

Hi!

Hope you all have had a great holiday and are feeling refreshed. Maybe you are even still on holiday or doing fieldwork? We at the Agenda 2030 Graduate School office are now back in action and Markus Gunneflo has stepped into the ring as our new coordinator. It is with much excitement we are looking forward to a new year and the opportunities it brings.

Here is the monthly newsletter for January:

## **Agenda 2030 awards – send in your nominations before 28<sup>th</sup> of January!**

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)

## **SDG workshop series**

In the spring the Agenda 2030 Graduate School will offer a SDG workshop series on the goals that, according to the latest reports, we are furthest from reaching. 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. It is possible to join only one or all four depending on your interests. All workshops will be given on site and speaker titles and venues might be changed. Here is a short summary of the different workshops:

- **SDG 2 - Zero hunger (29<sup>th</sup> of February 9:00-12:00, The Asia Library (Sölvegatan 18B, 223 62 Lund))**
  - The goal on zero hunger is to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. It includes both malnutrition as well as obesity as well as sustainable agriculture with modern technologies and fair distribution systems. How can we change the trend of increasing issues of hunger and food insecurity? Inspirational speakers for the workshop are:
    - **Anna Stubbendorff** (department of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine): What is a sustainable diet in relation to health and climate?
    - **Heather Anne Swanson** (Department of Anthropology, Aarhus University, Denmark): To be decided. Heather does research on fishery management in Japan and human-non-human globalization.
    - **Håkan Jönsson** (Division of Ethnology, Faculties of Humanities and Theology): How food provisioning always have been deeply embedded in social relations, and the importance of including cultural dimensions when targeting SDG 2.
    - **Naja Yndal-Olsen** (Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Science): How the Danish agricultural lobby organizations' resist food system change and how vegan activists increasingly seek to unveil lobby power rather than focusing on the diets of individual consumers.
- **SDG 11 - Sustainable cities and communities (end of March/beginning of April, venue TBD)**
  - To accommodate an increasing world population, we need intelligent and sustainable urban planning to create safe, affordable and resilient cities. However, in many current cities the urbanisation growth is too rapid, leading to a rise in slums, urban sprawl, increased air pollution and limited open public spaces. In order to

create cities adapted for the future, what do we need to consider? Inspirational speakers are:

- **David Andréen** (Department of Architecture and Built Environment, Faculty of Engineering): How nature-based solutions in architectural production, and particularly how digitalization of design and fabrication is enabling new modes of engaging with complexity in design with the aim of creating a more sustainable construction industry.
- **Roxana Ciurean** (British Geological Survey, United Kingdom): To be decided. Roxana is a geohazard specialist and researches urban geohazard resilience using a system analysis approach.
- **Steven Schmidt** (Department of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine): What is a sustainable city from the perspective of the elderly?
- **SDG 16 - Peace, Justice and strong institutions (End of April, venue TBD)**
  - People everywhere should feel safe and be free from all sorts of violence, no matter their ethnicity, faith or sexual orientation. Some regions have high levels of peace, security and prosperity, whilst others continue to experience a vicious cycle of conflicts. How can we promote the rule of law and human rights in the world? How can we strengthen the groups of people or countries that are stuck in their violent cycles? Inspirational speakers are:
    - **Ayesha Jordan** (Norwegian Theatre Company, Oslo, Norway): Title to be decided.
    - **Barbara Magalhaes Teixeira** (Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences): How can natural resources and the environment serve not only as causes for conflict, but as catalysts for peace?
    - **Markus Gunneflo** (Faculty of Law): Title to be decided.
    - **Martin Lundqvist** (Department of Communication and Media, Faculties of Humanities and Theology): How internet memes affects audiences and politics in Northern Ireland.
- **SDG 13 - Climate action + biodiversity (End of May, venue TBD)**
  - The effects of climate change threatens life as we know it with impacts including extreme and changing weather patterns, drought, wildfires, weakening sea currents and increasing sea levels. There is also an increasing discussion about diversity and the linkages with climate change. Diverse wildlife and plant species help ecosystems to thrive, protect from natural disasters and regulates climate. But species are going extinct at an increasing rate and many of the world's biodiversity hotspots are in countries with high poverty, food insecurity and intensifying climate change. What personal implications are there connected to climate and biodiversity? What measures are taken and how are they integrated into our legal and monetary systems? Inspirational speakers are:
    - **Andreas Vilhelmsson** (Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Faculty of Medicine): How is health related to climate?
    - **Johannes (Han) Somsen** (Faculty of Law): Title to be decided.
    - **Susanne Arvidsson** (Department of Business Administration, School of Economics and Management): Title to be decided.
    - **Tina D'hertenfeldt** (School of Business, Innovation and Sustainability, Halmstad University): Management of invasive alien species.

There will be a limited number of seats available to each workshop, so it is on a first come first serve basis. Information and **registration to the workshop on zero hunger** can be found here: [Agenda 2030 Graduate School - Workshop on Zero hunger | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#). The workshops are open to all disciplines at Lund University who have an interest in the different subjects. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ylva van Meeningen ([ylva.van\\_meeningen@cec.lu.se](mailto:ylva.van_meeningen@cec.lu.se)).

## A2030 Courses spring 2024

- **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.
- **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.

## Other

- **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

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public. Deadline to pitch an idea is **1<sup>st</sup> of February**. Link to more information: [Sustainability Week in Lund | Sustainability 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](#)
- **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 papers, paper-based panels, discussions and other creative interventions is **January 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>

On behalf of the Agenda 2030 Graduate School,

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