Provisional Programme

SCHEDULE, COHORT, Regular Track 2025/26

Semester 1

				ON-CAMPUS PATH	
Session 1	**EXPLORE DAY** (workshops & experiences)	10:00-11:30	**Welcome & Intro** - SoT Team (Karin Verelst, Clément Vidal, Jasmine De Bruycker, Daliah Raquel Bibas, Orion Maxted & Evo Busseniers)	**Thursday October 2 2025** F6.03 (building F, 6th floor)	
		12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00 16:30-18:00	**What is Thinking** Prof. Dr. Francis Heylighen		
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Fallacies and Biases** Dr. Maciej Swiezy	**Friday October 3 2025** D.1.07	
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		

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Session 2	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10:00-11:30 12:00-13:30	**Non-human thinking?** Dr. Clément Vidal	**Thursday October 16 2025** LIC (Learning and Innovation Center) room 4.09	
		14:30-16:00	**The Embodied Brain** Prof. Dr. Em. Romain Meeusen		
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10:00-11:30	**Room Mapping** Dr. Evo Busseniers **3rd Person Journal Discussion** Orion Maxted	**Friday October 17 2025** E.3.01	
		12:00-13:30	**Lateral Thinking** Dr. Francis Heylighen & Orion Maxted		
		14:30-16:00	**Thinking Better Panel** Engaged Thinking	Online (zoom) on-campus meeting space available	
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio - Multilogue** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)	VUB Campus	

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Session 3	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10:00-11:30 12:00-13:30	**Thinking about better Thinking** Prof. Dr. Em. Gerard de Zeeuw	**Thursday November 13 2025** E.3.07	
		14:30-16:00	**Thinking Better Panel** with Prof. Dr. Francis Heylighen, Dr. Karin Verelst, Prof. Dr. Gerard De Zeeuw		
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10:00-11:30 12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Critical Thinking** Dr. Karin Verelst	**Friday November 14 2025** D.1.07	
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		

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Session 4	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10:00-11:30	**What Is Consciousness?** Prof. Dr. Francis Heylighen	**Thursday December 11 2026** E.3.07	
		12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Embodied Cognition** Dr. Meredith Root-Bernstein	VUB Campus	
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10:00-11:30	**Co-Thinking & Cognition** Iwona Sołtysinska, M.A. (TBC)	**Friday December 12 2026** LIC 2.03	
		12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00			
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)	VUB Campus LIC 2.03	

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Session 5	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30	**Beautiful Minds (Introduction)** Weaver	**Thursday January 8 2026** LIC 2.03	
		14:30-16:00	**Thinking Better Panel** Technology and the Mind Clément Vidal, Maarten Francq (TBC), Francis Heylighen, Karin Verelst, Gerard de Zeeuw		
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Extended Mind** Katarina Petrović & Orion Maxted	**Friday January 9 2026** LIC 2.03	
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		

Semester 2

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Session 6	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10-11:30	**Mindfulness & Meditation** Dr. Shima Beigi	**Thursday, February 5, 2026** LIC 2.03	
		12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Art, Culture and Self-Reflective Thinking** Saddie Choua		
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Nurturing Intelligence** Lotte Van Lith, M.A.	**Friday, February 6, 2026** LIC 3.03	
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		

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Session 7	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Building Worlds in our Minds** Prof. Dr. Ash Eliza Smith & Carina Erdmann	**Thursday, March 5, 2026** LIC 2.03	
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30	**Beautiful Minds (Game Thinking)** Weaver	**Friday March 6, 2026** LIC 3.03	
		12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**The Game of Co-Worlding** Prof. Dr. Ash Eliza Smith & Carina Erdmann		
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		

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Session 8	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10-11:30	**Paradoxical thinking** Dr. Karin Verelst	**Thursday, April 2, 2026**, LIC 2.03	
		12:00-13:30	**Dialectical Thinking** Dr. Cadell Last		
		14:30-16:00			
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30	**Philosophy as a Collection of Eight Tools for Coping With Complexity.** Paul Wouters, M.A.	**Friday, April 3, 2026,** LIC 3.03	
		12:00-13:30			
		14:30-16:00			
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		

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Session 9	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10-11:30	**Inconsistencies and Worldviews** Prof. Dr. Jean Paul Van Bendegem	**Thursday, May 7, 2026** LIC 2.03	
		12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Philosophy as a Collection of Eight Tools for Coping With Complexity** Paul Wouters		
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-1:30 12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	**Complexity Thinking** Prof. Dr. Cathy Macharis & Team	**Friday, May 8, 2026,** LIC 3.03	
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		

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Session 10	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30	**Relational Thinking in Practice** Dr. Evo Busseniers	**Thursday, May 28, 2026** LIC 2.03	
		14:30-16:00			
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30	**Beautiful Minds (Workshop)** Weaver	**Friday May 29, 2026** LIC 3.03	
		12:00-13:30			
		14:30-16:00			
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		

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Session 11	**SEED DAY** (lectures & input)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30	**Engaged Thinking: Society and the Natural World** Dr. Barbara Van Dyck	**Thursday June 25, 2026** LIC 2.03	
		14:30-16:00	**Thinking Studio**		
		16:30-18:00	**Thinking Studio** Thinking on Crossroads		
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30	**Noosphere Lab:** **A one-day public experiment in collective thinking** Francis Heylighen, Clément Vidal, Karin Verelst	**Friday June 26, 2026** LIC 3.03	
		12:00-13:00			
		14:00-17:00			
		17:30-20:00	Closing Event		

* SoT online/hybrid classes are taught in the physical classrooms at the VUB campus in Etterbeek Brussels, with remote participation via Zoom enabled. The Remote classes are taught remotely via Zoom. In the unlikely event of university-wide restrictions due to Covid-19 or other reasons, classes will be transferred to remote teaching only. Classroom locations and Zoom links will be provided on the SoT webpage.