



ENLENS project: Understanding the Just Transition through the lenses of Wellbeing,
Justice, and Equity

hybrid workshop

**Understanding the 'Just Transition' and Unpacking Just Transition Frameworks in Diverse
Jurisdictions**

**January 30, 2025, Victoria Mxenge Seminar Room, Level 6, Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus,
University of Cape Town, 10.30-13.00 (GMT+2) and online via Teams**

One of Amsterdam University's Research Priority Areas is 'Energy Transition through the lens of SDGs' (ENLENS). This first ENLENS project workshop on 'Understanding the Just Transition through the lenses of Wellbeing, Justice, and Equity' aims to understand how the encompassing concept of 'just transition' is framed, understood, and implemented in different regional contexts around the globe. A particular focus will be placed in the workshop on just transition laws and policies in the European Union and South African contexts, but comparative insights from other parts of the world are welcomed. Moreover, the workshop aims to understand how the concept of just transition is relevant in different research domains and against specific material objects of study, and how it relates to key aspects of access to energy and wellbeing as reflected under UN SDGs no. 7 and no. 3.

The aim of the workshop is to gather a community of scholars engaged with developing knowledge and expertise related to the just transition and brainstorm around conceptual, methodological, and theoretical issues related to this concept, and its links to the notion of wellbeing. While a focus of the workshop lies on legal and policy issues related to just transition, contributions and insights from other social sciences and humanities scholars are welcome.

The workshop will revolve around the following discussion questions:

1. How is the concept of 'just transition' relevant in your line of research and from which socio-economic/socio-ecological perspectives is it relevant?
2. How is the concept of 'wellbeing' relevant in your line of research and from which socio-economic/socio-ecological perspectives is it relevant?
3. How is a just transition conceptualised in law and/or policy in your jurisdiction/area? Which are its underpinnings, which interests are involved, which communities are the focus, etc.?
4. To what extent does the concept of just transition speak to interconnected concerns for access to energy and wellbeing in your jurisdiction/area?

For any further questions and information about the workshop, including requests for participation, please contact Dr. Matteo Fermeglia at m.fermeglia@uva.nl and Prof. Melanie Murcott at [Melanie Murcott](mailto:Melanie.Murcott@uct.ac.za) at melanie.murcott@uct.ac.za.



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM



UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
IYUNIVESITHI YASEKAPA • UNIVERSITEIT VAN KAAPSTAD

Workshop programme:

10.30-10.45: Welcome and workshop introduction, Prof. Melanie Murcott and Dr. Matteo Fermeglia

10.45-11.30: First round of discussion on questions 1 and 2

11.30-12.00: Break

12.00-12.45: Second round of discussion on questions 3 and 4

12.45-13.00: Closure and next steps

Those attending in-person are invited to join us for lunch following the workshop.

Workshop participants and speakers:

[Melanie Murcott](#), University of Cape Town

[Matteo Fermeglia](#), Amsterdam University

[Vilja Johansson](#), University of Eastern Finland

[Leonie Reins](#), Erasmus University Rotterdam

[Laura Kaschny](#), Tilburg Law School

[Cecile De Villiers](#), University of Cape Town

[Tatenda Muponde](#), University of Cape Town and Centre for Environmental Rights

[Alex Lenferna](#), Climate Justice Coalition

[Britta Rennkamp](#), University of Cape Town

[Colin Hickey](#), Amsterdam University