

Hi!

The other day I talked to an international PhD student who had learned the term 'vårkänsla' in Swedish and how difficult it is to time when you actually should feel it. In English this means 'spring feeling' and is that feeling you have of new energy and refreshment when you feel the increasing strength in the sun's rays, the sight of spring flowers or birds chirping. The tricky thing with getting it all too soon is that it can backlash at you. When you think spring has finally arrived, the weather throws a curve ball at you and hits you with a snowstorm. And it can be like this around Lund all the way up to end of March. It is not easy to know when it is okay to say you now have 'vårkänsla'. But hang in there! It will come!

Here is the monthly newsletter for February:

### We have a new website!

Our new Agenda 2030 Graduate School website has now been launched! Feel free to check it out as it hopefully will be both easier to find and clearer where you find important information. We even have a calendar now, so that you can see all of our upcoming events!

The old webpage will still be available for some time, but will be removed most likely by the end of the spring as Sustainability Forum's website will be integrated into lu.se.

[Start page | Agenda 2030 Graduate School \(lu.se\)](#)

### 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)). **Registration deadline 21/2:** [Workshop series on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals - Zero hunger 29/2 2024 | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
  - 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** (Nutrition Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine): What is a sustainable diet in relation to health and climate?
    - **Heather Anne Swanson** (Department of Anthropology, Aarhus University, Denmark): Transnational ecologies of eating: food sustainability beyond Europe.
    - **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** (2<sup>nd</sup> of April 9:00-12:00, Teknodromen (Ole Römers väg 1, Lund)). **Registration deadline 25/3:** [Workshop series on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals - Sustainable cities and communities | Agenda 2030 Graduate School \(lu.se\)](#)
  - 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** (23rd of April 9:00-12:00, Eden 235 (Paradisgatan 5, Lund)). **Registration deadline 15/4:** [Workshop series on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals - Peace, justice and strong institutions | Agenda 2030 Graduate School \(lu.se\)](#)
  - 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): From land to sea: a conversation between Ayesha and Lury.
    - **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?
    - **Lury Salustiano Trojaborg** (Malmö Theatre Academy, Faculty of Fine & Performing Arts): From land to sea: a conversation between Ayesha and Lury.
    - **Markus Gunneflo** (Faculty of Law): Reimagining peace, justice and strong institutions – lessons learned from the third world in the decolonization era.
    - **Martin Lundqvist** (Department of Communication and Media, Faculties of Humanities and Theology): Memes as data in peace and conflict research: methodological and analytical reflections.
- **SDG 13 - Climate action + biodiversity** (30<sup>th</sup> of May 9:00-12:00, Atmosfären (Sölvegatan 12, Lund)). **Registration deadline 22/5:** [Agenda 2030 Graduate School - Workshop on Climate Action and Biodiversity | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
  - 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): Nature-Humans-Technologies-Law: A sustainable entanglement?

- **Susanne Arvidsson** (Department of Business Administration, School of Economics and Management): Integration of biodiversity considerations into financial decision-making.
- **Tina D’hertenfeldt** (School of Business, Innovation and Sustainability, Halmstad University): Invasive species and climate change.

There will be a limited number of seats available to each workshop, so it is on a first come first serve basis. 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@lucus.lu.se](mailto:mine.islar@lucus.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: social and natural science perspective** (Faculty of Science, 3 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.

- **Deadline to register:** 27 March. Course registration via [Register for the PhD course "Nature-based Solutions at the Climate-Biodiversity-Health Nexus: Social and Natural Science Perspectives" 15-19 April 2024 | Centre for Environmental and Climate Science \(CEC\)](#)

### Other

- LUCSUS seminar series: **Climate anxiety and coping with the climate crisis** (15<sup>th</sup> of February, 11-12, Wrangel, biskopsgatan 5, room 117).
- **Workshop on Effective use of Generative AI in graduate education** (12 March 13:15-16:30, Kemicentrum sal B (on-site only)). At this workshop PhD students will learn about using Generative AI tools in their research in more effective, confident (and legal and ethical) ways. The event is designed for and open to current PhD students that are members of one of the graduate research schools at Lund University. [Effective-use-generative-ai-graduate-education - cec.lu.se](#)
- **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. Link to more information: [Sustainability Week in Lund | Sustainability Forum](#)
- **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>
- **Save the date for the Development Research Conference, Lund University, 21-23 October.** The Development Research Conference (DevRes) is a bi-annual conference gathering a multi-disciplinary group of researchers working in fields linked to development and sustainability. The conference in 2024 is hosted by Lund University and this year's theme is "Reaching the Sustainable Development Goals in a polarized world". More information can be found here: <https://www.lucsus.lu.se/devres2024>
- **Save the date! 23 – 24 October 2024**, the Development Research School will host a **Development Research PhD Workshop** in Lund. More information will come in spring.
- **Interested in writing for The Conversation?** If you're a researcher or PhD candidate, seize the opportunity for a personalized, one-to-one Zoom session with an experienced The Conversation editor. Express your interest by emailing Ellen Albertsdóttir at [ellen.albertsdottir@fsi.lu.se](mailto:ellen.albertsdottir@fsi.lu.se), providing a brief overview of your topic, emphasizing key points, and explaining its significance. Limited slots available on 9 April and 2 May (11:30 - 13:30), each lasting 20 minutes. Read more here: [Pitch your idea to The Conversation – April and May session \(Staff Pages\)](#)

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