

CRESUS Final conference – 13 November 2019

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the final conference of the BELSPO funded project **'Measuring and mobilizing wealth for a cohesive, inclusive and fair society'** (CRESUS) (2014-2019).

In this project a multi-disciplinary team of economists, sociologists and social policy experts of the universities of Antwerp, Leuven and Liège joined forces to look at a wide range of issues relating to wealth in Belgium and abroad. We did so because we believed a deeper understanding of wealth to be central to issues of equitable taxation, effective redistribution and the organization of long-term care. The project is coming to an end this year and has yielded a significant number of scientific publications and also three doctorates. We warmly invite you to our final conference on Wednesday 13 November 2019 in Antwerp. There we will address a number of issues that we believe are particularly relevant to the current debates, especially in policy circles. The conference consists of three thematic sessions, covering the topics analysed by the three partners of the project, followed by a brief discussion of an external speaker. The detailed program of the workshop can be found on the next page.

Venue:

Antwerp Management School
Master Aula André Leysen
Boogkeers 5
2000 Antwerp – Belgium

Participation is free of charge, but please register **before 6 November 2019** through the following link: <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/forms/external/csb/cresus-conference/>

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Conference program

9:00 – 9:30	Registration and coffee
9:30 – 9:45	Introduction – Ive Marx (University of Antwerp)
	Session 1: A joint income-wealth perspective on social issues and policy
9:45 – 10:30	<i>'The analysis of poverty and redistribution in a joint income-wealth framework</i> – Sarah Kuypers (University of Antwerp)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>'The impact of asset tests in minimum income schemes in Europe: An empirical exploration'</i> – Sarah Marchal (University of Antwerp)
11:00 – 11:15	Discussion – Michael Förster (OECD)
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
	Session 2: Intergenerational transfers and long-term care
11:30 – 12:00	<i>'Insurance with a deductible. A way out of the long term care insurance puzzle'</i> – Justina Klimaviciute (Vilnius University)
12:00 – 12:30	<i>'Strategic spend down and long term care'</i> – Jérôme Schoenmaeckers (University of Liège)
12:30 – 12:45	Discussion – TBA
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
	Session 3: Income inequality and optimal taxation
13:45 – 14:20	<i>'Optimal capital taxation'</i> – Kevin Spiritus (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
14:20 – 14:45	<i>'Using fiscal data to estimate the evolution of top income shares in Belgium'</i> – André Decoster (KU Leuven)
14:45 – 15:00	Discussion – TBA
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 15:45	Closing discussion: unresolved issues and the way forward – Chair: Bea Cantillon (University of Antwerp)
15:45 – 16:15	Final remarks by Alexander De Croo (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)
16:15	Reception