

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

VISEGRAD ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

Wrocław, Poland, June 1-7, 2025

Building on the success of the inaugural 2024 edition in the Czech Republic, the second Visegrad Environmental Philosophy Summer School (VEPSS) at the **Institute of Philosophy, University of Wrocław**, aims to provide advanced students with exposure to cutting-edge research in environmental philosophy. It offers a unique opportunity to engage in discussions with leading scholars in the field from Europe and the US, gain valuable experience, and establish a new scholarly network.

This year's overarching theme is water. The program includes lectures, workshops, and seminars on themes such as climate justice, climate fiction, biomimicry, the philosophical underpinnings of environmental management, ecofeminism, and geoethics, while reexamining concepts such as wildness and posthumanism. Participants will explore the riverbanks of Wrocław—a city particularly vulnerable to climate-related catastrophes—and visit nearby Bardo, a town affected by flooding. These excursions will serve as case studies, enabling students to reflect on the multisensory nature of environmental experience and the perils posed by climate change.

Participation entitles students to receive **3 ECTS**. The program comprises a total of **34 hours** of lectures, seminars, panels, and workshops (including an online component) as well as **10 hours** dedicated to group projects. Apart from the classes and field trips, the program will also feature a variety of social and interactive activities, including a campfire, welcome and farewell events, and opportunities to network with peers and experts. Participants will leave with not only an enriched understanding of environmental philosophy but also meaningful connections and practical insights to inform their academic and professional trajectories.

This year's event will take place at the Institute of Philosophy, University of Wrocław, conveniently located in southern Poland and easily accessible by various means of public transportation. For a detailed program, visit: vepss.eu/programme

Practical info

Participants will stay at the University of Wrocław international dormitories, in units consisting of two single bedrooms sharing one bathroom. Brunch and lunch will be provided at the venue, while dinners will be enjoyed at various locations, including a pizza night at the Institute.

Please submit your applications via the online form: vepss.eu/register by **March 7, 2025**. Candidates will be notified of their acceptance by March 21, 2025.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at: info@vepss.eu. More information can be found on our website: vepss.eu.

Organisers

The summer school is organized by the Institute of Philosophy at University of Wrocław and the Center for Environmental and Technology Ethics - Prague (CETE-P) based at the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, in collaboration with:

- University of Pardubice
- Charles University Prague
- Slovak Academy of Sciences

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