links and dissemination towards policymakers?

15:15–15:45**COFFEE BREAK** (Hallway)

15:45–17:15	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION Postgrowth and the Ecologicalization of welfare – Growth Dependence, Basic Income and Postgrowth Social Policy Room: Polina Mendeléef Seminar Hall Chair: Tuuli Hirvilammi Carlotta Paglia: A Post-Growth Deal for Italy: Exploring the Coalition-Building Potential of Non-Reformist Reforms Filippo Grisolia: Universal Basic Income, Degrowth, and the Eco-Social Transformation of Work and Welfare: Insights from Dynamic Macro-simulation Paul Bridgen: Towards a Publicly Acceptable Postgrowth Social Policy? Thick, Eudaimonic Need as the Basis for a Sustainable Wellbeing State and Society	OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION (Un)just transition –Labour Market Change and Organised Interests Room: Mess - A1.123 (1st Floor) Chair: Saija Iivonen Martino Kuntze: Labor Market Greening: From Measurement Challenges to a Flow-Based Conversion Index Bianca Luna Fabris & Philippe Pochet: The Climate Dilemma: sectoral exposure and climate Internalization in European Trade Union Federations Gina Moran: Comparing ecological economics and employment relations perspectives on working time reduction: towards a joint research agenda	ACADEMIC CLOSED SESSION Governing just Transitions from the Top: Polluter Elites and their Role in Social-Ecological transformations Room: Seminar Room A 005.2 (Ground Floor) Organisers: Aurore Fransolet, Marguerite Culot, Aidan Geel Aidan Geel, Tom Bauler: Who's the polluter elite? A critical review of existing conceptualisations Kajsa Emilsson: Public support for policies targeting the polluter elite: the role of inequality information Juliana Mazzucotelli: Who Sets the Standard? Environmental Norms in Affluent Neighborhoods
17:15–18:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION Eco-Social Risks and Vulnerabilities – Housing, energy Poverty and Institutional Protection Room: Polina Mendeléef Seminar Hall Chair: Amandine Crespy Vincent Calay: Fragile institutions, tipping societies? Welfare institutions and institutional vulnerability in the face of social-ecological risks Pierre Gravoine & Ewa Jarosz: Protecting against socio-ecological risks in Europe: the case of housing risks Jönne Huhnt: Overcoming Energy Poverty: Mapping Discourses on "précarité énergétique" in Brussels	OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION Eco-Social Conflict and Societal Frictions - Workers, Trade Unions and Environmental Transformation Room: Mess - A1.123 (1st Floor) Chair: Benedetta Cotta Isil Erdinc: Forming the Workplace Representatives on Environmental Issues: Possibilities and Limits of Trade Union Action in Belgium Lucas Remue: Transition or Transformation: a delicate dance for trade unions and environmental movements in the port of Antwerp Seray Poyraz: Interconnected Exploitation: Labour, Environment and Waste Trade	
18:45–19:30	EARLY CAREER MEETING (room to be announced in opening ceremony)	

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ACADEMIC INTENSIVE SESSION - KORPI'S RULE Room: Seminar Room A 005.2 (Ground Floor) Chair: Katharina Bohnenberger Miriam Zeitler: Beyond Unidimensional Growth Logics. A Research Framework for the Critical Analysis of Growth Dependent Welfare States (Presenter: Coraline Goron) Erika Gubrium: Unknowing the Welfare State: Epistemic Entanglements in Eco-Social Welfare (Presenter: Miriam Zeitler) Coraline Goron: Probing the Role of State-Owned Enterprises in Achieving a Just Transition of Chinas Coal Mining Workforce (Presenter: Erika Gubrium)	OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION (Un)just Transition – Displacement, Wealth and Unequal Protection Room: Mess - A1.123 (1st Floor) Chair: Adriano La Gioia Andrew Hammond: Climate Displacement and the Fragmented U.S. Welfare State Roxana Niknami: Economic Sanctions, Eco-Social Welfare, and Vulnerability: Institutional Constraints on Wellbeing in Iran Martin Francois & Kajsa Emilsson: Wealth as an eco-social problem and the transformative potential of income and wealth caps	OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION The European and Global Governance of Transformation - Sectoral Governance and the Politics of Just Transition Room: Polina Mendeléef Seminar Hall Chair: Tom Bauler Cécile Renier: Global climate and biodiversity commitments on a limited and used planet Robin Schulze Waltrup & John Berten: The Climatisation of Global Social Policy? A Case Study on the International Labour Organization Matteo Mandelli & Tiago Moreira-Ramalho: Protecting Farmers and Miners? The Limited Ecosocialisation of the EU's Green Transition
10:30–11:00	COFFEE BREAK (Hallway)	
11:00–12:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS	
OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION Policy Integration and Institutional Change – Integrating Climate Risk into Social Protection Room: Polina Mendeléef Seminar Hall Chair: Tiago Moreira Ramalho Stefano Turrini: Policy Integration and Institutional Change: Governing welfare and sustainability together Adriano La Gioia: Financing the green transition in the EU: competing paradigms and their welfare implications Alessia Greselin: Variety of universalism: public preferences for Universal Basic Services in Finland	OPEN ACADEMIC PAPER SESSION (Un)just transitions – Place-Based Inequalities and Contested Transitions Room: Mess - A1.123 (1st Floor) Chair: Gina Moran Ana Buchadas: A multiform energy transition: typifying wind and solar energy-land systems in Portugal Nikoleta Dabanovic: Quantifying the Eco-Social Nexus: A Capability-based framework for Just Transition in Greece's lignite regions Philippe Roman: How can needs-provisioning organisations emancipate from growth dependencies and imperatives? Drivers, barriers, and place-based institutions	
12:30–13:00	CLOSING (Cube)	