

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	
		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
	16:30-18:00		Thinking Studio (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)	D.1.07	

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Session 2	SEED DAY (lectures & input)	10:00-11:30	Non-human thinking? Dr. Clément Vidal	Thursday October 16 2025	LIC (Learning and Innovation Center) room 4.09
		12:00-13:30	The Embodied Brain Prof. Dr. Em. Romain Meeusen		
		14:30-16:00			
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10:00-11:30	Room Mapping Dr. Evo Busseniers	Friday October 17 2025	E.3.01
			3rd Person Journal Discussion Orion Maxted		
		12:00-13:30	Lateral Thinking Dr. Francis Heylighen & Orion Maxted	Online (zoom) on-campus meeting space available	
		14:30-16:00	Thinking Better Panel Engaged Thinking		
		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	Thinking about better Thinking Prof. Dr. Em. Gerard de Zeeuw	Thursday November 13 2025	E.3.07
		12:00-13:30			
		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	Critical Thinking Dr. Karin Verelst	Friday November 14 2025	D.1.07
		12:00-13:30			
		14:30-16:00	Thinking Studio (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		
		16:30-18:00			

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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	
		12:00-13:30		E.3.07	
		14:30-16:00	Embodied Cognition Dr. Meredith Root-Bernstein	VUB Campus	
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10:00-11:30	Co-Thinking & Cognition Iwona Sottysinska, M.A. (TBC)	Friday December 12 2026	
		12:00-13:30		LIC 2.03	
		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	Beautiful Minds (Introduction) Weaver	Thursday January 8 2026	LIC 2.03
		12:00-13:30			
		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	Extended Mind Katarina Petrović & Orion Maxted	Friday January 9 2026	LIC 2.03
		12:00-13:30			
		14:30-16:00	Thinking Studio (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)		
		16:30-18:00			

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	Nurturing Intelligence Lotte Van Lith, M.A.		Friday, February 6, 2026	LIC 3.03
		12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	Thinking Studio (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)			
		16:30-18:00				

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

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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)	

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

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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	Nurturing intelligence Lotte van Lith (TBC)		
		16:30-18:00	Thinking Studio Thinking on Crossroads		
	EXPLORE DAY (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30	Noosphere Lab:	Friday June 26, 2026 D.2.06	
		14:30-16:00	A one-day public experiment in collective thinking Francis Heylighen, Clément Vidal, Karin Verelst		
		16:00-18:00	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.