

Alternet Summer School "Biodiversity and society: transforming science and policy"
Peyresq, France, 19-29th August 2026

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11
	Wednesday 19/08/2026	Thursday 20/08/2026	Friday 21/08/2026	Saturday 22/08/2026	Sunday 23/08/2026	Monday 24/08/2026	Tuesday 25/08/2026	Wednesday 26/08/2026	Thursday 27/08/2026	Friday 28/08/2026	Saturday 29/08/2026
Topics	Welcome and introductions	Student presentations, project introduction	Case study field trip	Multifunctional landscapes, degrowth	Participatory action research, transformative science and organisations	Social-ecological systems	Habitability, biodiversity science-policy interface	Biodiversity in agriculture; art, empathy and research	Human-wildlife conflict, resistance and transformations	Concluding sessions	Departure
08:00 - 09:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30	Arrival, check in and room assignments	My work in 180 seconds	Case study field trip: Nicolas Dendoncker	Negotiating multifunctional landscapes: Where values and needs clash <i>Francis Turkelboom</i>	Participatory action research as transformative change in rural areas <i>Nicolas Dendoncker</i>	Introduction to social-ecological systems <i>Ignacio Palomo Ruiz</i>	Can we reverse the decline of Earth's habitability? <i>Wolfgang Cramer</i>	Target 10 unpacked: agriculture's role in global biodiversity recovery <i>Lynn Dicks</i>	Human-wildlife conflict <i>Hanna Pettersson</i>	Working groups...	
10:30 - 11:00		Coffee break		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11:00 - 12:30		My work in 180 seconds		Negotiating multifunctional landscapes: Where values and needs clash <i>Francis Turkelboom</i>	Transformative change and why we need to transform environmental science <i>Esther Turnhout</i>	Discussion sessions	Our toxic relationship with nature and how (not) to save it: basics from the IPBES assessments <i>Sander Jacobs</i>	Opening the black box of power in transformative research: illuminating the role of art and empathy in polarized contexts <i>Cécile Barnaud</i>	Discussion sessions	Working groups...	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00 - 17:30 with coffee break normally at 15:30	Welcome and introductions	Introduction to project		Working group sessions #2	Working group sessions #3	Walk to the shepherds / shepherdesses	Working group sessions #4	Free afternoon	Working group sessions #5	Project presentations	Departure
	Biodiversity loss and its conservation <i>Allan Watt</i>	Working group session								Room cleaning	
17:30 - 18:30 'aperitif talk'	The history of Peyresq <i>Jean Vancompermolle</i> ----- Peyresq now and in the future <i>Gabrielle Augur</i>	Whose landscape is it anyway? Tales from the Anthropocene <i>Peter Bridgewater</i>		Degrowth: Living well within planetary boundaries <i>Erik Gomez-Baggethun</i>	Redesigning organizations for transformative change: care, power, leadership <i>Eszter Kelemen</i>		Life at the biodiversity science-policy interface <i>Anne Teller</i>		Hope, joy, resistance and transformations <i>Sybill van den Hove</i>	Feedback sessions	
19:30	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	