

This report will discuss the following aspects of the Socrates position:

1. Integration and representation at FASoS (including inaugural lecture)
2. Education at FASoS
3. Research
4. Public service and valorization (including Socrates foundation)

Integration and representation at FASoS

In my first year, a primary focus was on integrating into the academic community of FASoS, particularly within the Philosophy department (e.g. regular participation departmental meetings). Additionally, I seized opportunities to present my work on multiple occasions, such as: 'Can we be motivated for a sustainable future? Sustainability, motivations and valuing' (Department of Philosophy, 26.4.2023), 'Plural valuation of nature: understanding, relevance and use of "relational values"' (MUSTS Colloquium, 31.5.2023), and "Can we bring the future into the present? Sustainability, motivations and valuing' (Summer Harvest MUSTS, 21.9.2023). Another presentation was during the Sustainability Week at FASoS: 'What does philosophy have to offer for sustainability research?' (21.4.2023). Through these presentations, I hoped to increase visibility.

In the upcoming academic year, I will deliver my inaugural lecture on Friday November 22, 2024. Leading up to this lecture, I will organize a symposium with scholars from the intersecting realms of philosophy and sustainability.

Education at FASoS

In the realm of education, I proposed an Honours Course on 'Sustainability: Turning Structural Challenges into Possibilities?' in which six students enrolled (10 EC). Currently underway from period 4 through period 6, the course commenced with a series of meetings centered around pertinent readings. Presently, students are working on their own projects in pairs, with they will present at the Honours Student Conference in June.

Besides this Honours Course, I gave two guest lectures, one on 'Environmental conflicts and value pluralism' in the course Philosophy of Technology (T. Swierstra) (Fall 2022) and a session on research in philosophy in the Masters Seminar (D. Maechem). I am now exploring other possible avenues for guest lectures (or a course) on topics of philosophy of sustainability, in particular at University College Maastricht.

Together with Tullio Viola, Cyrus Mody, Jacob Ward and Ragna Zeiss, we applied for a UM Sustainability grant for course development. If granted, this will allow us to develop a course plan for a cross-program sustainability course (elective), aimed at the three BA programs at FASoS. It would include the basics of sustainability science and perspectives from philosophy, history and STS. This course idea, even if

not granted, could be an avenue to explore potential places for more sustainability attention in FASoS BA and MA programs.

For next year, I see my educational role along these three avenues: teaching an Honours Course, openness to guest lectures on philosophy of sustainability, and actively seeking opportunities to integrate 'philosophy of sustainability' themes into FASoS and UCM programs.

Research

My research for the Socrates chair in 'Philosophy of Sustainable Development, from a Humanist Perspective' advances through three trajectories. First, I started exploring a new research avenue, examining our motivations for the future. Second, I continue to work on my core research domains, encompassing market institutions, environmental justice, and value pluralism. Lastly, in alignment with my objectives outlined in the five-year plan, I have commenced work on a Dutch-language book that delves into key facets of my research.

First, I started with a new research question, namely how can we be motivated to care for future generations. Concerns for future generations are central in the sustainability debate: a core concern is the idea to pass a livable environment and society to our offspring and future generations. A subsequent question is: why do we actually care about this future (given that we will be dead; future generations cannot harm us; future people might have very different interests; etc.). Most of this debate focuses on the near future (our offspring, 10-year plans) or only refers to moral motivations (justice, duties). In a new paper, I explore another type of motivations, closer to our values we already hold and our identity (logic of care and meaningfulness). I presented this paper at the International Society of Environmental Ethics Conference 2023 (Allenspark, US): 'Can we bring the future into the present? Sustainability, motivations and valuing' and aim to publish it later this year. I also presented draft versions at the Philosophy department meeting and the MUSTS Summer Harvest (see above).

Second, one of my research lines looks at undesirable motivational side-effects of policy instruments, in particular of market-based instruments. The idea is that existing normative motivations can be pushed aside if policies focus too much on self-interest (so-called motivational crowding out). Based on this debate, together with Bart Engelen (Tilburg) I submitted the paper 'Normative motivations in environmental governance: Lessons about and from environmental crowding debates' to the journal *Political Studies*. On this topic, I also published an encyclopedia entry 'Crowding out' (*Dictionary of Ecological Economics*, Edward Elgar Press, 2003).

Another core topic in my research is the exploration of environmental justice, with a specific focus on constructing an analytical framework that facilitates the integration and contextualization of diverse justice claims. This is aimed at fostering greater knowledge accumulation within justice debates. Starting from a review of the water justice literature, I am finishing, together with Dave Huitema (Wageningen) a paper 'Analytical about the normative: Moving forwards on water justice'. On the broader topic of environmental justice, I also published an Encyclopedia entry on Environmental Justice' (*Encyclopedia of Urban & Regional Planning & Design*, Edward Elgar Press, 2003).

A third central research topic is value pluralism and nature: how understanding different modes of valuing nature can help us with environmental conflicts. I presented and discussed these ideas on several occasions: guest lecture 'Dealing with value pluralism in environmental conflicts' (7.12.2023, Biodiversity Seminars, VU Brussel); presentation 'Beyond economic valuation of nature: incorporating value pluralism' (18.04.2023, Policy Forum Series, Brussels School of Governance, VU Brussel); and 'Meervoudige natuurwaardering: wat zijn 'relationele' waarden' (01.03.2024, Symposium Ecologische waarde(ring), Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen).

Third, as proposed in my five-year plan, I am working on a book in Dutch, aimed at a broader public, bringing together central insights of former research (most of this research has been published earlier). I wrote two draft chapters, one on whether we can compare different types of 'nature' and one about valuing nature. Looking ahead, my objective for the upcoming year is to significantly advance this book project by writing several additional chapters and ideally establishing contact with a suitable publisher.

To summarize, my research focus for the upcoming year will revolve around advancing these research topics and in particular to publish the two papers in the pipeline, namely on normative motivations and on water justice. Additionally, I aim to delve into a fresh research avenue concerning concepts surrounding 'climate anxiety'.

Public service and valorization

Also here, there are three aspects: role within the Socrates Foundation, service within the university, and engagement outside the university.

First, the Socrates Summer School 2023 (ISVW, Leusden) dealt with the topic of power. I presented ideas on 'Macht versus rede: het agonisme-deliberatie debat in groene politiek' (02.09.2023, Leusden). I engaged with the Socrates Foundation and Socrates professors on the preparation of next summer school, the Socrates profile at University of Groningen, and the Foundation's work on 'ecohumanism'. Next year, I will present again at the Summer School and look for further options for cooperation, in particular within their attention for 'ecohumanism'.

Second, with regard to the service within the FASoS, I happy to help where my expertise can be of use. This year, I served as a member of the selection commission for the 'Assistant Professor on Political and Environmental Philosophy' position and participated in a mock interview session to assist with a grant application.

Third, I seek to extend my outreach beyond academic circles, seeking ways to engage with a broader audience. Recently, I led a workshop exploring the contemporary relevance of Ivan Illich's work at AVANSA in Leuven on March 21, 2024. Additionally, later this year, I will conduct two workshops in collaboration with non-profit organizations, focusing on motivations for the future (July and September). Together with some colleagues, we are also brainstorming on writing an opinion piece on '50 years environmental debate' (work of Schumacher and others). Since last year, I am also chairing the Deontological Committee of Natuurpunt (nature conservation NGO with +130.000 members), where ethical questions raised by executive board are discussed.

Publications

Published

- Neuteleers, Stijn (2023). 'Environmental Justice', in Van Assche, Kristof, Beunen, Raoul & Duineveld, Martijn (eds.). *Encyclopedia of Urban & Regional Planning & Design*. Edward Elgar Press.
- Neuteleers, Stijn (2023). 'Teleology', in Haddad, Brent & Solomon, Barry D. (eds.). *Dictionary of Ecological Economics*. Edward Elgar Press, pp. 102-103.
- Neuteleers, Stijn (2023). 'Crowding out', in Haddad, Brent & Solomon, Barry D. (eds.). *Dictionary of Ecological Economics*. Edward Elgar Press, pp. 541-542.

Submitted

- (Submitted 2024) Neuteleers, Stijn & Engelen, Bart. Environmental crowding: From conceptual confusion to lessons for governance, *Political Studies* (Q1 in 'Sociology and political science')

In progress (draft papers)

- (with Dave Huitema) 'Analytical about the normative: Moving forwards on water justice'
- 'Can we bring the future into the present? Sustainability, motivations and valuing'
- (with Uta Wehn, Sander Jacobs, Jean Hugé et al.) 'Citizen science as leverage to plural nature valuation'

Presentations

International conferences and workshops

- ISEE (Inter. Soc. Environmental Ethics) Conference 2023 (Allenspark, US): 'Can we bring the future into the present? Sustainability, motivations and valuing'

Invited lectures (academia)

- 01.03.2024 (Nijmegen, NL), Meervoudige natuurwaardering: wat zijn 'relationele' waarden, Symposium Ecologische waarde(ring), Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen.
- 7.12.2023 (Brussel, B), lecture on 'Dealing with value pluralism in environmental conflicts, Biodiversity Seminars, Master Marine Science, VU Brussel.
- 21.09.2023 (Maastricht, NL), 'Can we bring the future into the present? Sustainability, motivations and valuing', Summer Harvest MUSTS, Maastricht University.
- 31.05.2023 (Maastricht, NL), 'Plural valuation of nature: understanding, relevance and use of "relational values"', Research group Science, Technology and Society Studies (MUSTS), Maastricht University.
- 26.04.2023 (Maastricht, NL), 'Can we be motivated for a sustainable future? Sustainability, motivations and valuing', Department of Philosophy, Maastricht University
- 21.04.2023 (Maastricht, NL), 'What does philosophy has to offer for sustainability research?', panel discussion on role social science for sustainability, FASoS, Maastricht University.
- 18.04.2023 (Brussels, B), 'Beyond economic valuation of nature: incorporating value pluralism', Policy Forum Series, Brussels School of Governance, VUB.

3. Public lectures (non-academic, invited)

- 21.03.2024 (Leuven, B), 'Introductie: Ivan Illich en zijn "Tools for Conviviality"', AVANSA.
- 02.09.2023 (Leusden, NL): 'Macht versus rede: het agonisme-deliberatie debat in groene politiek', Socrates zomerschool, ISVW.