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Uta Eser elected to the board of the German Ethics Council

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The German Ethics Council today elected environmental ethicist Dr. Uta Eser to its board. The election takes effect on 1 July 2026.

Uta Eser has been a member of the German Ethics Council since 2024. She studied biochemistry and biology, earned her doctorate on the topic of value judgements in nature conservation, and has been working as a freelance environmental ethicist at the Office for Environmental Ethics in Tübingen since 2015. Her work focuses primarily on nature conservation and biodiversity, global justice, and socio-ecological transformation.

In addition to her work on the German Ethics Council, Uta Eser is member of the Commission for Soil Protection at the German Environment Agency, the advisory board of the working group “Religions and Nature Conservation” at the Abrahamic Forum in Germany, and of the International Center for Ethics in the Sciences at the University of Tübingen.

Uta Eser succeeds Judith Simon on the board who is set to rotate off the German Ethics Council on 30 June 2026.

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