Indigenous Perspectives on EU Green Policies and Europe's Future

21st WIRE

Brussels, Belgium, 1-2 July 2026

PROGRAM

Wednesday 1st July (Salle du Conseil)

13:30 – 14:30 Coffee and Sandwiches (by registration only)

14:30 – 14:45 Welcome and introduction, Ms Eleni Kavvatha and Prof. Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint – Louis Bruxelles, Belgium

Chair: Ms. Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

14:45 – 15:30 Session 1. *Indigenous Governance and the case of Sápmi*. Mr. Oula – Antti Labba, University of Lapland, Finland

Collective discussion of presentation

15:30 – 16:15 Session 2. *From Rights on Paper to Arctic Policy in Practice: Indigenous Participation and Energy Transition*. Dr. Sara Fusco – University of Akureiri, Akureiri, Iceland

Collective discussion of presentation

16:15 – 16:45 Break

Chair: Prof. Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

16:45 – 17:30 Session 3. *Navigating Arctic Complexity: A Decade-Long Exploration Of Sámi-EU Relations In The European Arctic*. Mrs Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain - Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, Belgium

Collective discussion of presentation

17:30 – 18:15 Session 4. *Green Colonialism in Arctic Transitions: Sámi Voices and Public Narratives in the Fosen Wind Farm Dispute*. Dr. Samaneh Kohestani, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles, Belgium

Collective discussion of presentation

19:00 Dinner (by invitation only)

Thursday 2nd July (Salle du Conseil)

9:30 – 9:45 Coffee

Chair : Prof. François Thoreau, ULiège

9:45 – 10:30 Session 5. *Can Europe's Green Transition Be Just? What Sámi Conflicts Reveal About the Limits of European Environmental Governance.* Dr. Angèle Minguet, Senior Researcher, Iles de Paix, Belgium

Collective discussion of presentation

10:30 – 11:15 Session 6. *Arctic Justice.* Mrs. Daria Mishina, University of Lapland, Finland

Collective discussion of presentation

11:15 – 11:30 Break

Chair : Ms. Eleni Kavvatha, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

11:30 – 12:15 Session 7. *Does warfare take it all? On the dynamics of militarization of environments and the ecologies of re-weaponisation.* Prof. François Thoreau, ULiège, Belgium

Collective discussion of presentation

12:15 – 13:00 Conclusions and final Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (by registration only)

List of participants

Speakers from Belgium

1. Ms. Eleni Kavvatha - UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles
2. Dr. Samaneh Koohestani - UCLouvain
3. Dr. Angèle Minguet – Iles de Paix

Speakers from outside Belgium

1. Mr. Oula-Antti Labba – University of Lapland
2. Dr. Sara Fusco – University of Akureiri
3. Daria Mishina – University of Lapland

Scientific Committee

1. Amandine Orsini, UCLouvain Saint Louis Bruxelles
2. François Thoreau, ULiège