

Agenda 2030 Graduate School monthly newsletter #2

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Hi!

You can almost sense the ground shaking. Spring is getting ready and all of the flowers and trees and birds are just waiting for that right moment to suddenly leap into action. But just as any typical early spring weather, you never know when it is going to be 10+ °C and sunny and when it is a complete snow storm. Perhaps it can be a gentle reminder to all of us to not haste into things too quickly. Sometimes for sure you may benefit from it, but there is always a risk that it might backfire. Here is the monthly newsletter for March:

Upcoming Agenda 2030 Graduate School courses 2023:

- **Representing sustainability** (Faculty of Fine & Performing Arts, 7,5 ECTS). Time it will be given: 24 April – 26 May 2023. This doctoral course will examine how narratives around the global goals are created, can be understood and also how it relates to the doctoral student's own research. You register by sending Henrik Rahm an e-mail (henrik.rahm@nordlund.lu.se) and deadline for registration is 3rd of April.
- **Health and the environment with special focus on climate and sustainability** (Faculty of Medicine, digital). Time to be given: 28 August – 26 September 2023. This course aims to deliver knowledge and enhance understanding within the field of environmental epidemiology, with a focus on environmental health and relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The course contains introduction to environmental medicine, climatology, climate modelling and climate change as well as in depth focus on themes concerning different health aspects, environment and climate, including heat and cold, air, water, built environment and lifestyles.
- **Digital monies** (School of Economics and Management). Time to be given: September – October. This 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. Course coordinator: Ester Barinaga (ester.barinaga@fek.lu.se).
- **A law to save the world?** (Faculty of Law). Time to be given: November 2023 – January 2024. This course offers critical analysis of the sustainable development goals and the discourses and interests they serve. Material from a range of disciplines - history, politics, economics, and law is used for a better understanding of where Agenda 2030 is coming from and where the world it brings into being might be heading. The course focuses in particular on the relationship between sustainable development and our existing global legal order.
- Other courses to be given this fall are: **Water and sustainable development** (Faculty of Engineering) and **Existential sustainability** (Faculties of Humanities and Theology).

For more information about the courses, see: [Agenda 2030 PhD courses | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)

Agenda 2030 Graduate School activities

- **Agenda 2030 awards** (20th of April, 14:30-16:00), Botulfshörnan, Stadshallen, Stortorget 9, Lund. The Lund University Agenda 2030 Award promotes innovative and interdisciplinary research on sustainable development by early career scholars at the university. At the award ceremony, you can enjoy a presentation by the 2023 winner of the prize and from a keynote speaker (still to be announced). The guitar quartet Rebell Guitar is playing acoustic music with a sustainability theme, and we will offer refreshments and an opportunity to mingle. Link to the award: <https://www.sustainability.lu.se/calendar/award-ceremony-lund-university-agenda-2030-award-0>

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- **Recycling will not solve the plastic crisis** (21th April, 12:00-12:45), Botulfshörnan, Stadshallen, Stortoget 9, Lund. Recycling is often presented as one of the most important solutions to the plastic problem. But most plastics can only be recycled a few times, and the largest proportion of all plastics produced are never recycled. At the same time, global plastic use is increasing: today around 390 million tonnes of plastic are produced yearly. Link to event: [Recycling will not solve the plastic crisis | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)

Other

- Lund University: LUCSUS research seminar:
 - **Trying to be revolutionary: from living well within limits to realizing post-growth societies** (16th March, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [Trying to be revolutionary: from living well within limits to realizing post-growth societies | Sustainability Forum](#)
 - **Interdisciplinarity and sustainability science** (23rd March, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [Interdisciplinarity and Sustainability Science | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
 - **Resilience and diversity in the social sciences: philosophical, methodological and ethical aspects** (13th April, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [Resilience and Diversity in the Social Sciences: philosophical, methodological and ethical aspects | Sustainability Forum \(lu.se\)](#)
- **Lund University Africa Day** will be the 20th of March 9-12:15 + lunch at Palaestra lecture hall, with the title 'South-North collaboration for a better future'. Registration deadline is 14th March. Link: [LU Africa Day 2023: South-North collaboration for a better future \(universitetsurvey.se\)](#)
- **Science for a Sustainable Future 2023: Energy in the transition to Net Zero** (14th April, 16:30, webinar by SDSN and Springer Nature). [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- **Science for a Sustainable Future: Energy, Social Justice and the Global South** (19th April, 13:30, webinar by SDSN and Springer Nature). [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
- **National conference about clinical studies** will take place 4-5th of May In Gothenburg. Deadline to register is 15th of March. More information can be found here: [Nationell konferens om kliniska studier 2023 - Vetenskapsrådet \(vr.se\)](#)
- **FORMAS Agenda 2030 Conference: Att använda kunskap i en osäker värld** (in Swedish, 17th May 10-16:30, both Stockholm and online): [Formas Agenda 2030-konferens: Att använda kunskap i en osäker värld - Formas](#)

On behalf of the Agenda 2030 Graduate School,

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