

# Provisional Programme



SCHEDULE, COHORT, Regular Track 2025/26

Semester 1

				ON-CAMPUS PATH
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>EXPLORE DAY</b> (workshops & experiences)	10:00-11:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Intro</b> - SoT Team (Karin Verelst, Clément Vidal, Jasmine De Bruycker, Daliah Raquel Bibas, Orion Maxted & Evo Busseniers)	<b>Thursday October 2 2025</b>
		12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00 16:30-18:00	<b>What is Thinking</b> Prof. Dr. Francis Heylighen	
		<b>EXPLORE DAY</b> (workshops & experiences)	10-11:30 12:00-13:30 14:30-16:00	<b>Fallacies and Biases</b> Dr. Maciej Swiezy
	16:30-18:00		<b>Thinking Studio</b> (Orion Maxted & Dr. Evo Busseniers)	D.1.07

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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