

## Agenda 2030 Graduate School monthly newsletter #9

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Hi!

The holidays are around the corner, with all the added stress and excitement that comes with it. Deadlines need to be met, things need to be finished up, you need to plan for next semester maybe and maybe you are not much into the mood (or maybe you are) and then there are all expectations in between. Hopefully you take the opportunity though to once in a while sit back, look at the snow or the possible decorations, take a cup of something warm that you like and just enjoy the moment. A year is closing in to the end and a new will soon begin.

The office will be out for the holidays, starting from 22<sup>nd</sup> of December and then Ylva will be back again from 3<sup>rd</sup> of January. The rest will follow sometime after that.

Here is the monthly newsletter for December:

### Agenda 2030 awards

Now is the time to make nominations for the annual Agenda 2030 Award. We are looking for outstanding research that contributes to sustainable development!

Early career researchers who are employed, are working towards or have completed their PhD at Lund University, are all eligible. The prize money is 25,000 SEK and the winner will be announced at our award ceremony on 10 April during Sustainability Week 2024 in Lund. You do not need to be a professor to nominate, so feel free to yourself nominate one of your colleagues. Nominations must be submitted by **28 January 2024**. And even if you are not nominating, please help us spread the word.

[Lund University Agenda 2030 Award – sustainability.lu.se](https://sustainability.lu.se)

### Upcoming activities

Please mark the following dates for upcoming activities within the core group:

- **SDG workshop series!** – We are currently organizing a SDG workshop series for the spring that, according to the latest reports, we are furthest from reaching. These are nr 2 (zero hunger), 11 (sustainable cities and communities), 13 (climate action) + biodiversity loss and 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions). The workshops will be approximately 3 hours long, with inspirational speakers for the different topics coming from various fields and with a joint participation discussion around a case connected to the topic. We are currently finalizing the speaker list for the various workshops and we aim for giving one workshop per month at the end of the month, starting with zero hunger in February. Stay tuned for more information.
- **Sustainability week will be 8-13 April in 2024** and Sustainability Forum has opened up their call of interest. It is a great opportunity to organize an event and share your research to the general public. Deadline to pitch an idea is **1<sup>st</sup> of February**. Link to more information: [Sustainability Week in Lund | Sustainability Forum](#)

### A2030 Courses spring 2024

- **Digital monies for a sustainable future?** (School of Economics and Management, 7.5 ECTS). Time to be given: 4 April – 16 May 2024. This interdisciplinary 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.
  - **Deadline to register:** 21<sup>st</sup> of March. If interested, send Charlina Lunvald ([Charlina.lunvald@fek.lu.se](mailto:Charlina.lunvald@fek.lu.se)) an e-mail.
- **Degrowth and sustainability pathways** (Faculty of Social Science, 5 ECTS). Time to be given: 20 May – 10 June 2024. In the context of a climate emergency, there is an increasing demand from society and students to learn about societal models (including welfare

provision) that function without economic growth. It primarily emphasizes the downsizing aspects of production and consumption but also alludes to the pathways of a society that can thrive or manage without relying on growth. This course will inform these pathways by placing wellbeing for all species and natural systems at the center and rethinking our social systems independent of economic growth in fields such as work, culture, civil society, governance and decision-making.

- **Deadline to register:** 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Send Mine Islar ([mine.islar@lucsus.lu.se](mailto:mine.islar@lucsus.lu.se)) and Max Koch ([max.koch@soch.lu.se](mailto:max.koch@soch.lu.se)) an e-mail with a motivation letter of max 1 page describing your interest in the course and your background.
- **Nature-based solutions at the climate-biodiversity-health nexus: environmental psychology, ecology and epidemiology perspective** (Faculty of Science, 5 ECTS). Time to be given: 15-19 April 2024. Climate change, biodiversity loss, and diverse health crises are pressing issues of the Anthropocene. They are fundamentally interlinked through shared drivers, mechanistic links and feedbacks and pose significant challenges and risks for human societies, health, and well-being. Nature-based solutions have emerged as an umbrella concept to describe actions taken to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use, and manage natural and modified ecosystems that address societal challenges such as climate mitigation and adaptation, while simultaneously providing human well-being, ecosystem services, resilience, and biodiversity benefits.
- **Sustainability in the light of risks** (Faculty of Engineering, 7.5 ECTS). Time to be given: 21 March – 24 May 2024. In the last years, it is evident that local and global risks have materialized into adverse events with severe consequences for our society. Communities, businesses, authorities, and people in Sweden, Europe, and worldwide are affected by and need to handle the consequences of various events such as food crises, disturbances in global logistics, pandemic diseases, hydrological and meteorological hazards like floods, droughts, water scarcity and hurricanes, and, not the least, social unrest, terror, and war. How do we plan for and manage risks and, at the same time, keep sustainable development in focus? We will dig deep into how sustainability is connected to risk management. We will look at what kind of future solutions and ideas must be developed and implemented and our roles as researchers.
  - **Deadline to register:** 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Send Johanna Sörensen ([johanna.sorensen@tvrl.lth.se](mailto:johanna.sorensen@tvrl.lth.se)) an e-mail.

## Other

- **LUCSUS-seminar 14<sup>th</sup> of December 11-12: 'What happened (or not) at COP28?' a panel discussion. The place is Wrangel, Biskopsgatan 5, room 117.**
- **SASUF (South Africa Sweden University Forum) organizes a research and innovation week in Sweden 13-17<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. It is free of charge but the number of participants is limited. To be nominated by Lund university, interested staff has to register at <https://survey.mailing.lu.se/Survey/49632> by latest 15 December. More info at [SASUF - South Africa Sweden University Forum](#).**
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Swedish Climate Symposium** will take place 15-17<sup>th</sup> of May in Norrköping, Sweden. It is a unique opportunity for scientist to collectively reflect on and share contributions to climate science and is organized by SMHI, the Strategic Research Areas BECC and MERGE and the Bolin Centre for Climate Research. Deadline for abstracts is 18<sup>th</sup> of January. Link to symposium: [swedishclimatesymposium.com](http://swedishclimatesymposium.com)
- **POLLEN** (Political Ecology Network) is organizing a conference on **'Towards plural and just futures'**, 3 July with hubs in Peru, Tanzania and Lund. With its cross-continental format, we seek to facilitate inclusive and participatory exchange on the role of political ecology in nurturing plural and just socio-ecological futures. Deadline for submission of individual

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papers, paper-based panels, discussions and other creative interventions is December 15<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found here: [Home General \(brick.site\)](#)

- **12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) 2024** (11-12 September, Rome, Italy). The theme of the conference is 'Creating a unified foundation for the sustainable development: research, practice and education' on the themes of economic sustainability, environmental sustainability and socio-cultural sustainability. Deadline for abstracts is March 10<sup>th</sup>. More information is found here: [poster12th ICSD \(ecsdev.org\)](#)
- **The Swedish-Chilean academic network (ACCESS)** is happy to announce that four courses for PHD-students on different aspects of Sustainable Development Goals 3, 11, 14 and 15, will be open to PhD-students from all ACCESS-universities. The courses are open to PhD students from all disciplines and from all ACCESS partner universities (this includes Lund University). Below you'll find brief information about the courses. For more information about them and how to apply, visit the ACCESS website: <https://accesschilesweden.org/phdstudentopportunities>
- In 2024, Forskar Grand Prix is going to be organized in Lund instead of Stockholm as it has been before. It is a national competition in presenting your research in four minutes or less to a wider audience. It is a lot of fun and you learn A LOT! You are allowed to present in English. More information is found here: <https://forskargrandprix.se/>

On behalf of the Agenda 2030 Graduate School,

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