

## Agenda 2030 Graduate School monthly newsletter #7

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Hi!

A big big BIG thank you to all who participated in the PhD conference on Sustainable Development 29<sup>th</sup> of September, both as organizers and as participants. The conference was highly appreciated by the participants as these meeting places within the university are rare. But we can always improve and now have some new ideas for the next conference in 2024.

Here is the monthly newsletter for October:

### The new coordinator for the Agenda 2030 Graduate School

28<sup>th</sup> of September, there was a vice-chancellor decision for the replacement of Kristina Jönsson as the coordinator for the graduate school. As of 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024, **Markus Gunneflo** from the Faculty of Law will be taking over from Tina. Markus have been an active steering group member ever since the graduate school started and have been study director for the PhD student education at his faculty for quite some time. He is excited to start this new position and to eventually meeting all of you in person. Hopefully we can arrange this opportunity fairly soon.

### Phil is defending 13<sup>th</sup> of October

**Phil Flores, a PhD student from the school's core group, will defend 13<sup>th</sup> of October at 10:00** at EC3: Karlsson Room, Holger Craafords Ekonomisentrum, Tycho Brahes väg 1, Lund. His title is 'Not all green innovations are created equal'.

### Courses

- **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.
- **Digital monies for a sustainable future?** (School of Economics and Management). Time to be given: 4 April – 16 May 2024. Growing inequality, apocalyptic environmental damage, and the protracted effects of a global financial crisis have resulted in a discussion on the role of our monetary system for the organization of society. This interdisciplinary PhD course examines the technological developments that are facilitating monetary innovation and the role of monetary entrepreneurs in re-organising 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.
- **Sustainability in the light of risks** (Faculty of Engineering). Time to be given: 22 April – 13 June 2024. In the last years, it is evident that local and global risks have materialized into adverse events with severe consequences for our society. Communities, businesses, authorities, and people in Sweden, Europe, and worldwide are affected by and need to handle the consequences of various events such as food crises, disturbances in global logistics, pandemic diseases, hydrological and meteorological hazards like floods, droughts, water scarcity and hurricanes, and, not the least, social unrest, terror, and war. How do we plan for and manage risks and, at the same time, keep sustainable development in focus? We will dig deep into how sustainability is connected to risk management. We will look at what kind of future solutions and ideas must be developed and implemented and our roles as researchers.
- **Nature-based solutions at the climate-biodiversity-health nexus: environmental psychology, ecology and epidemiology perspective** (Faculty of Science, 5 ECTS). Time to be given: 20-24 May 2024. Climate change, biodiversity loss, and diverse health crises are

pressing issues of the Anthropocene. They are fundamentally interlinked through shared drivers, mechanistic links and feedbacks and pose significant challenges and risks for human societies, health, and well-being. Nature-based solutions have emerged as an umbrella concept to describe actions taken to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use, and manage natural and modified ecosystems that address societal challenges such as climate mitigation and adaptation, while simultaneously providing human well-being, ecosystem services, resilience, and biodiversity benefits. This course departs from a psychological perspective and incorporates ecological and epidemiological perspectives on nature-based solutions.

### Other

- **Supervising Interdisciplinary Theses** (12 October 13:15–15:30). The relationship between supervisor and student is sacred – paving the way for a good outcome regarding time, effort, enjoyment, contribution, and learning for all involved. In this seminar, we explore various approaches that will enhance interaction with a student embarking on an interdisciplinary thesis: integrating disciplinary knowledge and methods; setting knowledge and project boundaries; dealing with complexity; fostering effective communication and collaboration techniques; implementing co-supervision or peer supervision. [Read more and register for the seminar – lu.se](#)
- **"Land and Food Systems": Policy and Governance of Sustainable Food Systems webinar series part IV** (8:00-11:00 local time (14-17 Philippine time), online). The webinar aims to raise the discourse on land tenure and management and its crucial role in long-term food security through the lens of civil society organizations working on this issue in the Global South. It will also highlight the importance of smallholder food producers in ensuring food security. Small farms tend to be more diverse, emphasize agroecological practices, and protect local seeds and varieties, which are crucial for long-term food security. It also aims to review policies in securing the marginalized sectors' access and rights to land, which is an indispensable step in addressing food insecurity and malnutrition. Link to registration: [go.ateneo.edu/SDG2PolicyWebinar4-Reg](https://go.ateneo.edu/SDG2PolicyWebinar4-Reg)
- **LU Framtidsdagarna 2023** (26-27 October, Lund). What are the visions for the education of the future? For culture and technology? And what is there to think about when it comes to future democracies? These are the themes of LU future days (framtidsdagarna). The program contains points in both Swedish and English. Link to event is here: [Framtidsdagarna 2023 | Lunds universitet](https://framtidslund.se/)
- **Lund University Research Conference on Knowledge for Sustainable Development – How to make impact** (7<sup>th</sup> November, Stadshallen). Lund University invites to its 3rd official research conference on sustainable development. The conference is aimed at all researchers at Lund University who want to increase their knowledge about the challenges that lie ahead, learn how their research can contribute to change, and strengthen their contacts with researchers from other disciplines. This year's conference will highlight sustainability research at Lund University and different ways to go from research to impact. You register via this link: <https://www.sustainability.lu.se/form/registration-knowledge-sustainable-development-2023>
- From the Development Research School, there will be a course called **'Power, Justice and (De)coloniality in Development'** coordinated by Uppsala University and given November-December online. More information can be found here: [Power, Justice and \(De\)coloniality in Development | Development Research School \(lu.se\)](https://www.developmentresearchschool.org/courses/power-justice-and-decoloniality-in-development/)
- **EU Days Lund** (14-15 November, Lund). During the EU Days Lund representatives from the public sector, industry, academia and EU institutions come together with students and the general public to network and exchange insights. This year common societal challenges in Europe will be discussed in terms of how they affect society and business in Skåne and wider in Sweden, but also in relation to how we contribute to the future of Europe. EU Days Lund 2023 is organised by the City of Lund, Lund University, the European Commission Representation in Sweden and Europe Direct Lund in collaboration with several co-organisers. Link to event: [EU days \(lund.se\)](https://eudays.lund.se/)

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- **LU Open Science Days** (20-21 November, Lund). Open Science is ascribed increased importance by multiple actors in the research community for facilitating dialogue between academia and society. It enables interdisciplinary research, enhances transparency and replicability, and ultimately strengthens the foundations of research integrity. It's a two-day event to celebrate the essence of Open Science, share ideas and experiences, discuss the expectations from Lund University and explore the future of Open Science. Registration is now open: [Register](#)
- **AI och jag – framtidens forskningskommunikation** (conference, 28 November, Stockholm or digitally). What does the quick technical advancement when it comes to AI mean in terms of our research communication in the future? A conference for communicators, researchers, journalist and others interested in the subject. Some parts in Swedish, some parts in English.
- **World Environmental Education Congress** (WEEC, 29 January – 2 February, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates). World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC) is an international congress addressing education for environment and sustainable development. WEEC is held every two years in different parts of the world to spread and share knowledge. [WEEC 12 | Home \(weec2024.org\)](#)
- To researchers at the Faculties for Humanities and Theology, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law and the School of Economics and Management, you can apply for funds for seminars, symposia and lectures on European themes during the spring and/or autumn semester 2024. The theme must have a clear connection to European matters, based on a perspective (historical or current) that relates to contemporary conditions in Europe and should address issues of broader European interest. [Read more and apply here](#). The application deadline is **November 10, 2023**.
- There has been an update in LUCRIS where all researchers have been tagged in accordance with which SDGs they are working out. Feel free to check you and your colleagues out: <https://portal.research.lu.se/>

On behalf of the Agenda 2030 Graduate School,

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