

Agenda 2030 Graduate School monthly newsletter #8

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Hi!

The new semester is in full swing and the university is filled with new students with their very varied initiation and socializing events. One more interesting than the other. At the same time, the first signs of autumn have started to peak up. Even though it does not always feel like it with the heat that has passed over Lund. We have some big announcements within the Agenda 2030 Graduate School coming your way, so hold on to your hats!

Here is the monthly newsletter for September:

Registration to the 4th PhD conference on Sustainable Development (24th of September) is now open!

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

We would like to thank all of the contributions we have received from so many PhD students from across all the different faculties. We are excited to present this year's programme, which you either can see in the attachment or online.

The conference will be held on site at the Faculty of Law (Lilla Gråbrödersgatan 4, Lund) and will end with an after work session for those who would like to participate in the end. The Graduate School will during the after work serve snacks and nonalcoholic beverages.

Link to the conference registration is here, with deadline for registration **16th of September**:

[Registration for the PhD Conference on Sustainable Development, 24 September 2024 | Agenda 2030 Graduate School \(lu.se\)](#)

Application period to join the Agenda 2030 Graduate School is now open!

The Agenda 2030 Graduate School are now welcoming all PhD students at LU to apply to become an additional cohort to join our programme. It will be a 2-year program starting 1st of January 2025 and deadline to apply is **13th of November**.

Please help us spread the word to your colleagues and friends. We will give priority to at least one PhD student per faculty.

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

Upcoming PhD defences and other news

We have three defences coming up this autumn and an anthology that has been released within the school. These are the following:

- **Alva Zalar** will defend her thesis entitled *Queer as a city: Unsettling coherence in 'sustainable urban development'* **20th 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-Önnudottír** will defend her thesis entitled *How little is enough? Sustainable methods of performance for transformative encounters* **27th 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 26th including a special screening of 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* **11th of October at 09:00** sharp!

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The defence will take place in the Blue Hall, Ecology building (new address is Kontaktvägen 10, Lund)

- **Naja Yndal-Olsen** has co-edited and written a chapter in the anthology *Reimagining Species Relations: A Decade of Studying and Teaching Critical Animal Studies at Lund University*. Link to the anthology is here: <https://portal.research.lu.se/en/publications/reimagining-species-relations-a-decade-of-studying-and-teaching-c>

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 \(lu.se\)](#)

- **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

- 4th of December is the **Lund University Conference on Knowledge for Sustainable Development**. It is a interdisciplinary research conference that aims to highlight sustainability research at Lund University. With this year's sub-title *Our shared future in times of global conflict and crisis*, the conference wants to raise and highlight how great societal events affect the scientific community. What past conflicts and crises has led to changes in society and what challenges do we face today? And how do we handle or solve these crises? **We welcome both early-career and senior researchers at Lund University to submit their research contributions relating to sustainable development**. The deadline to send in an abstract is **8th of October**. [Read more about the Call for abstract at sustainability.lu.se](#)
- 25th – 29th 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 \(ic-sd.org\)](https://www.ic-sd.org)

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- 7-9th of October is the conference STEPS Towards Sustainable Plastics in Lund. Deadline to register is 9th of September. More information can be found here: [STEPS Towards Sustainable Plastics Conference — STEPS \(steps-mistra.se\)](#)
- 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](#)
- XANADU PhD School in Lund focuses on sustainability research with X-rays and neutrons. They have organized a student poster session on the 23rd 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>
- 24 October (13:15-15:00. Rum 126 in Geocentrum I, Sölvegatan 10) is a joint PhD seminar, entitled “Processes of climate adaptation in Sweden”. More information and registration at: <https://www.cec.lu.se/climbeco/joint-phd-seminars>
- 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>
- Have you heard about Development lunch seminars? They are organized by the Development Research School where you can join online and for most in person. More information is found here: [Fall 2024 Programme: Development Lunch Seminars | Development Research School](#)

On behalf of the Agenda 2030 Graduate School,

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