



GREEN POLITICS in TRANSITION

AUTUMN 2026

Interrogating the green backlash: nostalgia, cultural trauma, and hopeful pessimism

ALL SEMINARS ARE HELD AT 13.00–14.30 IN ULLS HUS, ON ULTUNA CAMPUS IN UPPSALA

22 October BACKLASH POLITICS

Room Krusenbergs (D326)

Alter, K. J. & Zürn, M. (2020). Conceptualising backlash politics: Introduction to a special issue on backlash politics in comparison. *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 22(4), 563–584.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1369148120947958>

Patterson, J et al. (2026). Climate policy backlash: taming an unruly concept? *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning*, 28(2), 197–224.

25 November CULTURAL POLITICS AND TRAUMA

Room Krusenbergs (D326)

Bellolio, C. (2026). Green is the new bad: Libertarian populism and the Edgar friendly style of climate denial. *Environmental Politics*. [doi:10.1080/09644016.2026.2691473](https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2026.2691473)

Brulle, R. J. & Norgaard, K. M. (2019). Avoiding cultural trauma: Climate change and social inertia. *Environmental Politics*, 28(5), 886–908.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2018.1562138>

NEW FORMS OF RESISTANCE

17 December

Room Krusenbergs (D326)

Arifi, B. & Winkel, G. (2021). Wind energy counter-conducts in Germany: Understanding a new wave of socio-environmental grassroots protest. *Environmental Politics*, 30(5), 811–832.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2020.1792730>

Taylor, L. & Lyons, K. (2026). Postapocalyptic environmentalism and activist subjectivities in the Dark Mountain Project. *Environmental Politics*, 1–22.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2026.2717843>

HOPEFUL PESSIMISM

14 Jan 2027

Room Grimsö (B409)

Van de Lugt, M. (2025) *Hopeful Pessimism*, Princeton University Press.



The seminars are open to all interested colleagues. Please read the assigned text before the seminar and join our discussion. For more information, please contact: johanna.tangnas@slu.se. The seminars are hosted by the Division of Political Science and Natural Resource Governance at the Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala.

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