

# Agenda 2030 Graduate School monthly newsletter #7

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Hi!

Hope you have had a wonderful summer, whether it is to conduct research, learning new skills or just taking it slow at the beach, reading a book or whatever makes you happy in life. We within the office are looking forward to this upcoming semester as much will be happening on a short amount of time. From the PhD conference, to an application call to a couple of exciting PhD defences.

Here is the monthly newsletter for August:

## **Application period for a new PhD group to join the core group will be announced soon.**

We will soon open up a call for application for a new cohort to join the core group in 2025. It will be a 2-year program where all doctoral students at Lund University can apply, but the priority is for doctoral students in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The application call will open in August. Please help us to spread the word to your colleagues.

Link to more information about the application call: [Join the Agenda 2030 Graduate School at Lund University! | Agenda 2030 Graduate School](#)

## **The call for proposals for the 4<sup>th</sup> PhD conference on Sustainable Development (24<sup>th</sup> of September) has been extended until 22<sup>nd</sup> of August!**

Link to the conference is here: [PhD Conference on Sustainable Development, 24 September 2024 - Societal transformation and the University | Agenda 2030 Graduate School \(lu.se\)](#)

For the 4<sup>th</sup> time in a row, the Agenda 2030 Graduate School will organize the PhD conference on Sustainable Development, which will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. The title for the conference is **Societal transformation and the university**. It is a conference for PhD students and by PhD students, with the aim to showcase ongoing research and to offer a networking opportunity for PhD students from all over the university with interest in sustainable development. It is a space to share ideas, learn something new, find potential new collaborations and to explore your own ideas in a safe and creative environment.

We invite all PhD students at LU to submit contributions to the conference. It can be a paper, a poster, you might have a concept you want to explore in an interdisciplinary setting that you can do either as a seminar, a workshop or as an exhibition perhaps. All forms of contributions are welcome!

**How do you submit a proposal?** You submit a 200-word abstract (or full paper, workshop idea etc.), stating your preference of activity and estimated time of the activity to Markus Gunneflo ([markus.gunneflo@jur.lu.se](mailto:markus.gunneflo@jur.lu.se)) and Ylva van Meeningen ([ylva.van\\_meeningen@cec.lu.se](mailto:ylva.van_meeningen@cec.lu.se)). Please note *PhD conference proposal* in the email subject line before **22<sup>nd</sup> of August**.

## **Upcoming PhD defences**

We have three defences coming up this autumn where the defence dates have been confirmed. These are the following:

- **Alva Zalar** will defend her thesis entitled *Queer as a city: Unsettling coherence in 'sustainable urban development'* **20<sup>th</sup> of September at 13:00** sharp! The defence will take place in room A:C at the School of Architecture in Lund (new address from 1 July: Klas Anshelms väg 16).
- **Steinunn Knúts-Önnudóttir** will defend her thesis entitled *How little is enough? Sustainable methods of performance for transformative encounters* **27<sup>th</sup> of September at 13:00** sharp! The defence will take place at Bryggeriteatern, Malmö Theatre Academy (Bergsgatan 31, Malmö).
  - In connection to her defence, there will be an exposition of the project at Inter Arts Centre, opening at 5 PM on September 26<sup>th</sup> including a special screening of

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video essays and interviews. The exposition is a part of [Gallery weekend](#) and will also be open from 10 am on the day of the defence.

- **Jesica López** will defend her thesis entitled *From canopy to catastrophe. Understanding the environmental crisis in Northern Colombian Amazon* **11<sup>th</sup> of October at 09:00** sharp! The defence will take place in the Blue Hall, Ecology building (new address is Kontaktvägen 10, Lund)

## Courses

Here are the courses available in the autumn. The course page is updated continuously as new information is provided to the office. Link to course page is here: [Agenda 2030 PhD courses | Agenda 2030 Graduate School \(lu.se\)](#)

- **Whose world? Resource (ab)use in the lounge durée** (Faculties of Humanities and Theology, 7,5 ECTS). 2 September – 26 October

This course critically investigates how the use and abuse of resources have been shaped by specific dominant histories and discourses in the *longue durée* whilst occluding alternatives, with important consequences for issues of sustainability. It offers students various critical and historical perspectives on resource (ab)use with the aim of critically evaluating the historical background of contemporary resource (ab)use and sustainability.

- **Sustainable Land Use** (Faculty of Science, 5 or 7,5 ECTS). 1 - 23 October

This course caters to both graduate students who want to embed their research topic in broader processes of global societal challenges related to land use, as well as those wanting to learn more about the biogeochemical and ecological processes setting the possibilities and constraints of land use and methods of measurement upon which sustainable land use is evaluated. Registration link: [PhD course Sustainable Land Use | Centre for Environmental and Climate Science \(CEC\) \(lu.se\)](#)

- **Justice, Equality and the 2030 Agenda** (Faculty of Social Science, 7,5 ECTS). 1 November – 3 December

The course emphasizes the challenges involved in implementing the 2030 Agenda in both the Global North and the Global South, analyzing processes of stratification, social exclusion, discrimination and unequal opportunities. The course takes a multi-scalar approach, linking global processes, politics, institutions and structures to their local practices, outcomes and experiences. The course invites doctoral students to connect their own research to the themes of the course, regardless of their disciplinary background. Course website:

<https://www.sam.lu.se/en/internal/research-and-education/doctoral-studies-supervision/doctoral-courses/justice-equality-and-2030-agenda>

## Other

- 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September, [World Water Week 2024](#) (Stockholm or online). This year's theme is *Bridging Borders: Water for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future*. Online tickets are available for free.
- 19-21 September is the 12th annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) will take place. You can participate online for free and you can get more information at [International Conference on Sustainable Development \(ic-sd.org\)](#)
- 7-8th of October is the Hamburg Sustainability Conference, with the title *A New Era for Sustainability Alliances*. More information can be found here: [Hamburg Sustainability Conference 2024 - Home \(sustainability-conference.org\)](#)
- 7-9<sup>th</sup> of October is the conference STEPS Towards Sustainable Plastics in Lund. Deadline to register is 9<sup>th</sup> of September. More information can be found here: [STEPS Towards Sustainable Plastics Conference — STEPS \(steps-mistra.se\)](#)

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- 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](#)
- XANADU PhD School in Lund focuses on sustainability research with X-rays and neutrons. They have organized a student poster session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at 17:00 and in Rydbergsalen (Professorsgatan 1, Lund). Funny speed presentations as well as snacks and drinks will be provided. You sign up via this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/d2XNpWVqsu>
- Heard about SDG Academy? It is a free online source of education and training provided by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). Here are courses, videos, special issues journals etc. Link is found here: [SDG Academy - Education for Sustainable Development](#)
- Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS) has created a survey to help identify the 100 questions that are key to the next critical phase of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The survey is part of an inclusive global horizon scan on the future of the Sustainable Development Goals lead by Lund University. Link to the survey: <https://lnkd.in/d3viWXCD>

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