

Good morning!

A big congratulations to both Christie Nicoson and Maria Takman who are part of the Agenda 2030 Graduate School and who successfully defended their thesis on the 26th of April. For the rest of us, it is full sprint ahead to finish what we need to finish before vacation/field work/upcoming defences starts. But take the opportunity to eat lunch outside or eat some ice cream once in a while. The weather is so nice this time of the year.

Here is the monthly newsletter for May:

Application period for a new PhD group to join the core group will be announced soon!

We wanted to give you all a heads up that the Agenda 2030 Graduate School will open up a call for applications soon to join the graduate school's core group and be part of a two year program starting January 1st 2025. All doctoral students at Lund University can apply, but the priority is for doctoral students in the 1st or 2nd year.

How is it different from the extended family? You will still get monthly newsletters and invites to courses and activities. But being part of the core group will give you an opportunity to be part of a safe and constructive atmosphere to discuss scientific problems, methods and solutions within sustainable development, taking part in an interdisciplinary cohort and extended network with members from all faculties within LU and get support to build competence on a range of different critical societal challenges within sustainability.

More information about the call will be given soon, but you are always welcome to either contact the coordinator Markus Gunneflo or me if you have any questions.

Upcoming activities

- Christie Nicoson together with Agnese Pacciardi is organizing a seminar 23rd of May titled 'Illustrating research: Graphic novels as method and critical praxis' (Gamla kirurgen, R115, Sandgatan 13, Lund, 14-18). It is a collaboration between the A2030 GS and Lund Social Science Methods Centre. For more information, read here: [Illustrating research: Graphic novels as method and critical praxis | Agenda 2030 Graduate School](#)
- Please mark 24th of September for the **PhD conference on sustainable development!** More information will follow soon.
- Tanya Andersson Nystedt will defend her thesis titled 'A hidden problem in an excluded population: understanding young migrants' exposure to and experiences of sexual violence in Sweden' on the 5th of June at 09:00. You can either participate on site in Lilla aulan, MFC, Jan Walderströms gata 5, Malmö OR participate online. Link is found here: <https://lu-se.zoom.us/j/64004572118>

Workshop series on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals – Climate Action and biodiversity loss

Welcome to participate in the last workshop in our series on the sustainable development goals we are currently furthest from reaching. To explore these topics further, there will be inspirational speakers talking about the same topic but from different disciplines and a workshop session where all participants get to work on joint cases. This last one is in collaboration with the graduate research school ClimBEco. Anyone interested in the subject are welcome to participate.

Information about the workshop is as follows:

- **Agenda 2030 Graduate School workshop series in the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs: Climate action and biodiversity loss**
30 May 9:00-12:00, Atmosfären (Sölvegatan 12, Lund)

Inspirational speakers:

- **Andreas Vilhelmsson** (Faculty of Medicine): Health in relation to climate
- **Johannes Somsen** (Faculty of Law): Nature-Humans-Technologies-Law: A sustainable entanglement?
- **Susanne Arvidsson** (School of Economics and Management): Integration of biodiversity considerations into financial decision-making
- **Tina D'Hertefeldt** (Halmstad University): Invasive species and climate change

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Other

- 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](#)
- **Seminar: Teaching for Sustainability – ideas on how to support transformative change** (16 May, 10:30-12:00, hybrid – online and in room Gotland, Geocentrum I, Sölvegatan 10, Lund). In this seminar, we reflect upon the role of the university to promote transformative change, and share specific examples that demonstrate possibilities for the university to inspire critical reflection, evaluative judgement, and self-examination. Contact Terese Thoni (terese.thoni@cec.lu.se) for more information. [Teaching for Sustainability: Ideas on how to support transformative change | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
- **Webinar: Inclusive societies and inclusive institutions within the EU** (22 May, 15:00, online). Given the upcoming European elections, this webinar addresses the relevance of inclusive societies and institutions for shaping safe, just, and sustainable futures for all. We especially invite youth representatives to share their achievements to contribute to needs-orientated, inclusive, participatory, and representative decision-making processes at all levels and protect fundamental freedoms within the EU. Link to event: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- Extended family member **Frans Libertson at IIIEE defends his thesis 24th of May at 13:00 at IIIEE**, Tegnérplatsen 4, Lund. The title of his thesis is 'The stories of user flexibility: an exploration of flexibility capital for a just energy transition'.
- 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 \(lu.se\)](#)
- **Seminar: Teaching sustainability showcase** (4 June, 13:00-16:00, Pepparholm, Studiecentrum, John Ericssons väg 4, Lund). Are you looking for examples of how to integrate sustainability in your teaching? Are you curious to learn from your colleagues' teaching experience? At this event, gain inspiration from other teachers who have devoted time to develop an implementation project to be used in their teaching. More information can be found here: [Teaching Sustainability Showcase | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
- The Postdoc excellence programme will organize a **writing day** of which you are welcome to participate in on the **10th of June**. You can take part the whole day or just part of the day. Feel free to register here: [Excellence Programme for Sustainable Development - writing day 10th of June, 9:00-17:00 | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
- 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

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conference will comprise oral presentations by invited speakers, poster presentations and a panel discussion. Link to event: [STEPS Towards Sustainable Plastics Conference — STEPS \(steps-mistra.se\)](https://steps-mistra.se)

- 21-23 October is the Development Research Conference in Lund, which is a bi-annual conference gathering Swedish development and sustainability researchers from different academic disciplines to exchange ideas and network as well as promote collaboration with practitioners, organizations and policy makers. The conference theme this year is “Reaching the Sustainable Development Goals in a polarized world”. Link to the conference is found here: [DevRes 2024 | Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies](https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/development-research-conference)
- **International Impact Actions 2024 – current calls**
As part of the work with Global Dynamic Engagement (GDE), Lund University is announcing calls for funding to stimulate collaboration and activities that strengthen our international impact in research, education, innovation and cooperation. Deadline for application is 21 August 2024. Funded activities should be completed no later than 31 July 2025. Link is found here: <https://www.staff.lu.se/research-and-education/global-engagement-and-international-matters/international-impact-actions>
 - **Get Started Funding** – funding to develop collaborations with the potential to lead to externally funded research projects and joint publications. *Target group:* Researchers with a PhD degree who are employed at Lund University and colleagues at select partner universities in countries recently associated or soon to be associated to Horizon Europe.
 - **Doctoral Student Mobility outside the EU/EEA** – short stays at selected partner universities for preparation for dissertation/data collection/skills development/teaching. *Target group:* doctoral students at Lund University

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