

PE-3C

Political Ecologies of
Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation

NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

About one more week to go before the start of the POLLEN conference the Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation (PE-3C) here in Wageningen! We are very excited to be able to welcome you all soon, and this newsletter is meant to provide practical information as you make your final preparations for your journey and prepare for your presentation.

Unfortunately, recent events again testify to the importance of the PE-3C topics. A Global Witness report entitled '[On Dangerous Ground](#)' argues that "2015 was the worst year on record for killing of land and environmental defenders – people struggling to protect land, forests and rivers". This is, obviously, very worrisome, and will surely be an important topic of debate at the conference. But as the final programme (see below) shows, there are many other important ways in which conflict, contestation and contemporary capitalism conjoin and intersect, and debating these openly and critically is crucial.

As we enter into our last week of preparations for the conference, one of the key things we are busy with is drawing in journalists, bloggers and others who can help disseminate the conversations at the PE-3C conference. If you have any tips or an interest to help with this yourself, please do let us know. For now, enjoy this last newsletter, and see you all soon in Wageningen!

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The final programme

In the previous newsletter we sent around the preliminary programme. We are happy to announce that we have now finalized [the programme](#), and the final [book of abstracts](#), so please have a look. Do note that no printed programs will be available at the registration desk. Furthermore, we do not provide conference bags with various items in it such as pens, bloc notes and so on. So please bring along what you believe you will need to make notes at the conference.

Organization of the sessions

We have a total of seven conference meeting rooms and the convenors/chairs have the freedom to adapt the organization of their session as they wish, so in case of any doubt please contact your convenor (see the programme for their email addresses). However, as general guidelines we inform and recommend the following:

Each room is equipped with a projector and we will provide laptops. So you do not need to bring your own laptop. Convenors can collect all presentations on this laptop prior to the session. Please use PowerPoint. This will minimize delays once the session begins. Even if you have emailed your PowerPoint to your convenor beforehand, we recommend that you bring your presentation on a USB drive as a backup.

All speakers are asked to keep their presentation between 12 to 15 minutes. This of course also depends on the number of presentations in a panel, but the aim for all the sessions is to also leave space for a general debate.

You do not need to send us your papers beforehand, but please discuss with your panel convenor whether or not (s)he wants them to prepare the discussion.

IMPORTANT: Sessions in the **Koetshuis** and the **Schip van Blaauw**

Because we have many more people at the conference than originally anticipated, we have booked two extra meeting rooms outside Hotel De Wageningsche Berg: the **Koetshuis** and the **Schip van Blaauw**. If your session takes place in one of these places you are lucky, because these are beautiful locations! However, be aware that you need some time to get there, so please check the programme and leave on time. We have organized lunch, coffee, tea and water at these two places also.

The walk to the **Koetshuis** takes about 10 minutes and goes through the beautiful Arboretum garden. From Hotel De Wageningsche Berg we have signposted the route with **red** markers.

The walk to the **Schip van Blaauw** takes about 20 minutes and it follows the 'Bergpad' (Mountain Trail). If you walk through the woods, this is completely fine and it does not mean you are on the wrong track. It is not a very heavy walk, but be prepared by wearing comfortable shoes (e.g. no high heels). From De Wageningsche Berg we have signposted the route with **blue** markers.

So, if you are in either of these two external meeting rooms, please check the programme and leave on time so as not to delay your session.

In case you have limited physical mobility but you are planning to visit one of these external locations, please email us beforehand.

On our website, we have, for your convenience, also uploaded a map with both walking routes.

Conference diner, the evening before and places to eat in Wageningen

Evening before: 6 July

We are sorry to announce that the conference dinner on 7 July is fully booked (180 people) and we apologize if this causes any inconvenience. Wageningen is not a very big town and since we currently have 360+ registrations (!), there is simply no venue in town big enough to accommodate everybody. This was also one of the reasons for us to organize an 'evening before' at 6 July; Anybody who is already in town that night, please feel welcome to meet informally at the Heerenstraat Movie Theatre, Molenstraat 1B in Wageningen, from 18.00 hours onwards.

Conference dinner

The conference dinner will take place in an organic restaurant called Colors World Food. If you did not manage to obtain a ticket, but would like to be close to the PE-3C buzz on 7 July, there are plenty of restaurants at the central market square near Colors. We are certain that you will then later run into other participants in one of the many pubs and/or restaurants on the market square.

Places to eat in Wageningen

Wageningen, at least partly due to our University, has a strong connection with food. Without going into the political ecology of food here, please allow us to recommend you some places where you can eat when you are in Wageningen.

Booking in advance is recommended. So please drop your preferred restaurant an email in advance. Here we give you a selection of places to eat (unfortunately some websites are in Dutch only). Close to Colors you could go to:

Drinks and Bites, organic restaurant Robuust, Thai restaurant My Asia, De Kater, Buurman en Buurman, organic restaurant Taste and restobar Diels.

Other places in Wageningen are, for example, organic restaurant H'eerlijk, H41, Italian restaurant La Solla, Spanish restaurant Toledo, Chinese Mongol restaurant King's Garden, sushi restaurant Watami, restaurant O Mundo in Hotel De Wereld and of course you can also enjoy a meal at the conference venue De Wageningsche Berg in their restaurant Bel Monte.

On our website we have a map with the walking routes to the Heerenstraat Movie Theatre (6 July, 'evening before') and restaurant Colors World Food (7 July, conference diner).

Public transport

Schiphol Airport to Ede-Wageningen Train Station

From Schiphol airport, take the train from platform 1 or 2 in the direction 'NIJMEGEN' and get off at station 'EDE-WAGENINGEN'. During the day, direct trains leave at every hour (:00) and half past the hour (:30). At :16 and :46 there is an indirect connection, which requires that you transfer at Utrecht Central station, platform 19. The ride takes a bit more than one hour. You can check your exact times at the website of [Dutch Railways](#) (you can also download their app: **NS Reisplanner Xtra**), through which you can also buy your train ticket in advance. Your other option is to buy the train ticket at Schiphol Airport train station, either at one of the counters of the Dutch railways or one of the yellow ticket machines. You can use Maestro, Visa, MasterCard or cash (€). Remember to check in with the ticket before entering the train and to check out at train station Ede-Wageningen, or for some of you in Arnhem. You can do so at the (often yellow) checkpoints.

From Ede-Wageningen Train Station to Wageningen Bus Station

Be aware: Train station Ede-Wageningen is NOT in Wageningen but in a nearby town called 'EDE'. To get to Wageningen Bus Station you can take the **buses 84, 86 and 88** from train station Ede-Wageningen.

Travelling by bus

For travelling by bus in the Netherlands it is best to have cash with you. You can buy your ticket from the bus driver.

Check the website of your accommodation (and drop them an email in advance if unclear) to find out the best way to get there from train station Ede-Wageningen or Arnhem. You can also use the [9292 website](#) (you can also download their app: **9292**). In case you stay at De Wageningsche Berg, the conference venue, you can use the following information:

From Wageningen Bus Station to Hotel De Wageningsche Berg

From Wageningen Bus Station you can take **buses 51, 53, 352** to Arnhem CS. Be aware: Arnhem is the final destination, you have to get out already after 3 to 4 minutes at **bus stop De Wageningse Berg** (the third stop after leaving Wageningen Bus Station). From here it's only a 5-minute walk to the conference venue; Fletcher Hotel De Wageningsche Berg (address: Generaal Foulkesweg 96). Turn to your right at the roundabout and follow signs on your left to the hotel.

Some nice things to do in and around Wageningen

For the evenings of 8 and 9 July, we will screen a movie at De Wageningsche Berg. At 8 July this is [Virunga](#); you can watch the trailer [here](#). At 9 July we screen Naomi Klein's [This Changes Everything](#); you can watch the trailer [here](#).

For a general overview we encourage you to have a look at the tourist brochure [A Taste of Wageningen](#). Some suggestions that are relatively easy to do and highly recommendable are, for example:

- The [Depot](#). This is a nice sculpture gallery with many sculptures situated in a beautiful arboretum garden (a different arboretum garden than the one adjacent to De Wageningsche Berg).
- An architectural tour of the [Schip van Blaauw](#) (one of our lecturing rooms external of De Wageningsche Berg), which was designed and built in line with the Amsterdam school in the years 1919-1922.
- An excursion to the nature area [De Blauwe Kamer](#), where numerous birds can be found, with long and short walks. It can be reached by bicycle within twenty minutes from Wageningen.

There are plenty of outdoor activities around Wageningen, like a nice walk through the forest and along the lower Rhine, a visit to the national park [De Hoge Veluwe](#) or rent sport bikes to explore the surroundings. For more information about biking in Wageningen, renting bikes and so on see for example [Cycling in Wageningen](#), [Wageningen University Cycling](#) or for renting a bike [Versatel](#). Likely, the easiest way to rent a bike is at your accommodation, so check with them first if they offer this service. De Wageningsche Berg, the conference venue, also rents out bicycles.

A bicycle is also a cheap, easy, clean and healthy way to get around during the three days of the conference, e.g. to move between your accommodation, town and the conference venue!

If you think Wageningen is too small, boring, and its natural surroundings do not appeal to you, then we suggest going to Utrecht (30-45 min by bus/train), Arnhem and/or Nijmegen (20-30 min by bus) or Amsterdam (60-75 min by bus/train) to visit one or more of the many interesting museums, galleries or exhibitions.

Twitter

The official hashtag for the PE-3C conference in Wageningen is now set:

#pollen16

Emergency telephone numbers

For life-threatening situations dial **112**.

Questions about practical things at Hotel De Wageningsche Berg, e.g. finding your way: (+31-317-)495 911.

For urgent questions about the conference organization call Sven da Silva: (+31-6-)81628817. If Sven does not pick up you can call Stasja Koot: (+31-6)24918821.

Contact

For more information visit the official conference website:

www.wageningenur.nl/pe-3c

For more information on POLLEN visit:

<http://politicalecologynetwork.com/>

