

Workshop

EU Pesticides Law and Governance:
Legal, Political, and Epistemic Challenges

Programme

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Thursday, 19 March 2026

17:00 – 17:15 Opening remarks

Antoine Bailleux (UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles)
Marta Morvillo (University of Amsterdam)

17:15 – 18:30 Regulatory science: context and blind spots

Chair: Alessandra Arcuri (University of Rotterdam)

Five methodological updates of the Danish Pesticide Load Indicator to support EU-wide pesticide risk reduction policies

Noé Vandevoorde (UCLouvain)
Per Kudsk (Aarhus University)
Yannick Agnan (UCLouvain)
Philippe V. Baret (UCLouvain)

The Epistemic Blind Spot of the “Lawful Cocktail”: Rethinking Responsibility in EU Pesticide Governance through a One Health Lens

Elvira Bacci (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies)

Some strengths and weaknesses of the EU regulatory system for pesticides from a natural science perspective

Axel Mie (Stockholm University, Karolinska Institutet)
Christina Ruden (Stockholm University)

Friday, 20 March 2026

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome with coffee and croissants** | P12 at UCLouvain SLB
9:15 – 10:15 **The role of the regulated industry in pesticides governance**

Chair: Teresa Cabrita (UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles)

Access and agency in the Pesticide Regulatory Ecosystem: a case study of the pesticide industry strategies and tactics for system capture during 40 years of glyphosate regulation

Alice Livingston Ortolani (University of Sussex)

Global epistemic capture? How the “mode of action” and “human relevance” criteria of pesticide approval landed in Europe

David Demortain (Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire Sciences Innovations Sociétés, Institut national de recherche pour l'agriculture, l'alimentation et l'environnement)

10:15 – 10:30 **Coffee break** | P12 at UCLouvain SLB

10:30 – 12:15 **Pesticides litigation before national and EU courts**

Chair: Delphine Misonne (UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles)

Judging pesticides: Framing (il)legality of pesticide use in Dutch litigation

Edwin Alblas (Wageningen University)

Emma Turkenburg (Wageningen University)

Vincent Latjes (Wageningen University)

Sophie Boerman (Wageningen University)

Louis Kotzé (Wageningen University)

National Courts' Judicial Review of Plant Protection Product Authorisations

Pietro Mattioli (University of Liège)

Trust but Verify: National Authorities and National Courts in EU Pesticides Governance after PAN EUROPE (Closer)

Laurianne Allezard (Lund University)

Judicial Review, Discretion and Pesticide Regulation before the CJEU: Lessons from the Cypermethrin Case

Alessandra Donati (Référéndaire at the CJEU and lecturer at the University of Luxembourg)

12:15 – 13:15 **Lunch** | P12 at UCLouvain SLB

13:15 – 14:45 **Intersecting legal frameworks in EU pesticides governance**

Chair: Maria Weimer (University of Amsterdam)

When Pesticides Become “Forever Chemicals”: Regulatory Gaps at the Intersection of EU Pesticide and Chemicals Law

Ifigeneia Tsakalogianni (Hasselt University)

Is the Food and Feed Omnibus at odds with the Non-Regression Principle? A Precaution-Inflected Proportionality Analysis under EU Law

Matthias Hasler (European University Institute)

Vania González Campos (University of Amsterdam)

A Toxic Relationship for Insects: The Use of Pesticides in light of the Habitats Directive

Siemen Kalders (Hasselt University)

14:45 – 16:15 **Roundtable: EU pesticides regulation under pressure**

Moderator: Antoine Bailleux (UCLouvain); Speakers: Alessandra Arcuri (University of Rotterdam), Klaus Berend (European Commission) and Martin Dermine (PAN-Europe)

16:15 – 16:30 **Closing remarks and publication plans**

Practical information

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How to reach us?

Venue

- **UCLouvain - Saint-Louis Bruxelles**, Boulevard du Jardin Botanique 43, 1000 Brussels.
- **Entrance:** Please enter via **119 Rue du Marais** (through the parking entrance).
- **Room Location:** The workshop will be held in **Rooms P02 + P12**, located in the **Préfecture building**. Once inside, it is the first room on your right.

Access

- **From Gare du Nord (North Station):** A 10-minute walk. Head south on Rue du Progrès toward Place Rogier, then turn left onto Boulevard du Jardin Botanique.
- **From Gare Centrale (Central Station):**
 - Take Metro line 1 (direction Stockel) or 5 (direction Herrmann-Debroux).
 - Change at **Arts-Loi** for line 2 or 6 (direction Elisabeth) and
 - exit at **Botanique** or **Rogier**.
 - The campus is a 2-minute walk from either station.
- **By Metro:** The closest stops are **Rogier** and **Botanique** (Lines 2 & 6).

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