JESPHIL 2026

Thursday, August 27th - Monday, August 31st, 2026
Facultés Loyola Paris, 35 bis rue de Sèvres 75006 Paris

ECO-TRANSFORMATION IN PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVE

The intention is to examine what we mean by *transformation* when this notion is applied to ecological questions. Although widely invoked in contemporary discourse, the term is seldom scrutinised in its full conceptual reach: does it denote gradual change, conversion, metamorphosis, a reconfiguration of practices, or a shift in the categories through which we think and act? Clarifying these forms of transformation is essential for understanding current ecological dynamics.

The inquiry unfolds across several interconnected levels: the subject, communities, and societies together with their economic systems. A speculative question emerges regarding the articulation — or indeed the tension — between these levels: can individual transformation occur without collective transformation? Do economic shifts enable or impede certain transformations of subjects? Do communities reshape institutions, or is the reverse the case?

Conference Program (updated 2 June 2026)

THURSDAY 27th August 2026

14.00 – 19.30 Arrival
17.00 – 19.30 Registration and payment / *Aula* Henri de Lubac (Ground floor)
19.00 Supper / Dining Room, 5th Floor
20.15 – 22.00 Welcome evening / Recreation Room, 6th Floor [Informal session: Welcome evening by Eric Charmetant]
[social]

FRIDAY 28th August 2026

07.00 – 08.45 Breakfast / in Jesuit communities (Sèvres, Grenelle)

Aula Henri de Lubac (Ground floor)
09.00 – 09.10 Welcome speech (**Louis Lourme**, Rector of Facultés Loyola Paris)
09.10 – 09.20 Introduction into the topic (Eric Charmetant)
Conferences: 40 min., *Discussion*: 25 min.

Moderator: TBD
09.20 – 10.25 **Conference 1: Georg Sans** (Hochschule für Philosophie, Munich): Revolution of the Character and the Ethical Commonwealth: Kantian Thoughts about Transformation.
Coffee break
10.55 – 12.00 **Conference 2**: **Louis Caruana** (PUG, Rome): Ecological Conversion: from Logos to Pathos?

12.10 Eucharist, TBD, Chapel, 5th Floor
12.45 Lunch / Dining Room, 5th Floor

Aula: Henri de Lubac (Ground floor)

14.30 – 15.35 **Conference 3**: **Cécile Renouard** (Facultés Loyola Paris): Decarbonizing or Changing the World? Transformative Strategies Toward Eco-Justice: A Typology

15.35 – 16.40 **Conference 4: Francis Kyalo Mutunga** (PhD student, Hochschule für Philosophie): Rethinking Sustainability: Eco-Transformation as an Epistemological Reconfiguration of Water Governance

Coffee break

17.20 – 18.25 **Conference 5: Eric Charmetant** (Facultés Loyola Paris): Eco-Transformation at the Age of AI

19.00 Supper / Dining Room, 5th Floor

20.15 – 22.00 "News and Challenges from the Jesuit Centres of Philosophical Formation" [social]

SATURDAY 29th September 2026

07.00 – 08.45 Breakfast / in Jesuit communities (Sèvres, Grenelle)

Aula Henri de Lubac (Ground floor)

9.00 – 10.10 **Conference 6: Thierry Meynard** (Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China) The notion of transformation in the *Zhongyong* in the context of the ecological crisis

Coffee break

10.40 – 11.50 **Conference 7**: **Yves Vendé** (Facultés Loyola Paris/Université catholique de Lille): Human–Non-Human Relations and the transformation of representations thanks to transcultural hermeneutics.

12.10 Eucharist, TBD, Chapel, 5th Floor

12.45 Lunch / Dining Room, 5th Floor

14.30 – 18.00 **Excursion** with Leon O'Giollain SJ (guide): Ignatius in the Latin Quarter and a Visit to Notre-Dame

19.00 Dinner in the community on rue de Grenelle and rooftop social (panoramic view over all of Paris)

SUNDAY 30th August 2026

7.00 – 09.00 Breakfast

Aula: ; *Moderator*: ;

9.00 – 10.05 **Conference 8**: **Piotr Janik** (Jesuit University Ignatianum, Krakow): Evolution Without Alterity: The Subject in Dennett and the Unthought of Relation to Nature.

Coffee break

10.35 – 12.35 JESPHIL: Revision of the statutes and election of a new coordinator

12.45 Lunch / Dining Room, 5th Floor

15.00 – 17.00 JESPHIL: Evaluation and planning

18.00 Eucharist, **Thierry Dobbelstein** (Provincial EOF), Chapel, 5th Floor

19.00 Supper / Dining Room, 5th Floor
20.15 Informal session or Walk to the Louvre
[social]

MONDAY 31th August 2026

7.00 – 09.00 Breakfast
Departure
