

Invitation: Academic Workshop on ‘Temporal Welfare & Ecological Sustainability’

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming workshop on ‘Temporal Welfare & Ecological Sustainability’.

Date: 2–3 November 2026

Venue: HWR Berlin, Room B 5.44, Badensche Straße 50–51, 10825 Berlin

Organisers: Franziska Klein, PhD (Wageningen University & Research, VÖW) & Dr. Gerrit von Jorck (BCEE)

Organisations: Berlin Centre for Empirical Economics (BCEE, HWR Berlin) & Association for Ecological Economic Research (Vereinigung für ökologische Wirtschaftsforschung, VÖW)

The workshop aims to bring together researchers working on the intersections of temporal welfare, time allocation, and ecological sustainability and to develop a shared research agenda around these themes. We are particularly interested in how temporal welfare can be conceptualised and operationalised, how different forms of time use relate to ecological impacts, and how temporal inequalities and sustainability can be studied together.

We will begin by taking stock of what we do — and do not yet — know. Short thematic inputs by workshop participants will provide different perspectives on the field and help us identify open questions and research gaps. In a second step, participants will work in small groups on selected thematic areas, developing specific research questions, empirical approaches, or potential joint outputs.

To provide some structure while keeping the workshop open to different perspectives and approaches, the small-group work will focus broadly on four interconnected areas:

- **Conceptualising and measuring temporal welfare** – concepts, dimensions, indicators, and empirical approaches to time poverty, time wealth, and temporal inequalities;
- **Time allocation and everyday practices** – working time, care, leisure, consumption, mobility, and the determinants and consequences of different time-use patterns;
- **Temporal welfare and ecological sustainability** – the links between time use, consumption, energy use, mobility, and other ecological impacts, including potential time-use rebound effects;

- **Temporal inequalities and socio-ecological transformation** – gender, income, household and life-course differences, and the institutional conditions shaping more sustainable and time-rich ways of living.

These themes are intended as starting points rather than fixed categories. Participants are welcome to connect them, develop questions across several areas, or propose related perspectives that contribute to the overall focus of the workshop.

Please see the programme overview below for more details.

We are looking forward to an inspiring and productive exchange. Since places are limited, we kindly ask you to confirm your participation **by 10 October 2026** by replying to this email.

With best wishes,

Franziska Klein, PhD & Dr. Gerrit von Jorck

Workshop on ‘Temporal Welfare & Ecological Sustainability’ – Programme Overview

	Day 1 – Monday, 2 November	Day 2 – Tuesday, 3 November
9.00 – 09.30h	Registration & Coffee	Review of Day 1 Brief recap of the main questions and ideas emerging from the first day.
9.30 – 11.00h	Mapping the Field: Knowledge Gaps & Research Questions • Presentation of workshop goals and format • Short thematic inputs by workshop participants • Collective brainstorming • Identification of key research gaps and questions	Small-Group Work IV: Consolidating Research Agendas Groups continue working on their selected research ideas and develop them into more concrete research agendas, potential collaborations, or draft outputs.
11.00 – 11.15h	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 12.30h	Small-Group Work I: Framing Research Questions Participants form small groups around shared interests, broadly drawing on the following thematic areas: 1. Conceptualising and measuring temporal welfare 2. Time allocation and everyday practices 3. Temporal welfare and ecological sustainability 4. Temporal inequalities and socio-ecological transformation Groups develop and sharpen specific research questions and identify relevant conceptual and empirical approaches.	Collective Reflection & Wrap-up • Presentation of group results • Discussion of cross-cutting themes and connections • Identification of potential joint activities and next steps

12.30 – 13.30h	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>(Optional) lunch, then departure</i>
13.30 – 15.00h	Small-Group Work II: Developing Research Ideas Groups work more deeply on selected research questions, considering possible theoretical perspectives, data and methods, empirical cases, or comparative approaches.	
15.00 – 15.15h	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.15 – 16.00h	Small-Group Work III: From Research Ideas to Collaboration Groups discuss potential outputs and forms of collaboration, such as joint papers, empirical projects, comparative research, datasets, or future funding proposals.	
16.00 – 16.45h	Collective Reflection & Feedback	
From 18h	Social Dinner	