

Agenda 2030 Graduate School monthly newsletter #3

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Hi!

As spring comes closer and closer, everything seem to be in a rush. Plants have a rush to burst through the ground. Birds start to sing and more and more intensively and people in general seem to have stuff that need to be don right here and right now. Do not forget to take time once in a while to appreciate smaller things in life. Say hello to a colleague whilst you wait for coffee, take a stroll in the sun or anything else that gives you energy. You deserve it! 😊

Here is the monthly newsletter for March:

We have a new website!

Have you checked out our new website yet? 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 \(lu.se\)](#)

Upcoming activities

- The Agenda 2030 Graduate School is organizing a panel discussion called 'White men in Africa – navigating race, gender and identity in fieldwork as a European researcher in postcolonial settings'. Link to event is here: [Panel Discussion: "White Men in Africa", Navigating race, gender and identity in fieldwork as a European Researcher in Postcolonial Settings | Agenda 2030 Graduate School \(lu.se\)](#)
- Save the date for the Agenda 2030 award 10th of April 15-17. It is not officially released yet, but we have a winner! If you want to register to the event, the link is found here: [Lund University Agenda 2030 Award Ceremony 2024 | 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 first was a success with great input from the speakers and the upcoming ones will be no different. 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 11 - Sustainable cities and communities** (2nd 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?
- **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?

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- **SDG 13 - Climate action + biodiversity** (30th 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?

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).

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:** 21st of March. If interested, send Charlina Lunvald (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:** 1st of April. Send Mine Islar (mine.islar@lucsus.lu.se) and Max Koch (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.

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- **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: **Just energy transitions in the Global South: between old inequalities and new green assets, the case of Colombia** (14th March, 10:30-12:00, Room Ostrom, Biskopsgatan 5 Lund). [Just energy transitions in the Global South: between old inequalities and new green assets, the case of Colombia | Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies](#)
- **Sustainability week** will be 8-13 April in 2024. The programme has been released and includes activities such as yoga for climate anxiety, circularity in the building sector, breakfast seminars etc. Check it out here: [Sustainability Week 8-13 April 2024 | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
- 24th of April 12-12:30 there is an information meeting about **good research practice**. It will be in Swedish, but a meeting in English will be held in autumn. You join the meeting via this link: <https://lu-se.zoom.us/j/68217094320>
- There is a summer school in Denmark 29th of July – 5th of August called **Act, React & Reflect: meta-perspectives on climate change knowledge**.
- New pedagogical course: **Integrating Sustainability Competencies in Curriculum**. The course runs from 16 September – 13 December by the Division for Higher Education Development. Application deadline: 15 May. The course is equivalent to one week of pedagogical training, corresponding to 40 hours of full-time work. [Integrating Sustainability Competencies in Curriculum | Division for Higher Education Development](#)
- Call for abstracts to the **development research conference in Lund**, 21-23rd of October opens 15th of March. Get more information about the conference here: [DevRes 2024 | Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies](#)
- Save the date! 14th of November there is **Lund University Teaching & Learning conference**. Call for abstracts is 31st of March. Link to event: [Lund University Teaching & Learning Conference 2024 | Division for Higher Education Development](#)
- At the Faculty of Social Sciences, there is the **Social Science Methods Centre**. They strive to cultivate and employ the full range of social and behavioural science research methods with encouragement and growth from interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration. Read more about it here: [Lund Social Science Methods Centre | Faculty of Social Sciences](#)

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