

Good morning!

It seems to be so much celebration this month connected to the graduate school. The Agenda 2030 award, several defences coming up and a general buzz within nature itself. It is on days like this one, where you regret deeply why you decided to put on your winter coat and boots on such a warm shiny day, that you feel spring is at its peak. And before we know it, summer will start to peek around the corner as well. So looking forward to that!

Here is the monthly newsletter for April:

### Upcoming activities

- Even though you haven't signed up, you can still come and celebrate the winner Christie Nicoson and honorary mentions Alezini Loxa and Phil Flores at the **Agenda 2030 Award on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April**. More information is found here: [Lund University Agenda 2030 Award Ceremony 2024 | Agenda 2030 Graduate School](#)
- There is a lecture titled '**Nothing more queer than Nature**' by Brigitte Baptiste **15<sup>th</sup> of April 15-16:30** at room Ostrom, LUCSUS, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund. Brigitte Baptiste is a renowned Colombian cultural landscape ecologist. She is recognized for her expertise in environmental issues and biodiversity in Colombia. Her contributions extend to the Intergovernmental Science and Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, where she served on the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel. She has also represented Colombia at the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research. **Deadline to register is 10<sup>th</sup> of April** and link to registration is here: [Nothing more queer than Nature | Agenda 2030 Graduate School \(lu.se\)](#)
- We will do a **study visit to UN City and Sustainability Science Center (SSC) in Copenhagen on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May** that will last for the entire day. The program is attached. We will first visit SSC, which is Copenhagen's equivalent of Sustainability Forum here in Lund. They will hold a couple of talks around working with interdisciplinarity and we have gotten an opportunity to present as well. More information can be found here: [Sustainability Science Centre – University of Copenhagen \(ku.dk\)](#)  
After lunch we will visit UN City, which is the sixth biggest in the western world with 10 agencies represented. We will visit UNEP-CCC (UN Environment Programme - Copenhagen Climate Center), who will give us a presentation about how they work, main challenges and ongoing projects as well as a dive into one of their projects where they measure Uganda's climate vulnerabilities. You can read more about UNEP-CCC here: [UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre \(unepccc.org\)](#)  
We have been offered 20 seats to UN City, so that is our baseline. **Deadline to register is 26<sup>th</sup> of April**. You register via this link: [Study visit to UN City and Sustainable Science Center, Copenhagen | 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. Here is a short summary of the upcoming workshops:

- **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?

- **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?

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)).

### Upcoming defences within the Agenda 2030 Graduate School

- Christie Nicoson will defend her thesis titled 'Peace in a changing climate – caring an knowing the climate-gender-peace nexus' on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April at 10:15 in Edens hörsal, Allhelgona kyrkogata 14, Lund
- Maria Takman will defend her thesis titled 'From removal of organic micropollutants to municipal wastewater reuse – technological and social perspectives' on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April at 09:00 in lecture hall KC:A, kemicentrum, Naturvetarevägen 14, Lund
- Tanya Andersson Nystedt will defend her thesis on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. More information will follow soon.

### Other

- **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 \(lu.se\)](#)
- There is an annual ABOAGORA (Between Arts and Sciences) research retreat in Finland August 25-27, under the title **De/Colonial present**. The popular retreat takes place on the island of Seili in the Turku archipelago, and it offers young scholars and artists an opportunity to reflect together on how the living legacies of colonial histories play a role in the conflicts raging today and, on the other hand, how decolonial practices propose alternative ways out of these battles over territories and words, resources and rights. The Call for Applications is open until Monday, **April 15**. More information is available at <https://aboagora.fi/retreat/>
- 18<sup>th</sup> of April 17:30 is a webinar on **Adapting health systems to climate change** given by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) and Springer Nature. This session looks at the connection between human, planet and animal health. It also considers what civil society, governments, and international leaders can learn from science and research to improve policy outcomes, but also where science and research can fill knowledge gaps to advance understanding of these important linkages. Link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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- 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>
- 25th of April 12:30 is a webinar on **Beyond GDP: finding the right measure for progress**. Is GDP the right supra metric for measuring progress towards the SDGs? Antonio Guterres is the latest in a crescendo of voices calling for GDP to be dropped as the world's primary go-to indicator, and for a dashboard of metrics instead. Link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- 2nd May 16:00 is a webinar on **Migration: the missing link**. Migration is a topic dominating newsrooms from a political perspective, yet the real implications of global migration are closely connected to biodiversity, food systems, climate and more. This session asks how we can effectively measure, predict and respond to migration, and what the research tells us about solutions for managing and adapting to population movement from across the disciplines. Link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- 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](#)
- 27-29th of May, Pufendorf Lectures have invited **Lisa Barrett**, to hold three lectures over three days. She is one of the most distinguished researchers within psychology and on emotion. The three lectures will take place at 15:15-17:00 in room C121 of the LUX building and are open to the public. You can read about the titles here: [2024 Lisa Barrett | Pufendorf lectures \(lu.se\)](#)
- 7-9 October the conference **STEPS Towards Sustainable Plastics** will take place at Stadshallen, Stortorget 9 in Lund. For over a decade, concerns about the problems with the widespread use of plastics and its disposal into the environment, have been growing. The conference will comprise oral presentations by invited speakers, poster presentations and a panel discussion. Link to event: [STEPS Towards Sustainable Plastics Conference — STEPS \(steps-mistra.se\)](#)

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