

## NEEN25: Nordic Environmental Ethics Network's Annual Conference 2025

24-26 September 2025, Turku, Finland

University of Turku, Turku Environmental Ethics Research Center

With the support of the Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science and Just and Unjust Environmental Wars research project

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### Wednesday 24th September

**VENUE:** Panimoravintola Koulu, Historian luokka

Eerikinkatu 18, 20100 Turku

18:00-20:00 **Pre-event:** panel discussion "Just and Unjust Environmental Wars" (Moderator: Lars Samuelsson, Umeå University)

- **Panellists:** Juha Mäkinen, Laura Puumala, Raisa Foster, Teemu Mäki (Just and Unjust Environmental Wars project)

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### Thursday 25th September

**VENUE:** University of Turku, Publicum building, lecture hall PUB4, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

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8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:15 **Opening remarks**

9:15-10:20 **Session 1** (Chair: Linnea Luuppala)

- **Mac Willners** (Stockholm University and Institute for Futures Studies) *Does Global Justice Demand Solar Geoengineering?*
- **Petr Vaškovíc** (Palacký University Olomouc) *The problem with (climate) hope*
- **Matteo Pietropaoli** (Sapienza University of Rome) *Do we care for future people? Considerations about climate change and overpopulation*

10:35-11:20 **Session 2** (Chair: Mikko Puumala)

- **Giovanna Sanchez Nieminen** (Tampere University) *Green Energy Transition for who? The characteristics and ethical implications of local opposition to wind energy projects in Finland*
- **Bjørn Øli Korsgaard** (Lund University) *The Moral Backside of Green Consumerism: How Reserving Ecological Agency for the Privileged Entails Bastardization of the Impoverished*

11:20-11:50 **Break**

11:50-12:55 **Session 3** (Chair: Anne Sauka)

- **Teea Kortetmäki** (University of Jyväskylä) *Scale matters: challenging object-oriented ethics via thinking about cohabitation*
- **Simo Kyllönen** (University of Helsinki) *Respect for Nature and the Nature of Respect: What Kind of Respect Ought We to Have Toward Nature?*
- **Lauri Lahikainen** (Tampere University) *Through the Compromise Mangle: The Ethics of Compromise-Making in Biodiversity Politics*

12:55-14:15 **Lunch break**

14:15-15:00 **Keynote lecture** (Chair: Lars Samuelsson)

- **Stephen Gardiner** (University of Washington) *TBA*

15:15-16:20 **Session 4** (Chair: Linnea Luuppala)

- **Marcello Di Paola** (University of Palermo) *Nature's Meaninglessness, Aesthetic Experience, and the Good Life*
- **Oskari Sivula** (University of Turku) *Our Cosmic Significance and Causal Powers*
- **Natan Feltrin** (University of North Texas, Denton) *Resurrecting Ghosts or Playing with Life: Dire Wolves, De-Extinction, and the Ethics of Synthetic Conservation*

16:35-18:00 **Networking Session**

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## Friday 26th September

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9:00-10:05 **Session 5** (Chair: Linnea Luuppala)

- **Laura Puumala** (University of Turku) *Jus Ad Bellum and Environmental Wars*
- **Tetiana Gardashuk** (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine) *The Most "Ecologized" War, The Most Weaponized Environment... What Is Further?*
- **G U Nishok** (Indian Institute of Technology) *Is the 'natural' still a good guide for conservation philosophy and practice?*

10:20-11:25 **Session 6** (Chair: Lars Samuelsson)

- **David Rozen** (University of Pardubice) *The Trouble with the Wildness*
- **Arthur Obst** (Princeton University) *Revisiting the Wilderness Debate*
- **Linde De Vroey** (University of Antwerp) *Embodied Wildness: reviving Nan Shepherd's wild ethics for rewilding*

11:40-12:25 **Session 7** (Chair: Mikko Puumala)

- **Lucia Martín Valverde** (Romelia Wildlife Refuge) *Rethinking love for conservation efforts*
- **Leonie Bossert** (University of Vienna) *Shades of Responsibility: Navigating SAI from an animal justice perspective*

12:25-13:45 **Lunch**

13:45-14:50 **Session 8** (Chair: Anne Sauka)

- **Jenna Aarnio** (University of Turku) *Wild animals out of place*
- **Karri Heikkinen** (University College London) *Can we eat animals whose existence depends on it?*
- **Katja Tiisala** (University of Helsinki) *Sustainability, Sentient Beings, and Affective Justice*

14:50-15:15 **Break**

15:15-16:00 **Keynote lecture** (Chair: Mikko Puumala)

- **Elisa Aaltola** (The Animal Rights Academy) *Environmental and Animal Philosophy as Activism*

16:00-16:15 **Ending remarks**

(Optional) 16:30-17:15 **NEEN business meeting** (feedback, sharing ideas, NEEN's future, collaborations, ...)