

## **Abstract**

Economic growth has brought us many good things, but it also caused a lot of problems. In this presentation, you will learn how doughnut economics and the circular economy can serve as a compass to fulfill our needs while preserving nature and humanity. You will discover seven steps proposed by Kate Raworth to think like a 21st century economist, and you will learn the vocabulary of the circular economy, including circular business models. We hope to inspire you to transform the economic system.

## **Biography**

Tom Kuppens is associate professor in economics teaching methodology and sustainability at UHasselt and VUB. He is the vice-chair of the School for Educational Studies at UHasselt and of the Brussels Research Institute for Teacher Education (BRITE) at. From 2021-2025, he was co-president of COPERNICUS Alliance, a European network on higher education for sustainable development. He is one of the founders of werecircle, a cooperative venture that guides businesses towards circular entrepreneurship. He investigates how to rethink economics and business education through transformative learning for sustainability, and how to shape teacher professional development for pluralistic economics education.