

21ST WIRE
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, 1-2 JULY 2026

**INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES
ON EU GREEN POLICIES
AND EUROPE'S FUTURE**



WEDNESDAY 01.07.2026

- 13:30 – 14:30** **Coffee and Sandwiches** (by registration only)
- 14:30 – 14:45** **Welcome and introduction**
Ms. Eleni Kavvatha and Prof. Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint – Louis Bruxelles
- 14:45 – 15:30** **Session 1. Indigenous Governance and the case of Sápmi.**
Mr. Oula – Antti Labba, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi
- 15:30 – 16:15** **Session 2. From Rights on Paper to Arctic Policy in Practice: Indigenous Participation and Energy Transition.**
Dr. Sara Fusco – University of Akureiri, Akureiri, Iceland
Collective discussion of presentation
Chair: Ms. Eleni Kavvatha
- 16:15 – 16:45** Break
- 16:45 – 17:30** **Session 3. Navigating Arctic Complexity: A Decade-Long Exploration Of Sámi-EU Relations In The European Arctic.**
Ms. Eleni Kavvatha
- 17:30 – 18:15** **Session 4. Green Colonialism in Arctic Transitions: Sámi Voices and Public Narratives in the Fosen Wind Farm Dispute.**
Dr. Samaneh Kohestani, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles
Collective discussion of presentation
Chair: Prof. Amandine Orsini

THURSDAY 02.07.2026

- 9:30 – 9:45** **Coffee**
- 9:45 – 10:30** **Session 5. Can Europe's Green Transition Be Just? What Sámi Conflicts Reveal About the Limits of European Environmental Governance.**
Dr. Angèle Minguet, Senior Researcher, Iles de Paix, Belgium
- 10:30 – 11:15** **Session 6. Arctic Justice.**
Ms.. Daria Mishina, University of Lapland, Finland
Collective discussion of presentation
Chair : Prof. François Thoreau, ULiège
- 11:15 – 11:30** Break
- 11:30 – 12:15** **Session 7. Does warfare take it all? On the dynamics of militarization of environments and the ecologies of re-weaponisation.**
Prof. François Thoreau
Collective discussion of presentation
Chair : Ms. Eleni Kavvatha
- 12:15 – 13:00** **Conclusions and final Discussion**
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch** (by registration only)

PARTICIPANTS

SPEAKERS FROM BELGIUM

Ms. Eleni Kavatha - UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

Ms. Samaneh Koohestani - UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

Dr. Angele Minguet - Îles de Paix

SPEAKERS FROM OUTSIDE BELGIUM

Mr. Oula-Antti Labba - Human Rights Unit of the Saami Council

Dr. Sara Fusco – University of Akureiri

Daria Mishina – University of Lapland

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint Louis Bruxelles

Francois Thoreau, ULiege

REGISTRATION & PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Registration

Please register by June 21 by filling out this form or scanning the QR code

Meals

Coffee and lunch will be provided.

By registering, you confirm your participation in the full-day session(s) selected, including coffee breaks and lunch. To support our **zero-waste initiative**, you agree to commit to these dates and notify the organizers of any cancellation at least seven days in advance.



Venue

We look forward to welcoming you to the **Salle du Conseil** at Campus UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles, located at 43 Boulevard du Jardin Botanique, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

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