

CAN “ONE HEALTH” BE MORE THAN A SLOGAN?

Philosophical perspectives on health and the environment

One-day workshop, Friday 25 September 2026, Utrecht University
Organized by Silvia DE CESARE and Federica RUSSO



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The “One Health” approach, promoted since 2000 by international institutions such as the World Health Organization (WHO), emphasizes the interdependence between human health, animal health and the global ecological state of the planet. Despite the increasing endorsement of “One Health” in health and environmental policies, some unsolved conceptual confusions and practical difficulties are at present embedded in the approach. This one-day workshop aims at examining those confusions and difficulties in a philosophical perspective, in order to assess whether “One Health” can be more than a slogan.

Where: Utrecht, University Library City Centre, E (Corner Keizerstraat Wittevroutwenstraat), E.o.21

When: Thursday 24 September, 9:30-17:00

Registration: Participants must register (without fees) through:

https://forms.uu.nl/universiteitutrecht-beta/application_form_workshop_One_Health

Lunch and coffee breaks will be offered.

In case of questions, please write to s.decesare@uu.nl

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09.30 - 10.00

Welcome (Federica RUSSO and Silvia De CESARE) and coffee

SESSION 1 – Chair Federica RUSSO

10.00 - 10.40

Dan MCSHEA (Duke University)
Ju ZUFFEREY (KU Leuven) and Silvia DE CESARE (Utrecht University)
Discussant: Stéphane TIRARD

10.40-11.10

General discussion

11.10 -11.30

Coffee break

SESSION 2 – Chair Silvia DE CESARE

11.30 - 12.10

Jakob ZINSSTAG (remote speaker, University of Basel)
Lucia NECO (Weigeningen University)
Discussant: Federica RUSSO

12.10-12.40

General discussion

12.40 – 14.00

Lunch break

SESSION 3 – Chair Abigail NIEVES DALGADO

14.00 - 14.40

Aline POTIRON (Utrecht University)
Mathieu ARMINJON (HESAV Lausanne)
Discussant: Silvia DE CESARE

14.40 - 15.10

General discussion

15.10 -15.30

Coffee break

SESSION 4 – Chair Stéphane TIRARD

15.30 - 16.10

Toine PIETERS (Utrecht University)
Marteen LIMPER (UMC Utrecht)
Discussant: Abigail NIEVES DALGADO

16.10 - 16.40

General discussion

16.40 - 17.00

Closing remarks