

## Agenda 2030 Graduate School monthly newsletter #3

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Hi!

Hope that you all have/had a nice Easter, Ramadan or Pesach. Where I celebrated this year, the sun was shining and we saw the first butterfly of the season. There is an old superstition that you can tell how the summer is going to be like depending on what type of butterfly you see. I saw a lemon butterfly, which forebodes a good summer. I can only hope that this not only means a good summer for me, but that the current unrest in the world somehow settles a bit. There is still a lot to be done. Here is the monthly newsletter for April:

### Upcoming Agenda 2030 Graduate School courses 2023:

- **Health and the environment with special focus on climate and sustainability** (Faculty of Medicine, digital). Time to be given: 28 August – 26 September 2023. This course aims to deliver knowledge and enhance understanding within the field of environmental epidemiology, with a focus on environmental health and relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The course contains introduction to environmental medicine, climatology, climate modelling and climate change as well as in depth focus on themes concerning different health aspects, environment and climate, including heat and cold, air, water, built environment and lifestyles. Course coordinator: Kristoffer Mattisson ([kristoffer.mattisson@med.lu.se](mailto:kristoffer.mattisson@med.lu.se)). Link to course registration: <https://forskarutbildningskurser.web.med.lu.se>
- **Existential sustainability: Expanding the discourse on sustainability** (Faculties of Humanities and Theology). Time to be given: 18 September 2023 – 18 January 2024. What is existential sustainability and how can existential perspectives become part of contemporary sustainability work? In the process of implementing the green transition, new perspectives have emerged, relating to the existential and religious dimensions of human life. In this course, existential and religious studies perspectives on sustainability will be studied in relation to perspectives on the built environment, as a way of expanding the conceptual framework of Agenda 2030. Special attention is paid to the human being as a narrative being, which will be examined through three theoretical complexes, namely place, deep time, and identity. Departing from an excursion to Råängen at Brunnsög, the students will study how existential meaning and identity are created through storytelling in relation to place and time. Course coordinator: Lovisa Nyman ([lovisa.nyman@ctr.lu.se](mailto:lovisa.nyman@ctr.lu.se)).
- **Digital monies for a sustainable future** (School of Economics and Management). Time to be given: September – October. This PhD course examines the technological developments that are facilitating monetary innovation and the role of monetary entrepreneurs in re-organizing the production and circulation of money. The course provides students with the tools to explore opportunities for addressing big societal challenges and asks in particular how new forms of money can contribute to developing more just and equal societies. Course coordinator: Ester Barinaga ([ester.barinaga@fek.lu.se](mailto:ester.barinaga@fek.lu.se)).
- **A law to save the world?** (Faculty of Law). Time to be given: November 2023 – January 2024. This course offers critical analysis of the sustainable development goals and the discourses and interests they serve. Material from a range of disciplines - history, politics, economics, and law is used for a better understanding of where Agenda 2030 is coming from and where the world it brings into being might be heading. The course focuses in particular on the relationship between sustainable development and our existing global legal order.
- Other courses to be given this fall are: **Water and sustainable development** (Faculty of Engineering).

For more information about the courses, see: [Agenda 2030 PhD courses | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)

## Agenda 2030 Graduate School activities

- **Agenda 2030 awards** (20th of April, 14:30-16:00), Botulfshörnan, Stadshallen, Stortorget 9, Lund. The Lund University Agenda 2030 Award promotes innovative and interdisciplinary research on sustainable development by early career scholars at the university. At the award ceremony, you can enjoy a presentation by the 2023 winner of the prize and from a keynote speaker (still to be announced). The guitar quartet Rebell Guitar is playing acoustic music with a sustainability theme, and we will offer refreshments and an opportunity to mingle. Link to the award: <https://www.sustainability.lu.se/calendar/award-ceremony-lund-university-agenda-2030-award-0>
- **Recycling will not solve the plastic crisis** (21th April, 12:00-12:45), Botulfshörnan, Stadshallen, Stortorget 9, Lund. Come and listen to Linn Boberg who is part of this panel discussion. Recycling is often presented as one of the most important solutions to the plastic problem. But most plastics can only be recycled a few times, and the largest proportion of all plastics produced are never recycled. At the same time, global plastic use is increasing: today around 390 million tonnes of plastic are produced yearly. Link to event: [Recycling will not solve the plastic crisis | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)

## Other

- Lund University: LUCSUS research seminar:
  - **Resilience and diversity in the social sciences:** philosophical, methodological and ethical aspects (13<sup>th</sup> April, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [Resilience and Diversity in the Social Sciences: philosophical, methodological and ethical aspects | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
  - **The comfort of alignment:** Visions of mining, steel and green industry futures (27<sup>th</sup> April, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [The comfort of alignment: Visions of mining, steel and green industry futures | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
  - **Critical realism and the extended case method – an approach to normativity in movement research for sustainability** (4<sup>th</sup> May, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [Critical realism and the extended case method - an approach to normativity in movement research for sustainability | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
  - **Turning up the heat: urban political ecology for a climate emergency** (11<sup>th</sup> May, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [Turning up the heat: Urban political ecology for a climate emergency | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
- **Science for a Sustainable Future 2023: Energy in the transition to Net Zero** (14<sup>th</sup> April, 16:30, webinar by SDSN and Springer Nature). [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- **Sustainability week in Lund** (17-22 April). Sustainability week is an annual event in Lund organised as a joint venture by Lund University and Lund municipality. [Sustainability Week in Lund | Sustainability Forum](#)
- **International Science festival in Gothenburg** (17-28 April). The international Science festival creates venues for science inspiration and new perspectives. [För alla | Vetenskapsfestivalen](#)
- **Science for a Sustainable Future: Energy, Social Justice and the Global South** (19<sup>th</sup> April, 13:30, webinar by SDSN and Springer Nature). [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- **National conference about clinical studies** will take place 4-5<sup>th</sup> of May In Gothenburg. Deadline to register is 15<sup>th</sup> of March. More information can be found here: [Nationell konferens om kliniska studier 2023 - Vetenskapsrådet \(vr.se\)](#)
- **FORMAS Agenda 2030 Conference:** Att använda kunskap i en osäker värld (in Swedish, 17th May 10-16:30, both Stockholm and online): [Formas Agenda 2030-konferens: Att använda kunskap i en osäker värld - Formas](#)
- **Career development activities.** Lund University offers a broad range of activities that contribute in one way or another to career development for academic staff in Kompetensportalen. Examples on workshops on offer are academic writing, finish on time,

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