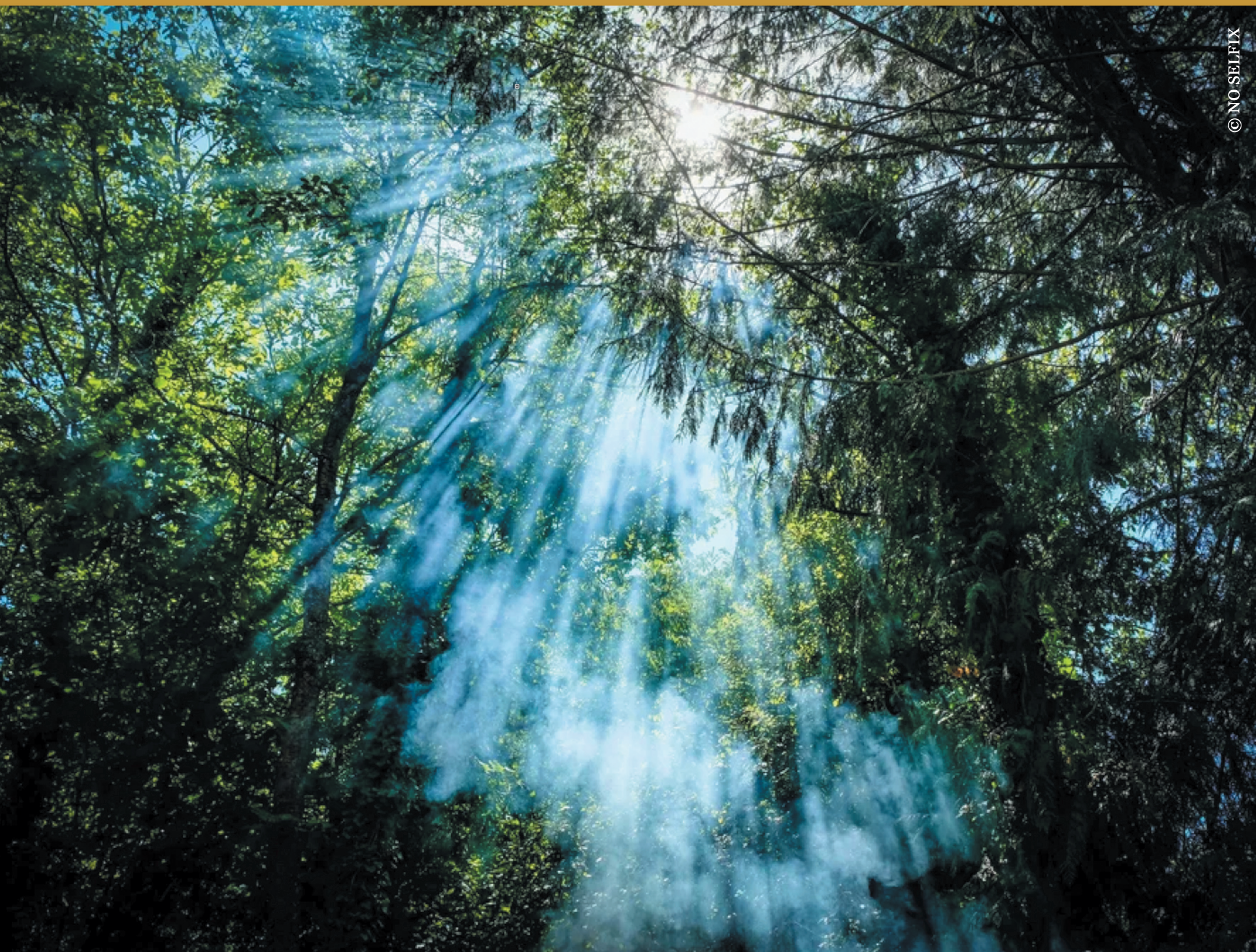




Résilience, résistances, futurs communs

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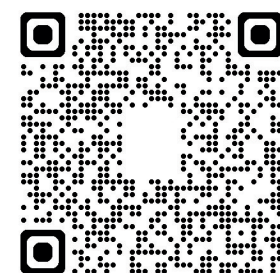
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Resilience, Resistance, Common Futures - International Colloquium

Date: September 30 (opening conference), October 1–2, 2026

Venue: ENS and Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne

Organizers: Marie Gaille and Sandra Laugier

Detailed Program & Practical information : <https://republique-des-savoirs.fr/events/event/resiliences-resistances-futurs-communs/>

Argument

In 2026, against a backdrop of social and geopolitical anxiety—marked by multiple divisions and conflicts, and seemingly devoid of individual or collective projections toward the future or hope—the terms *resistance* and *resilience* are flourishing. They appear in academic publications, political discourse within the public sphere, and the field of artistic creation.

In this context, what philosophical insights can we offer regarding these terms, their meanings, and their implications? Are they competing or complementary? Do they possess the capacity to foster what individuals and societies need to imagine, conceive, represent, and recreate the real conditions for *common futures*?

In certain scientific fields, particularly environmental, Earth, and space sciences, resilience is often used as a descriptive concept, referring to properties of living organisms or ecosystems, frequently considered independently of the social dimensions of human life. In everyday usage, resilience is frequently invoked in response to crises—whether ecological, health-related, psychological, social, or economic. It is presented as a desirable capacity for both individuals and communities to withstand adversity and adapt to change. We might hear, “Show resilience!” in situations of grief, illness, or social and economic precarity. These ordinary uses of the concept of resilience are sometimes adopted or critiqued by the humanities and social sciences. In the latter case, resilience is seen as naïve at best, or as an entirely misplaced—or even inappropriate—injonction, sometimes perceived as a veiled way of asking or recommending that others move forward by accepting a given state of affairs rather than subjecting it to critical scrutiny or resisting it.

Should we reinvest in the notion of resilience or abandon it in favor of resistance? And if so, against what and for what purpose? Without preemptively settling the question, the colloquium “*Care & Resilience: Bioethics, Technologies, Forms of Life*” (July 3–4, 2025, [link](#)) initiated an exploration of the concept of resilience and its articulation with the ethical and political thought of care. This colloquium examined the “family resemblances” and complementarities between care and resilience—or, conversely, their divergences or even oppositions, particularly when an emphasis on personal resilience leads to neglecting the relational, ethical, and collective dimensions that make it possible. Contrary to this individualistic vision of resilience, it explored resilience as a relational process, made possible by attention to vulnerability and solidarity.

This exploration of the affinities between care and resilience is one avenue among others. The present colloquium aims to continue examining the meaning and implications of the concepts of resilience and resistance in relation to common futures. We will take the time to reflect on what

constitutes our present and propose avenues for thinking about the demands it places on individuals, societies, and philosophical activity. Beyond the ethics of care, we will open other paths for analyzing these concepts, with particular attention to the role of law and rights. We will focus on areas where the use of the terms *resilience* and *resistance* is particularly prominent, and where the question of common futures arises with particular urgency (contexts of illness, traumatic situations, and damaged environments). The articulation between theoretical work and the analysis of practices will serve as a guiding thread throughout the presentations.

Program

The colloquium may be preceded, on September 30, by a welcome reception at the Hôtel-Dieu, centered around a publication on health and democracy.

Inaugural conference with two speakers

Session 1 Law, rights, and democratic issues

Session 2 Traumatic and conflictual contexts, trauma, and resilience

Session 3 Care and treatment, in medical contexts and beyond

Session 4 Environment, living environments, territories, and relationships between living beings

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