



## First 2022/2023 Groningen PPE Colloquium

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 15.15-16.45  
Faculty of Philosophy, Room Omega

### **Axel Gosseries (Louvain): The Currency of intergenerational justice**

#### **Abstract:**

In this talk, I will look at the challenges raised by the intergenerational context for a currency of justice. I will take resourcism as a starting point. I will discuss the challenges it raises, both under the assumption of given preferences and under the more realistic assumption of dynamic preferences. I will explore three proposals: focusing on intangible resources, keeping options open and inculcating frugal preferences. I will also discuss whether resourcists have anything to say about the issue of substitution that is central to the sustainability debate. I will stress the specific role played by education as one of the ways to influence the content of future preferences.

#### **Bio:**

Axel Gosseries is an FNRS Research Professor at the University of Louvain (Belgium) where he heads the Chair of Economic and Social Ethics and the PPE Program. His work focuses on theories of justice and especially on issues of intergenerational and climate justice. He has published extensively in Philosophy, Law and Economics, in journals such as JPP, PPE, etc. He has edited several books including *Intergenerational Justice* (OUP, 2009, with L. Meyer), *Institutions for Future Generations* (OUP, 2016, with Iñigo González-Ricoy). His latest book *What is Intergenerational Justice?* is forthcoming in early 2023 with Polity Press (Cambridge).