

NEEN & ISEE Conference on Environmental Ethics

October 14–16, 2026, Umeå University

Wednesday October 14

- 19:00 Pre-Conference Panel on “Forests of Emotions”
Merging Historical and Philosophical Perspectives to Understand the Role of Emotions in Forest Debates.

Thursday October 15

- 09:00 Welcome
- 09:15 Chantalle Brückel
Meaning in Life and Moral Duty: An Existentialist Approach to Individual Climate Responsibility
- Kathrin von Allmen
What is the Harm of Climate Change? Toward a Unified Capability-Based Account
- Rasmus Karlsson
An Ecomodernist Critique of Emissions Sufficiencyarianism
- 10:45 Break
- 11:15 Simo Kyllönen
Non-Hedonistic Welfare Models of Interspecies Population Ethics
- Satu-Emilia Myllymäki
Urban Conservation and the Politics of Multispecies Flourishing
- Nagehan Ilemín
Integrating Animal Rights into the Rights of Nature Framework
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:00 Nisha Daga
Living Within Limits: Aparigraha, Planetary Boundaries, and the Ethics of Degrowth
- Ludovico Giacomo Conto
Biodiversity Offsetting’s Teleological Contextualism
- 15:00 Break
- 15:15 Nathan Pagel
The Tragedy of Wilderness Appreciation
- Jeremy Sorgen
Field Ethics: Bridging Moral Theory and Environmental Practice
- 16:15 Break
- 16:30 Keynote with Tea Kortetmäki (University of Jyväskylä)
After Wilderness: Habitability in a Humanized World
- 19:00 Conference Dinner

Friday October 16

- 09:00 Akanksha Prajapati
The Ethics of Co-Inhabitation: Analysing Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and Transcultural Dialogue
- Suvelise Nurmi
Biodiversity Ethics from a Relational Point of View: A Comparative and Constructive Approach to Furthering Biodiversity Conservation Discourse
- Henrike Kohpeiß
Kiruna – Loss, Uprooting and Affects of Transformation
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Cat Hetekivi
Against a Well-Ordered Environmental Science
- Emnée van den Brandeler
Epistemic Challenges of Fairly Including Animals and the Environment in One Health Decision-Making
- 12:00 Lunch keynote with Catriona McKinnon (University of Exeter)
Postericide: A New International Crime to Protect Humanity
- 13:15 Break
- 14:00 Mikko Puumala
Space Sustainability and Resource Management in Outer Space
- Lydia Skoufalou
The Ethics of the Unseen and the Common Heritage of Mankind in Deep Seabed Mining
- Katja Tiisala
Affective Sustainability Politics
- 15:30 Closing remarks