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Hi!

Have you taken the time to appreciate that spring is here yet? Have you heard the bees and the birds? Do not forget to stop in your tracks once in a while to just take it all in. Might be difficult at times with all the deadlines that continuously pile up, but we all need breaks from time to time. Here is the monthly newsletter for May:

Upcoming Agenda 2030 Graduate School courses 2023:

- **Existential sustainability: Expanding the discourse on sustainability** (Faculties of Humanities and Theology). Time to be given: 18 September 2023 – 18 January 2024. What is existential sustainability and how can existential perspectives become part of contemporary sustainability work? In the process of implementing the green transition, new perspectives have emerged, relating to the existential and religious dimensions of human life. In this course, existential and religious studies perspectives on sustainability will be studied in relation to perspectives on the built environment, as a way of expanding the conceptual framework of Agenda 2030. Special attention is paid to the human being as a narrative being, which will be examined through three theoretical complexes, namely place, deep time, and identity. Departing from an excursion to Råängen at Brunnsög, the students will study how existential meaning and identity are created through storytelling in relation to place and time. Course coordinator: Lovisa Nyman (lovisa.nyman@ctr.lu.se).
- **Digital monies for a sustainable future** (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).

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

Agenda 2030 Graduate School activities

- **3rd conference on Sustainable Development** (29th of September, whole day at the department of Political Sciences, Eden, Lund). **Please mark your calendars** for the LU PhD conference on Sustainable development! A call for abstracts and an update on our website will be announced soon.

Other

- Lund University: LUCSUS research seminar:
 - **Transdisciplinary discussions/Carbon Farming** (25th May, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [Transdisciplinarity Discussions / Carbon Farming | Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies](#)

- **Just Tax: Exploring role of taxation for degrowth inspired futures from a perspective of fiscal anthropology** (8th June, 11-12, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund). Link to the seminar: [Just Tax: Exploring role of taxation for degrowth inspired futures from a perspective of fiscal anthropology | Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies](#)
- **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](#)
- Webinar: Explain your research in four minutes! (31st May, 11-12). Are you planning on participating in the Researchers' Grand Prix this year? Or would you just like to be better at explaining what you do at work every day to your friends and family? In May, the Researchers' Grand Prix is offering a webinar for researchers on how to communicate their research in a quick and engaging way. The webinar is open to anyone working with research in the public or private sector in Sweden. Information about webinar can be found here: [Webinar 31 May: Explain your research in four minutes! - Forskar Grand Prix](#)
- **Operationalizing a sustainability transition in tropical forests** (6th June 12-16:30, Sölvegatan 37, Lund). This event aims to provide new insights into deforestation and highlight the role of international regulations in developing deforestation-free supply chains. Collaboration across sectors is essential to effectively reduce deforestation and promote sustainable livelihoods in tropical forest regions. The event is organized by researcher from the Focali network and Jesica is part of the co-organising team. More information about the event: [Operationalizing a sustainability transition in tropical forests \(ungpd.com\)](#)
- **Risk and Assessment in a changing world conference 2023** (18-21st June, Sandgatan 2, Lund). The theme for the Society for Risk Analysis Europe 2023 is Risk and assessment in a changing world. The theme reflects that the world is changing; we have experienced a societal disruption due to global hazards like the pandemic and climate change where environments or institutions that have been taken for granted suddenly are in danger, which forces us to consider new risks requiring careful development of concepts and theories as well as novel approaches for assessment. **The Agenda 2030 Graduate School have been offered five guest registrations** (just conference participation, no lunch or dinner). If you are interested, let Alexander know. More information about the conference can be found here: <https://sv-se.eu.invaio.com/event/cec/sraeurope2023lundsweden>
- 11th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (18-20th September, hybrid). The International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) provides a forum for academia, government, civil society, UN agencies, and the private sector to come together to share practical solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This year's theme is, "The Midpoint of the SDGs: Global and Local Progress & Challenges". Registration will open in July. More information here: [International Conference on Sustainable Development \(ic-sd.org\)](#)
- **7th international conference on Green urbanism** (11-13th December, Rome, Italy). The 7th "Green Urbanism (GU)" conference brings about a healthy discourse on topics pertaining to the concept of green urbanism, environmental resilience, and the implementation of sustainable urban planning techniques. GU covers topics depicting contemporary innovations in waste management, sustainable energy resources, urbanization of rural areas, and green urban transit. Abstract submission deadline is 14th of June and more information can be found here: [Green Urbanism \(GU\) – 7th edition \(ierek.com\)](#)

On behalf of the Agenda 2030 Graduate School,

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