

# INVITATION AND PROGRAMME



## BENELUX SEMINAR

### *SPECIAL ISSUE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION RESEARCH*

“ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION IN THE BENELUX COUNTRIES:  
RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICES AT THE INTERSECTION OF EDUCATION AND  
SOCIETAL TRANSFORMATION”

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During this seminar, research contributions on Environmental and Sustainability Education (ESE) in the Benelux countries will be presented and discussed. Katrien Van Poeck (Ghent University), Arjen Wals

(Wageningen University & Gothenburg University) and Ariane König (University of Luxembourg) edited a Special Issue on this topic for the journal *‘Environmental Education Research’*. The collection assembles topical research from Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg thus presenting an overview of traditions and recent developments in ESE research, policy and practice in this specific regional context. All the same, it addresses a more general topic: the relation between education and societal transformation in the face of sustainability challenges.



The seminar is aimed at policymakers, practitioners and researchers. It strives to nurture a transdisciplinary

dialogue between them by presenting state of the art scientific work, reflecting on its relevance and usefulness for policy and practice and identifying interesting pathways for future research.

The spoken language of the seminar will be English. If you would like to attend the seminar, send a mail to Marc Naessens ([m.naessens@benelux.int](mailto:m.naessens@benelux.int)). A detailed programme is available on the next page. Please inform us about your choices for the workshops (parallel sessions 1, 2 and 3): one workshop for each session (see annex for more information about the content of the workshops).

After the seminar (at about 4 PM), it will be possible for the participants to join the Benelux conference *“Learn to live in the city within the boundaries of the Earth”*, organized in Brussels on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November: <https://www.reseau-idee.be/benelux-2018>.

# PROGRAMME

- 9.30 – 10.15 Registration
- 10.15 – 10.25 Welcome and general introduction by the Benelux General Secretariat
- 10.25 – 10.55 Thematic introductions by the editors Katrien Van Poeck (BE), Arjen Wals (NL) and Ariane König (LUX)
- 10.55 – 11.45 Workshops - Parallel session 1
  - 1.1 *“Higher education for sustainable development in Flanders: balancing between normative and transformative approaches”* by Wim Lambrechts, Luc Van Liedekerke and Peter Van Petegem
  - 1.2 *“Learning to confront complexity: what roles can a computer-based problem-solving scenario play?”* by Philipp Sonnleitner and Ariane König
  - 1.3 *“Using policy discourses to open up the conceptual space of farm education: Inspiration from a Belgian farm education network”* by Maarten Crivits, Michiel de Krom, Thomas Block and Joost Dessein
- Coffee break
- 11.55 – 12.45 Workshops - Parallel session 2
  - 2.1 *“Creating space for ‘the political’ in environmental and sustainability education practice: a Political Move Analysis of educators’ actions”* by Katrien Van Poeck and Leif Östman
  - 2.2 *“Eco-school evaluation beyond labels: the impact of environmental policy, didactics and nature at school on student outcomes”* by Jelle Boeve-de Pauw and Peter Van Petegem
  - 2.3 *“Silence – a matter of public concern: reconsidering critical environmental and sustainability education”* by Danny Wildemeersch
- 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch
- 13.45 – 14.35 Workshops - Parallel session 3
  - 3.1 *“The diplomacy of practitioners: for an ecology of practices about the problem of the coexistence of wind farms and red kites”* by François Mélard and Pierre Stassart
  - 3.2 *“Reframing the future: the role of reflexivity in governance networks in sustainability transitions”* by Jifke Sol, Merel van der Wal, P.J. Beers and Arjen Wals
- 14.40 – 15.40 Plenary dialogue: Crossing boundaries between research, policy and practice (Facilitator Jürgen Loones, editors, representatives of policymakers and practitioners from the Benelux countries) and conclusions