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*What Epistemologies and Methodologies for Engaged Research
in the SE Field in Times of Multidimensional Crises*

I. 10EMES trainingschool Venue

The 10th EMES International Training School takes place at the Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain), in Louvain-la-Neuve, a location with a strong academic and institutional connection to the EMES network.

All academic activities will take place at the Catholic University of Louvain, Montesquieu Square 3, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

The venue is located in the heart of Louvain-la-Neuve, a pedestrian-friendly university town, easily accessible by public transport from Brussels.

This edition is organised in close collaboration with two founding institutional members of EMES: CES (Centre d'Économie Sociale, ULiège) and CIRTES (Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche Travail, État et Société, UCLouvain) with the support of LIDAM and the ESIC Project.

This host has previously welcomed key EMES activities, reflecting the strong and long-standing connection between this location and the EMES network. The Training School builds on the continued engagement of key EMES members, including Anaïs Périlleux (CIRTES, IRES, LIDAM, UCLouvain, EMES Board member) and Frédéric Dufays (CES, ULiège, EMES Board member), who are the main local organizers of this training school and whose work contributes actively to advancing research in the SE field. The CES and CIRTES are both founding research centers of the EMES network and brings together several SE researchers who are members of EMES. This edition is also particularly meaningful as it connects with the academic legacy and ongoing work of Marthe Nyssens (UCLouvain), a leading scholar in the field, and a long-standing contributor to EMES who also served as president of its board.

Hosting the Training School in Louvain-la-Neuve reflects both the strength of this research environment and its continued role in shaping critical debates and methodologies within the field.

More broadly, the 10th EMES International Training School builds on the mission of EMES to foster interdisciplinary and engaged research. In line with this, the programme will bring together diverse research traditions and methodological approaches, with particular attention to emerging epistemologies and methodologies for studying social enterprise in times of multidimensional crises. These include, among others, participatory and action-oriented research, multi-level analytical frameworks, and ecosystemic perspectives that aim to better understand and support transformative social dynamics.

This edition also benefits from the broader EMES ecosystem of projects and collaborations, including initiatives such as the EMCCINNO and WISESHIFT, Horizon projects and the ESIC Erasmus project which contribute to strengthening research capacities and international cooperation in the field.

1.1 How to get there?

The campus is directly accessible by train, and the venue is located within walking distance from the main station (see Maps in section IV).

1.1.1 By plane

The nearest airports are:

- Brussels Airport (BRU) – recommended
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport (CRL) – low-cost airlines

From Brussels Airport (BRU):

- Take a train to Louvain-la-Neuve Université
- Usually with one change (Brussels Central, Brussels Midi, or Leuven)

Approx. 50–70 minutes

From Charleroi Airport (CRL):

- Shuttle bus to Charleroi-Sud station, then train to Louvain-la-Neuve Université

Approx. 1h30–2h

1.1.2 By train from Brussels

From:

- Brussels Central (Bruxelles-Central)
- Brussels Midi (Bruxelles-Midi / Zuid)

Take a train to Louvain-la-Neuve Université (final stop).

The station is located directly on campus.

From there, Montesquieu Square 2 can be reached on foot in just a few minutes. The training school will take place in two buildings located on Montesquieu Square: the MORE building and the LECLER building.

1.1.3 By bus

Regional buses (TEC network) also connect Louvain-la-Neuve with nearby cities, but the train remains the most convenient option.

II. Accommodation

Participants will be staying at the hostel Gîte Mozaïk, a accommodation designed for group stays and community living.

Please note the following basic information:

- Accommodation is provided by the organisers and will be available from the night of 28 June, as the Training School starts on the morning of June 29.

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- Rooms will be primarily shared (2 participants per room).
 - A limited number of single rooms are available and will be prioritised for participants with specific needs (e.g. medical conditions).
 - Breakfast is included and served at the hostel.

If you are travelling with a family member or require a private room, please note that these arrangements are not covered by the organisation and should be arranged individually.

Important information:

Accommodation capacity is limited and organised on a shared basis. We kindly ask all participants for flexibility regarding room allocation. Requests for single rooms will only be considered in justified cases.

III. Training school dynamic

The EMES Training School aims to contribute to advancing knowledge in the SE field understood broadly to include social enterprise, social economy, solidarity economy, social entrepreneurship, and social innovation (the “SE field”).

At the same time, it provides PhD students and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) with a valuable opportunity to present their research and receive feedback from peers and an invited faculty body.

The programme will include different types of sessions:

- Parallel group sessions focused on participants’ work in progress.
- Practical workshops focused on specific themes.
- Plenary sessions to engage with key topics in the field.

Overall, the Training School encourages a transdisciplinary approach, combining different perspectives, methodologies, and forms of knowledge.

3.1 Are there any guidelines for presenting?

Participants will have approximately one hour per session to present their work and receive feedback.

PhD students and ECRs are invited to prepare a 15-20 minute presentation covering:

- Research question(s)
- Theoretical approach
- Methodology
- Main results if any already available

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- Key challenges or questions for discussion

Prior to the Training School, participants will be asked (via email) to submit a short version of their work in progress. This will allow the faculty and group members to familiarise themselves with the research in advance, provide initial feedback, and ensure more focused and constructive discussions during the sessions.

Participants will also receive a reading list ahead of the event, aimed at helping them engage with the EMES approach and key debates in the field.

3.2 Questions regarding registration and funding

Please note that formal acceptance to the Training School is conditional upon completion of the registration payment. We therefore strongly encourage you to proceed with registration within two weeks of receiving the registration email, so that the organisation can properly arrange logistical details.

While a final deadline is indicated on the website, this refers to the point by which all registrations and payments must be fully completed and settled.

There are three main registration categories: EMES Member (reduced fee), Non-member (full fee), and Non-OECD reduced fee.

The Non-OECD reduced fee applies only to participants affiliated with institutions located in non-OECD countries. Eligibility is based on your current institutional affiliation (where you study or work), not your nationality. Participants affiliated with European universities are not eligible for this reduction.

Please note that fee waivers are not available for participants affiliated with European universities.

Any potential travel support is considered separately, on a case-by-case basis, with priority given to participants from the Global South.

Cancellation and reimbursement

The fee will be refunded in case of participation cancellation due to health reasons if notified by email to 10EMEStraining@emes.net no later than May 1st. No further refund of fees will be accepted after that date. There will be no refunds for cancellations made after that date or for reasons that are not sufficiently justified.

3.3 I'm new at the EMES School. Is there any kind of welcome provided?

Absolutely! We strive to make you feel part of both our academic and community environment from the very beginning.

EMES has a very active and welcoming PhD community, which organises informal online gatherings prior to the Training School and helps facilitate connections once in Louvain-la-Neuve. You will therefore have the opportunity to connect with peers in advance and feel supported upon arrival.

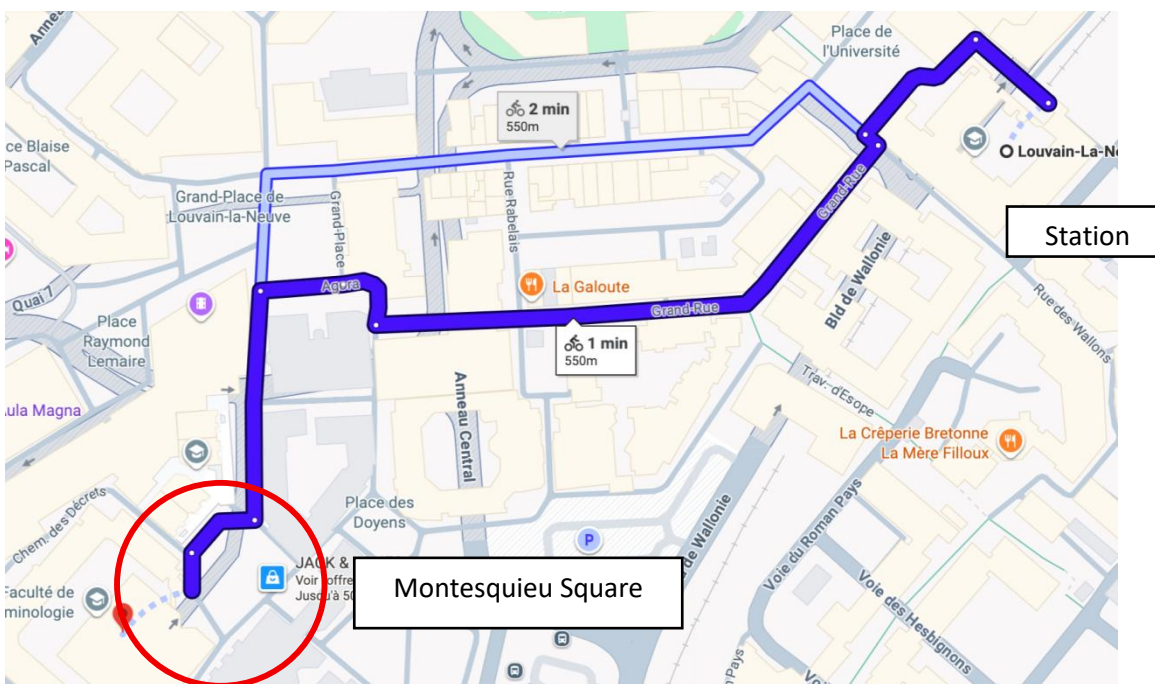
If you are already an EMES member, you may already be connected to this community. If not, or if you are unsure how to get involved, please feel free to contact us via email and we will be happy to connect you.

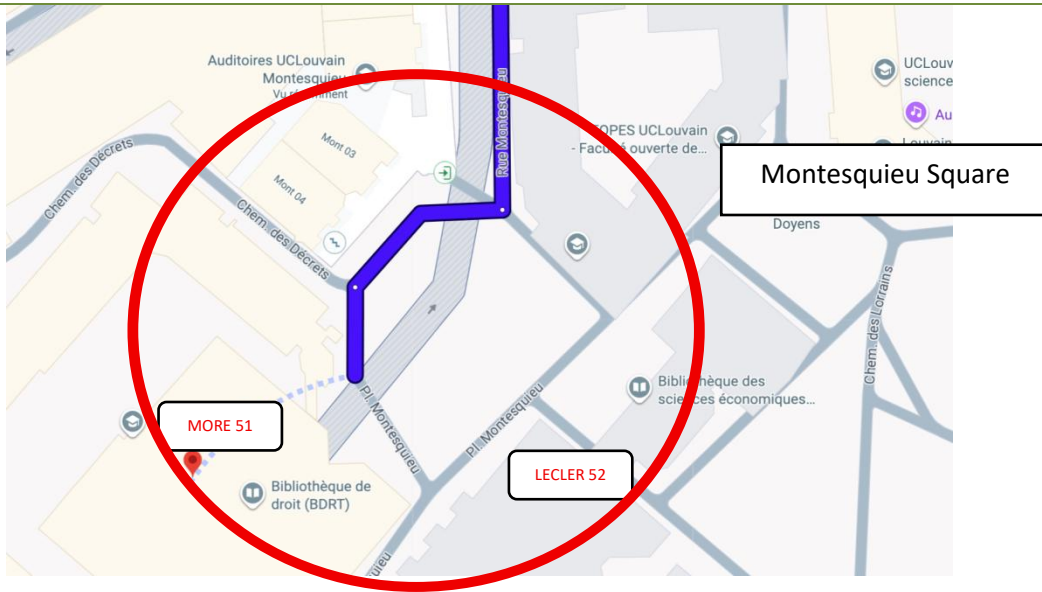
3.4 Invitation Letters & Certificates

We can provide invitation letters to accepted participants for visa purposes. To request one, please email us at 10emestraining@emes.net including your full name, passport number, country, and university affiliation.

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance, which will be delivered at the end of the Training School.

IV. Maps





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