



Rights to a Green Future

Summer School of the Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy in collaboration with the "European Network Rights to a Green Future" (supported by ESF)

Ethics of the Green Future

19-23 August 2012, Barchem, the Netherlands

Speakers

- Deryck Beyleveld (Durham,UK/ Utrecht, NL)
- Marc Davidson (UvA, NL)
- Marcus Düwell (UU, NL)
- Axel Gosseries (Louvain-la Neuve, B)
- Lukas Meyer (Graz University, A)
- Martin Peterson (TU/Eindhoven, NL)
- May Thorseth (Trondheim, N)
- Herwig Unnerstall (Hofgeismar, D)
- Kerri Woods (York, UK)

Climate change, population growth, scarcity of natural resources and various ecological challenges increasingly influence the political debates about the future. International political institutions do not seem to be able to take measures to implement a sustainable politics. Climate change is not only a challenge for technology but also for political institutions and the structure of economy. Furthermore, climate change is challenging our social relationships and moral convictions. Distribution of the burdens of a sustainable politics between rich and poor countries seems to be a severe obstacle for effective political changes. The

right of the global poor to development seems to be endangered by sustainability. And moral responsibility for future generations seems to ask for changes of all our moral frameworks. Why should we regard ourselves as morally obliged towards future generations? What would our moral obligations look like if we have to grant future generations a right to a decent standard of living? Is such a scope of responsibility not over-demanding for contemporaries? What kind of motivation should we have to consider ourselves obliged to such an extent? How can we determine moral obligations with regard to the future if we can hardly foresee the consequences of our current political decisions? The summer school wants to offer a forum for PhD-students and early postdocs who are interested in the field of environmental ethics to discuss a broad range of perspectives.

How to apply for the summer school?

Please send an e-mail to ozse@ethics.uu.nl with your contact details (email address, telephone number and postal address), a brief description of your academic background (previous education, etc.) (max. 300 words), and a brief description of your PhD project (max. 500 words). (If your application is accepted, your contact information and the description of your research project will be included in the reader for the Summer School). When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, we will make a selection on the basis of the relevance of the topic for the student's dissertation. You will be notified within two weeks after the deadline for application whether your application to the summer school has been accepted.

Deadline for application: June 22, 2012

Preparation

As this is a short and intensive course, active participation by the students is required. Participants are expected to study the reader containing the articles that have been selected for the course in advance. Tutorials with the teaching staff are part of the program. All participants will give a presentation on (part of) their PhD project.

Costs

The summer school is sponsored by The Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy (OZSE), which will cover part of the costs for participation of all the participants. It is also sponsored by the European Science Foundation. Participants pay a contribution of 450 euro (based on a number of 4 nights). Private room and all meals are included. PhD-students of the Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy, and PhD students of the institutions currently involved in the ESF Research Programme Network 'Rights to a Green Future' pay the reduced price of 350 euros. Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements.

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Programme

Day 1: Sunday, August 19

15.00-18.00	Arrival
18.00-19.30	Dinner
19.30-21.00	Opening Session 1: <i>Marcus Düwell</i> : Ethics of Climate and Human Rights

Day 2: Monday, August 20

8.00-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-11.00	Session 2: <i>Kerri Woods</i> : Sustainability and Human Rights
11.30-13.00	Session 3: <i>Deryck Beyleveld</i> : Rights of future generations – a defense
13.00	Lunch
14.30-16.30	Presentations
17.00-19.00	Tutorials
19.00-20.00	Dinner
20.00-21.30	Session 4

Day 3: Tuesday, August 21

8.00-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-10.30	Session 5: <i>Herwig Unnerstall</i> : Sustainability and European Law
11.00-12.30	Session 6:
12.30	Lunch
14.00-16.00	Presentations
16.30-18.30	Tutorials
18.30	Social evening (including dinner)

Day 4: Wednesday, August 22

8.00-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-10.30	Session 7: <i>Lukas Meyer</i> , Climate Justice. The Imposition of Risks of Rights Violations (to be confirmed)
11.00-12.30	Session 8: <i>Martin Peterson</i> , Risk and Precaution
12.30	Lunch
14.00-16.00	Presentations
16.30-18.30	Tutorials
18.30-20.00	Dinner
20.00-21.30	Session 9: <i>Axel Gosseries</i> , Population Growth and sustainability

Day 5: Thursday, August 23

8.00-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-10.30	Session 10: <i>May Thorseth</i> , Sustainability and political institutions
11.00-12.30	Session 11: <i>Marc Davidson</i> , Sustainability in a globalized world
12.30-13.00	Evaluation
13.00	Lunch