



Nominees for
ESEE Student Representative
2024-2026

Juan Pablo (JP) Arellano

Laura Felício

Jérôme Hambye-Verbrugghen

You can vote for up to 2 nominees.

Juan Pablo (JP) Arellano



JP is a descendant of European settlers in Mexico, holding dual nationality with France and now living in Paris. They played a vital role in creating the International Degrowth Network and hold various hats in the organisation. They are also an organiser in several degrowth organisations such as the Degrowth Collective, Alt Shift (the degrowth festival), and Research & Degrowth. Their professional experience has mostly involved project management and education with ClimateScience and ClimaTalk, and they are the president of the Board of ECOLE (a Montreal sustainable living initiative). JP is an activist with DebtforClimate and StopEACOP and is

finishing their thesis for a master's degree in Degrowth: Ecology, Economics and Policy, where they are creating a platform with practical tools to help communicate degrowth and ecosocialist ideas, narratives and values. They also love science fiction books, hiking and rollerblading :)

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Motivation

As someone deeply invested in ecological economics and the degrowth movement, I am eager to contribute to and learn from the European Society of Ecological Economics. My involvement in creating the International Degrowth Network has enriched my understanding of the movement and highlighted the urgency of rethinking our strategies towards a more connected, convivial and collaborative approach. ESEE's diverse and inclusive network, dedicated to advancing mutual well-being for nature and people, aligns with my vision of a sustainable future. Joining ESEE would provide me an invaluable opportunity to engage with like-minded scholars, practitioners, and activists, enhancing my ability to contribute meaningfully to the ecological economics movement and increase its connection with the degrowth movement.

Laura Felício



I am a PhD student in Environmental Engineering, exploring the dynamics of social metabolism through the analysis of energy and mass flows. My research is dedicated to socioeconomic flows and their influence in environment. Aligning with the principles of ecological economics, I want to study the complex relationships between human societies and their ecological contexts.

My journey with the European Society of Ecological Economics began in 2019, coinciding with my active participation in ESEE conferences. The last edition left a lasting impact during the students' session gathering, igniting my passion to serve as a representative. This

commitment stems from a desire to contribute

meaningfully to the ESEE community, bridging the gap between students and the society's objectives. Reflecting on my experience at the 2019 ESEE summer school in Finland, I recognize the importance of a student representative in articulating pressing issues and shaping the future of ecological economics.



Motivation

I am eager to continue the initiatives started by the previous representative, Clara, such as a platform to facilitate the interaction of the ESEE students' community and try to promote some workshops helpful for academic life, e.g. peer-review groups to review paper drafts students might want to share, workshops on scientific writing, student talks on issues that "assault" our minds, etc.

I hope to encourage ongoing dialogue between ESEE students as a group and the ESEE board. I also hope to contribute for a cohesive ESEE currently and in the future.

Jérôme Hambye-Verbrugghen



I am a doctoral student in the Department of Applied and Theoretical Economics at Strasbourg University. I obtained my bachelor's degree in International Economics from Lille University and then a master's degree in Economics, Statistics and Econometrics at Strasbourg University. My thesis focuses on the dynamics of energy use, looking at how digitalisation, as a particular technological change, structurally affects and drives these dynamics. I am also exploring how methodological choices impact empirical results and their implications for the field of energy and exergy economics. With this I expect to improve my understanding of sectoral dynamics and their contribution to structural changes.

Beyond my thesis, I have grown passionate about open science practices, especially concerning open data and open software. I have participated in multiple training sessions on these topics and currently hold a temporary position as a trainer, to share best practices in open science with my peers and students.

Outside of academia, I'm also a cat lover, cooking-afficionado, techno-music fan, and bike-tourism rookie.

Motivation

I stumbled into ecological economics in 2019 at the same time I discovered about post-growth economics. These two fields of economics came as a response to my long-lasting dissatisfaction with mainstream economics, particularly due to its lack of integration of environmental sciences in teaching and modelling. As I started my PhD in 2021, this disconnection with economics as a discipline kept on within my mostly mainstream lab, until I met the ESEE community in Pisa in 2022. The feeling of belonging and alignment in values and academic interests completely reinvigorated my desire to contribute to academia, and to be a part of the scientific community. My aspiration is now to contribute with all my energy to the development of ecological economics in both research and educational spheres, through my participation to the ESEE community. My current involvement with the Post-growth Economics Network (PEN) also gives me the opportunity to serve as a bridge between these two interconnected communities, both dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of economics on ecological and social issues.