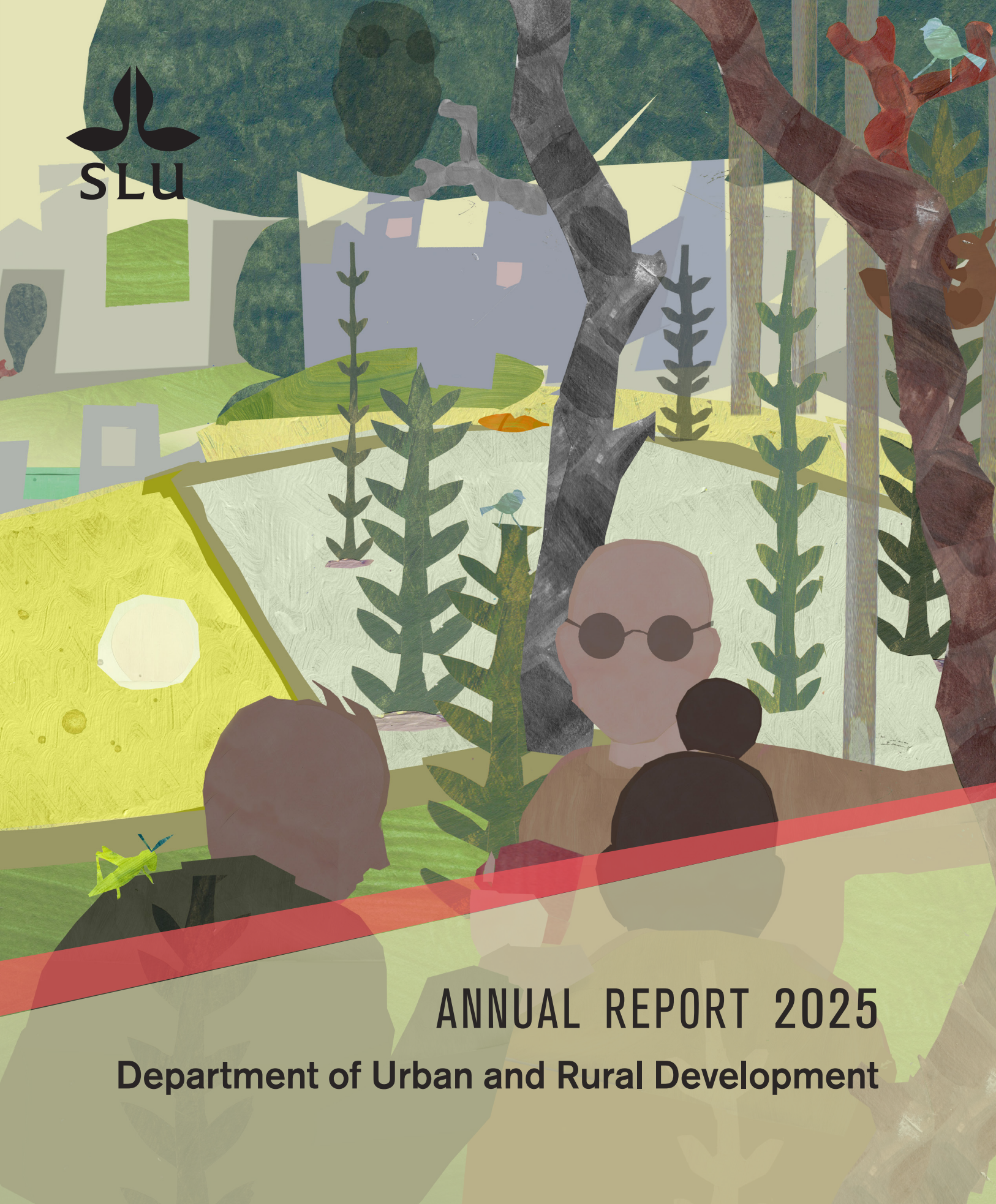


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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Department of Urban and Rural Development

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SLU SWEDISH CENTRE FOR
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DIVISION OF LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE

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ADMINISTRATION
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DIVISION OF AGRARIAN
HISTORY
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AN ENVIRONMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN

PRINCIPLES enriches students and researchers with different perspectives – that when mixed creates a successful breeding ground for excellence.

EXPANSIVE EXTERNAL COLLABORATION

We see collaboration with actors in society as a tool to contribute to a sustainable development, and as a method to conduct and continuously develop our research and education.

11% OF ALL STUDENTS AT SLU

We educate 11% of the total number of undergraduate students at SLU.

We administer 7 education programmes, offer about 90 courses and we run a Research School in collaboration with Department of Economics.

19.8 MSEK IN RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS

The national centres and Sida's Helpdesk for Environment and Climate each year carry out a large number of external research assignments.

PROGRESSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK

We have a strong commitment to environmental, climate and sustainability issues.

By taking own initiatives, we wish to inspire and engage – to contribute to the transition to a more sustainable society.



FROM THE LEFT: VICE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT EMMA BUTLER, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT STINA POWELL AND ASSISTANT HEAD OF DEPARTMENT LARS JOHANSSON.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

The activities at the department continue to maintain a very high quality, both in research, teaching and collaboration as well as operational support. It is the result of joint work!

Culture was a defining feature of 2025 at the Department of Urban and Rural Development. Culture provides new perspectives, creates meetings and debate, strengthens collaborations and contributes with both joy and energy. Many people contributed to filling the department's

cultural calendar – over fifteen different activities that ended with an art tour and a Christmas gift in the name of culture.

Summarising a year at such a large workplace is not easy – a lot happened during the year. We graduated two new PhDs: Karolin Andersson and Happiness Mlula, and one Licentiate in Ella Uppsala. A total of six docent lectures were held: Dil Khatri, Emil Sandström, Marien González Hidalgo, Martin Westin, Sara Holmgren

»» The activities at the department continue to maintain a very high quality, both in research, teaching and collaboration as well as operational support

and Malte Rödl. And yet another one of our co-workers was awarded the title Distinguished university teacher: Martin Westin.

One particularly pleasing piece of news from December deserves special mention: Thomas Norrby, who has served for many years as a Senior extension specialist at SLU and our department, was awarded a scholarship from The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA), in recognition of the drive, commitment and creativity that have made a significant contribution to rural development in Sweden for decades. Collaboration is an important part of the department's operations, and now this is being recognized by KSLA. That is very honorable.

We are also very proud that Martin Andersson, Associate professor of Agrarian history, was appointed as a new Wallenberg Academy Fellow in December.

Our department is well ahead when it comes to investing in AI. That work continued during the

year, where Director of Studies Helen Arvidsson, along with Camilo Calderon and Malte Rödl, both researchers at the Division of Environmental Communication, were particularly committed and spread both inspiration and knowledge to the entire department.

Another development that occurred at the very end of the year was that the Dean of the NJ Faculty decided that SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre (CBM) should be moved to SLU Swedish Species Information Centre by the end of 2025 – to gather and strengthen SLU's work on biodiversity. We will miss our CBM colleagues, but we are looking forward to future collaborations.

Lars Johansson's term as Assistant Head of Department ended at the turn of the year, and we extend our sincere thanks to Lars for his many years of dedication to the department, which has been instrumental in shaping the organisation we are today.

*Stina Powell, Head of department,
Lars Johansson, Deputy Head of department &
Emma Butler, Assistant Head of department*

SOME KEY EVENTS 2025



DOCENT LECTURES

20 MARCH

PHOTO: MARIEN GONZÁLEZ HIDALGO.



MARIEN GONZÁLEZ HIDALGO gives her Docent lecture in Rural development titled »The uneven emotional geographies of rural development«.

PHOTO: PRADIP DHAKAL/SLU.



DIL KHATRI gives his Docent lecture in Rural development with the title »Scientific forestry and decentralized forest governance – A critical reflection of four decades of community forestry management in the Nepal Himalaya«.

PHOTO: EMIL SANDSTRÖM.



EMIL SANDSTRÖM gives his Docent lecture in Rural development titled »Back to the land is back – Uncovering contemporary rural transformations«.

PHOTO: ANNI HOFFRÉN.



MARTIN WESTIN gives his Docent lecture in Rural development with the title »Collaborative governance and public participation – Navigating the paradox of power in sustainability transformations«.

EXCELLENT TEACHER

01 JUNE

PHOTO: MARTIN WESTIN.



MARTIN WESTIN, Associate Professor and Researcher at the Division of Environmental Communication, is appointed Distinguished University Teacher by the SLU Vice-Chancellor, and thus becomes the sixth employee at the department to be awarded the title.

DISSERTATIONS

13 JUNE

KAROLIN ANDERSSON defends her doctoral thesis in Rural development: »Governing agriculture, (re)producing gender – Continuity and change of social difference amidst Rwanda's socio-ecological transformation«.

PHOTO: ANNI HOFFRÉN.



DOCENT LECTURES

14 OCTOBER



PHOTO: FANNY MÖCKEL.

MALTE RÖDL gives his Docent lecture in Environmental communication with the title »How algorithmic systems participate in the joint construction of meaning on the environment«.



PHOTO: EVA WILLEN.

SARA HOLMGREN gives her Docent lecture in Environmental communication titled »Att ställa om – Mening och makt i omställningen till en hållbarare värld« (*Meaning and power in the transition to a more sustainable world*).

SCHOLARSHIPS

26 NOVEMBER

GUSTAV BERRY, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Division of Agrarian History, is awarded The Rettig Prize by The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, for the project »Popular participation in the documentation and protection of cultural heritage during the 20th century«. The prize is awarded annually to an outstanding researcher in the Academy's fields of interest.



PHOTO: ERIK ÅSTRAND.

03 DECEMBER



PHOTO: MARTIN ANDERSSON.

MARTIN ANDERSSON Associate professor of Agrarian history, is appointed new Wallenberg Academy Fellow and gets to take part in the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation's five-year basic research grant to study how grain flowed through Sweden from 1550 to 1750, a time when the country underwent major changes.

CONFERENCES

21–23 OCTOBER



PHOTO: MARK ZANORELLE.

SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre co-hosts the first **SWEDISH BIODIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM 2025** – the largest national interdisciplinary conference on biodiversity. The theme of the conference is »Societal transformation – from knowledge to action?«.

DISSERTATIONS

27 NOVEMBER



PHOTO: MLULA HAPPINESS.

HAPPINESS MLULA defends her doctoral thesis in Rural development: »Water Governance in Small Towns in Sub-Saharan Africa: Exploring the Role of Local Actors and Institutional Dynamics in Domestic Water Governance«.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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THOMAS NORRBY, Senior Extension Specialist at SLU and at our department, was awarded a scholarship from The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA), in recognition of »the drive, commitment and creativity that have made a significant contribution to rural development in Sweden for decades«.

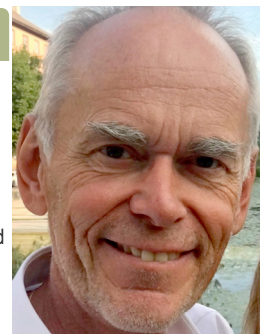


PHOTO: THOMAS NORRBY.



Environmental motivator 2025

Since 2018, the Department's Transition Group has been awarding a prize to the »Environmental motivator of the year«. This time, the award went to Petter Åkerblom, Senior Lecturer and Landscape Architect at the Division of Landscape Architecture.

Petter Åkerblom earned his PhD in 2005 with a dissertation on schoolyards and has since conducted research and taught on outdoor education and child-friendly urban planning that promotes children's and young people's connection with nature, enjoyment of physical activity, and common sense. In recent years, he has also worked on issues related to urban planting soils and the relocation of large trees. He was named »Environmental Motivator of the Year« in recognition of his work to save and relocate nearly 200 oak trees along Ulls väg that had to be removed to make way for the tramway being constructed through the Ultuna campus.

He also leads a research project at SLU that closely monitors 12 of these oak trees to study what happens to a tree as it recovers and adapts to a new growing site. The project is one of several subprojects within Swedish Urban Soil Living Labs (URSOILL), coordinated by RISE (Research Institutes of Sweden).

– Environmental Motivator of the Year is a prestigious award. It came as a great surprise that I would

PHOTO: TITTI OLSSON



PETTER ÅKERBLOM — SENIOR LECTURER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MOTIVATOR 2025.

receive it. At the same time, it is gratifying that the oak relocation project is recognised as something positive for the environment. The oaks could not remain along Ulls väg because of the tramway project. Instead of felling the trees, we were given the opportunity to »reuse« them. Approximately 180 oaks have been replanted at new locations across the campus. By relocating them, they contribute to greater canopy cover in the area. This provides cooling shade on hot summer days and preserves the rich biodiversity living in their roots and crowns, which is transferred to the new sites along with the trees, says Petter. ■



PHOTO: CLARA JONSSON.

PETTER ÅKERBLOM AND TOBIAS EMILSSON, RESEARCHER AT DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT, STANDING BY ONE OF THE TWELVE OAK TREES INCLUDED IN THE RESEARCH STUDY AND DISCUSSING WHAT HEIGHT ONE OF THE MEASURING INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE PLACED AT.



THE CHALLENGE PRIZE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOTIVATOR OF THE YEAR — A RECYCLE ART OBJECT CREATED BY YLVA DAHLMAN, FORMER SENIOR LECTURER IN GRAPHIC ARTS AT THE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO AN ARTIST.

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- » [The research project »What happens in a tree when it is moved?«](#) On the 12 selected oak trees in Ultuna
- » [The research project »Testbeds for multi-functional biochar based soil mixtures«](#)

PAST AWARDEES

- 2024 **Marina Queiroz**, Lecturer at Division of Landscape Architecture
- 2023 **Anders Arnell**, Project Leader at SLU Swedish Centre for Nature Interpretation
- 2022 **Mari Kågström**, Researcher at SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre
- 2021 **Flora Hajdu**, Professor at Division of Rural Development
- 2020 **Karin Gerhardt** and **Torbjörn Ebenhard**, researchers at SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre
- 2019 **Daniel Valentini**, Doctoral Student at Division of Landscape Architecture
- 2018 **Helena Nordström Källström**, Researcher at Division of Environmental Communication

A global perspective: EU's new legislative proposal for gene-edited plants



What would a change in the legislation mean for Swedish development cooperation, including research? What opportunities and challenges does the proposal present from a holistic perspective? As part of a Sida assignment, we conducted a preliminary assessment of these questions.

In 2025, Sida's Helpdesk for Environment and Climate noted a growing interest within Sida in support related to EU regulatory frameworks. The Helpdesk was commissioned to examine the European Commission's proposal to modernise the EU's GMO legislation by exempting certain gene-edited plants, including crops developed using new genomic techniques (NGTs).

Under the proposal, plants and crops that have undergone genetic changes which could also have arisen naturally or through conventional breeding would, in principle, be regulated in the same way as conventionally bred varieties. Within the EU, the objective is to accelerate the development of crops that can contribute to sustainable agriculture, food security, and climate adaptation.

As part of the assignment, the Helpdesk reviewed the available literature and engaged researchers specializing in plant breeding, plant physiology, and systems perspectives, as well as representatives from the Swedish Gene Technology Advisory Board. The study found that, regardless of their views on the proposal, most of the experts

involved considered its adoption likely. However, the Helpdesk identified only a limited number of analyses examining the potential implications for low- and middle-income countries.

A possible update of Swedish legislation in line with the EU framework is important for Sida's dialogue with and support to partner countries. Beyond the more technical aspects, NGTs raise a number of complex issues. Simplified legislation within the EU could increase access to new plant varieties and strengthen related research in low- and middle-income countries. At the same time, ethical considerations, equity, biodiversity, and local control over seed systems remain key issues that require careful attention.

The Helpdesk's recommendations were multifaceted. They included supporting systems-based approaches that consider the agricultural system as a whole, closely monitoring the ongoing EU legislative process, and strengthening dialogue among a broad range of stakeholders. Globally, regulatory frameworks for NGTs remain fragmented, making it important to follow how individual countries develop and adapt their own legislation. ■

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Sida's Helpdesk sidaenvironmenthelpdesk.se makes science-based knowledge accessible for Sida, embassies and partner organisations. Some of the material produced by the Helpdesk is published in Sida's [Green Tool Box](#), while most is used internally, for example as support in partners' environmental assessments and Sida's strategy processes.



1995–2025 30 years of SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre

When the Swedish Government, SLU, and Uppsala University decided to establish a national centre for biodiversity, two years had passed since the world's nations adopted the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 1992. In 2025, the Swedish Biodiversity Centre (CBM) celebrated its 30th anniversary, marking the occasion with, among other things, a commemorative publication.

On 1 October 1995, Urban Emanuelsson took up the position as Director of the then newly established Swedish Biodiversity Centre (CBM) at SLU. CBM was created following a government decision based on Sweden's commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity and a direct mandate to SLU and Uppsala University.

Over these three decades, with biodiversity at the core of its work, CBM has carried out a wide range of projects and initiatives within the framework of its mission. Some have been temporary efforts, while others have continued over many years. Throughout, the goal has been to evolve in response to the needs of both society and biodiversity conservation.

To mark its anniversary, CBM hosted an anniversary symposium in October and published a commemorative volume reflecting on its activities over three decades: 30 Years of the Swedish Biodiversity Centre (CBM) at SLU. The publication features contributions from a range of authors describing past and ongoing research programmes, CBM's role in international biodiversity negotiations, and future directions for biodiversity research. ■



PHOTO: MARINE ELBAKIDZE.

IN THE VILLAGE OF BORODYANKA, SOUTHWEST OF KYIV, A WOMAN SPENT ENTIRE WINTER DAYS IN A COLD CELLAR DURING THE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION. RUSSIAN SOLDIERS FORBODE RESIDENTS FROM GOING INTO THEIR GARDENS, WHILE HER HOME HAD BEEN LOOTED. ON THE RARE OCCASIONS WHEN SHE WAS ABLE TO SLIP BEHIND THE HOUSE UNNOTICED, SHE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO COOK OUTDOORS.

Nature helps Ukrainians heal, but is overlooked during reconstruction

As Ukrainian communities rebuild their lives after liberation from Russian occupation, efforts such as restoring gardens and clearing mines from forests are crucial to residents' recovery – yet these measures are often overlooked.

Destroyed homes, flooded land, polluted water and forests littered with unexploded mines confronted residents as they returned to three villages outside Kyiv following the Russian occupation.

– Everything was destroyed. Many people doubted they would be able to continue living there, but what made them stay was their strong connection to the place, says Marine Elbakidze, researcher at SLU and lead author of the study.

The researchers examined how the war had affected people's relationship with nature. Although residents had lost access to clean water and fresh air, what they missed most turned out to be the cultural benefits that nature provides: working in the garden, meeting neighbours in green spaces, and spending time in the forest.

Through interviews and door-to-door surveys conducted together with master's students from Ukrainian universities, the researchers found that the loss of these values had left deep emotional scars.

– They described, almost in spiritual terms, how meaningful it was to put their hands in the soil again. It is their land, their home, and it helps them reconnect with the place, says Brian Kuns, researcher at the Division of Rural Development and co-author of the study.

The forest also held profound personal significance. Many residents spoke of memories of family outings and experiences that tied them to the landscape and gave them a sense of belonging. Despite nature's importance, the restoration of green spaces is often given low priority in reconstruction efforts. The researchers argue that cultural ecosystem services are easily overlooked because they relate to social and emotional values rather than material needs.

The study highlights several key measures: clearing mines from forests, restoring gardens, developing green spaces and preserving newly formed wetlands. The researchers argue that these efforts should be prioritised as communities rebuild, as they play an important role in helping people recover and reconnect with their surroundings. ■

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The study is based on interviews with 69 residents in Borodianka, Demydiv and Moshchun, Southwest of Kyiv – areas that were occupied by Russia in 2022 and liberated after two or three months. [Understanding the impact of the war on people-nature relationships in Ukraine](#)



Joint efforts made Sergels Torg a safer place

For decades, Sergels Torg in central Stockholm has been associated with insecurity and open drug dealing. But after a redesign led by landscape architects from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and local stakeholders, reported crime has fallen and feelings of safety have increased.

In 2020, the City of Stockholm and local property owners joined forces to address safety concerns at the square. Hildegun Nilsson Varhelyi, Landscape Architect and Adjunct Professor at SLU, participated in the project as curator for art and design.

– Our goal was to encourage more people to stay and spend time there. The idea was that visitors themselves would contribute to informal social surveillance and help make the space feel safer, she says.

Empty areas were transformed with seating, games, hammocks and performance spaces.

– The square became a place where people wanted to spend time rather than simply pass through. We saw a more diverse mix of visitors, including more families with children and older people, says Hildegun.

Evaluations showed a decline in reported crime and a more positive perception of the square. Young women in particular began using areas they had previously avoided.

The project has also sparked debate. As Sergels Torg remains an open drug scene and a high-risk environment for children and young people, some have questioned whether it is appropriate to create spaces that encourage them to stay.

– Opinions have been divided. The police were sceptical about adding more seating, while politicians wanted to make the square more attractive, says Hildegun.

She notes that different stakeholders have different priorities, but stresses the importance of understanding how young people use public space.

– Young people must have the right to simply hang out without that being seen as a problem. We need a better understanding of how they use urban spaces, so that changes do not push them into more risky environments. ■

READ THE REPORT (In Swedish)

[Vad händer? – konst och tillfällig gestaltning i en riskmiljö för barn och unga](#)

Three strategies for dialogue when the truth is disputed

Facilitators who lead policy dialogues on sustainability issues often face heated debates. They are on the front line when facts are challenged and emotions take over. A new study presents strategies for managing situations where the truth is contested.

The researchers interviewed 19 facilitators to understand how they navigate situations in which facts are disputed and emotions are expressed in destructive ways – so-called post-truth situations. The participants shared experiences from a range of policy areas, including urban planning, wildlife management, social sustainability, and food policy. Their stories ranged from violent outbursts during meetings to disagreements over green spaces in urban development.

– They described situations where there was disagreement about what is true and what is false, says Amelia Mutter, Researcher in Environmental communication and co-author of the study.

Based on the interviews, the researchers identified three strategies that facilitators use when confronted with post-truth situations:

- recognizing identities and emotions,
- reaching agreement on facts,
- establishing a legitimate process.

– It's about adapting to the situation. For example, if someone is experiencing strong emotions, you may need to address those first. Focusing only on facts at that point can make the person even more agitated, says Martin Westin, Researcher in Environmental communication and lead author of the study.

Post-truth is often associated with Donald Trump or Brexit, but one aim of the study was to shed light on these dynamics in a Swedish context. The researchers also challenge the concept itself.

– The common definition of post-truth suggests that people rely on emotions and opinions rather than facts. This implies that emotions and facts can always be separated, but reality is more complex than that, Amelia explains.

– A clear-cut fact is something that can be verified. But in many cases it's not that simple. Take the Swedish wolf population, for example. There is considerable uncertainty regarding both the number of wolves and their whereabouts, Martin adds.

In post-truth situations, many people tend to avoid opening up conversations between those with differing views, Amelia explains. Facilitators, however, do not have that option, as their role is to make dialogue possible.

– Their job is to bring together people with different opinions, facts, and emotions. In a world marked by social tensions, we as a society can learn from them how to identify what unites us rather than what divides us, Amelia concludes. ■

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[Grappling with post-truth politics — facilitation strategies for policy-making in troubled times](#)

He keeps the 18th century alive – 20 years at Linnaeus' Hammarby

For nearly 20 years, Agrarian historian Clas Tollin has been responsible for the historical development of the Linnaeus' Hammarby Cultural Reserve outside Uppsala – a 44-hectare living landscape from the 18th century that has become a central part of both his work and everyday life.

The lush area, originally Carl Linnaeus' summer residence, is now a popular destination for visitors. Over the past two decades, Clas and his colleagues have shaped the extensive reserve, which includes forests, hay meadows, crofts, and hop gardens. In addition to his work at the reserve, Clas is a historical geographer and Associate Professor of Agrarian history at SLU. He emphasises that cultural reserves serve many important purposes – not least as outdoor classrooms. The reserve is also open to research, and Clas welcomes both SLU colleagues and researchers from other institutions.

– The importance of being outdoors becomes very tangible here. Landscape architecture students come and clear young forest by hand as part of their coursework, giving them a deeper understanding of the effort such work requires. In early August,

students in the Agrarian history summer course cut hay with scythes and build a hayrack – a traditional structure used for drying hay.

By restoring the reserve to reflect 18th century conditions, knowledge that might otherwise disappear is preserved. This includes traditional practices such as scythe mowing, pruning lower branches from trees, and pollarding broadleaf trees. Such expertise resides in hundreds of small details that are valuable not only for understanding the past, but also for addressing present-day challenges.

The forest surrounding the meadows and fields is currently the focus of a new management plan. Among other measures, planted spruce will be removed. Some areas will be left untouched, while others will be selectively harvested – a forestry method in which individual trees are removed to promote a diversity of tree sizes and ages.

Although promoting biodiversity is not an explicit objective, the land management practices inspired by the pre-industrial era have encouraged a rich field flora of herbs and wildflowers. More bird species can now be heard in the area, and a fox den has been discovered. Hares and roe deer are also frequent sights throughout the reserve. ■

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about the work the Division of Agrarian History does at the Cultural Reserve Linnaeus' Hammarby: <https://www.slu.se/linnaeus-hammarby/>

CLAS TOLLIN, AGRARIAN HISTORIAN AT SLU, DESCRIBES THE LINNEAUS' HAMMARBY CULTURAL RESERVE AS BEING A LANDSCAPE LABORATORY. HERE HE IS INVESTIGATING THE CONDITION OF AN APPLE TREE THAT WAS CHEWED ON BY SOME COWS THAT MANAGED TO BREAK INTO THE FENCED YARD.



PHOTO: CLARA JONSSON/SLU.



FROM THE LEFT: MARI KÅGSTRÖM, TUIJA HILDING-RYDEVIK AND JOHANNA TANGNÄS, ALL RESEARCHERS AT THE DIVISION OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE.

A year of new collaborations

Political Science is a subject under construction meaning networks are central. During the year, new collaborations were established, especially in the areas of Environmental Assessment and Biodiversity, which strengthens knowledge exchange and the development of research and teaching.

In the field of Environmental Assessment, new collaborations were developed through Agora – a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience in strategic and environmental impact assessment. During the year, collaboration had a special focus on teaching in higher education:

- together with Mid Sweden University, a research and teaching exchange was initiated, leading to joint research initiatives focusing on competence frameworks, course content and teaching practices,
- a collaboration supported by Erasmus staff-mobility grant was established with the Technical University of Berlin, focusing on teachers' practices and conditions for teaching environmental assessment,
- as a result of these two collaborations, a national network for teachers in environmental assessment at Swedish higher education institutions was initiated. The network creates an arena for the exchange of experience and joint reflection and meets a need for collegial support in a rapidly developing field.

In the area of Biodiversity the work focused on strengthening social science perspectives and contributing to interdisciplinary collaborations, during the year:

- a collaboration was carried out with Focali, the University of Gothenburg and the University of Glasgow for session 15, »Advancing social science dimensions on biodiversity to spur transformative policy and action«, at the first national conference »The Swedish Biodiversity Symposium«, 21-23 October 2025, Gothenburg,
- seminars were initiated for cross-discipline discussions within the department about research and action needs linked to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Sweden,
- later in the year, these experiences were used to develop a workshop within the »Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference (NESS)«, in Uppsala in 2026. The workshop focuses on how social science perspectives can contribute to understanding the causes of biodiversity loss and developing possible ways forward, as well as how research can help bridge the gap between knowledge, policy and practice. ■

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about the platform Agora: slu.se/agora

A creative Nordic exchange

From 19–21 March, fifty Nordic educators in nature interpretation and outdoor education gathered in Uppsala and Wik to exchange knowledge and experiences. The conference was part of the Nordplus project »Explore Nordics«, which ran 2023–2025. The SLU Swedish Centre for Nature Interpretation (CNV) was one of the main organisers.

During the conference, 15 workshops were held. One of the workshops, organised by Finland, focused on the competences needed to contribute to a sustainable future, based on GreenComp – the European Union’s sustainability competence framework.

Another workshop led by Norway highlighted nature interpretation as a method for communicating about topics that evoke strong emotions. Although challenging, this approach can help participants gain new and enriching perspectives. Various methods were discussed, such as encouraging people with

widely differing views to work together to identify facts that everyone can accept.

CNV hosted a workshop on the Toolkit for Dialogue in Nature. By moving conversations outdoors to the places that the dialogue concerns, it can become easier to understand other people’s perspectives. Facilitated meetings in outdoor settings can also help group participants get to know one another better, foster constructive dialogue, and reduce perceived power differences. Naturlyftet was also presented – an initiative aimed at increasing knowledge of and engagement in biodiversity and nature conservation, which CNV coordinates through broad collaboration with a wide range of partners.

CNV has a long history of collaborating with Nordic colleagues on the development of nature interpretation. One important reason for this successful cooperation is that the Nordic countries face many similar challenges and can readily identify areas for collaboration that are timely and relevant to all parties involved. ■



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about the project led by the Nordic group of nature interpreters:
[Nature interpretation networking and training program](#)



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AGRARIAN HISTORY

AGRARIAN HISTORY is a broad discipline examining people in the rural society, their social and economic conditions, and their relationship with nature, the landscape and wider society, as well as agricultural production and technological development. It covers the history of these developments from ancient times to the present day. It is our belief that agrarian historical knowledge contributes significantly to what is understood about the landscapes and agriculture of today. As history enables analyses of long-term processes, it also contributes to knowledge of how people act within, and react to, societal transformations, something that is difficult to study in the short-term contemporary perspective.

Research at the division combines theories and methods from both the humanities and natural sciences, and by studying Swedish and global contexts and sources to address general problems, it contributes to the international research agenda.

At present, three main research themes are at the center of the research agenda:

- Transhumance, commons and property rights;
- Climate adaptation in agriculture; and
- Agricultural growth, transformation and inequality.

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PATRICK SVENSSON
PROFESSOR AND SUBJECT CHAIR
AGRARIAN HISTORY

Alongside this, several other topics are studied, such as garden history, medieval agriculture, and landscape and settlement history.

The division offers courses in agrarian history for agronomists, landscape architects and engineers, as well as freestanding courses. It is also engaged in collaboration with the surrounding society. One example is the external consultancy for the County Administrative Board in terms of the cultural reserve of Linneaus' Hammarby outside Uppsala that has resulted in a long-term management plan for the reserve, and utilisation of the reserve for both teaching and research.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Division of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** engages in international research, teaching and cooperation that contributes to scholarship and practice on the subject of development and sustainability in rural areas across the Global North and South. Across the globe, rural areas are undergoing rapid transformations caused by social and economic policies and movements and climate and environmental change. In these dynamic contexts, we engage with issues of justice, knowledge and power in rural transformations and environmental politics.

Rural development is an interdisciplinary field of study based in the social sciences, in which we pay special attention to how ideas about development have material consequences in specific contexts.

The subject has its roots at SLU in 1996, then with research predominantly in the Global South. It was divided into two groups to highlight the need for rural development research in the Global North as well. The two groups focus on parallel yet interconnected development in the Global South and North (Sweden and Europe) and collaborate to approach rural areas as material spaces with networks of relations that span the rural and the urban across the world, the global North and South.

We bring unique insights into questions that concern the world today in relation to rural development and the environment through our work across the Global North and South, such as questions of natural resource governance, global and local inequalities, and the rise of authoritarianism and nationalism. Our strength lies in our commitment to probing how development processes unfold through interdisciplinary conceptualizations and participatory methodologies, often building on long-term field engagement. Collegiality forms the bedrock of our work together.

GLOBAL NORTH

The subject of Rural development in Sweden and Europe (**GLOBAL NORTH**) was established in 2005 due to the urgent need for research on Swedish and European rural development. The increasing importance of attention to rural development in the global North had brought attention to the scattered and the meagre research on the subject in Sweden. Changes in the world since 2005 have only shown the astuteness of SLU's decision to establish the subject. Our research is sought



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RURAL DEVELOPMENT — GLOBAL SOUTH

after like never before as we face challenges of sustainability and need a critical perspective on development and environmental questions today. We are one of very few academic institutions in Europe, and the only in Sweden, dedicated to the study of European rural development. Our research is grounded in the major challenges confronting rural areas in Sweden and Europe today and our work shows how there is no sustainability without social justice. To deal with sustainability challenges, we work towards better understandings of the social, political and cultural contexts of policy interventions and everyday life in rural areas. Together with our division's ›cooperation and extension team‹, we nurture a network of researchers working on rural development and collaborate with practitioners and policymakers.

By bringing to bear intersectional perspectives of power on the issues of rural development, forestry and forest lives, energy, climate interventions, rural governance and local democracy, rural entrepreneurship, food security, agricultural and forest labor markets as well as migration we

challenge mainstream imaginations of the rural as residual, uninhabited, spaces for extraction and passive providers of food and natural resources.

GLOBAL SOUTH

The subject Rural Development in the **GLOBAL SOUTH** critically examines ideas about development and their material effects across Asia, Africa, and South/Meso America. We draw on (feminist) political ecology, critical development and agrarian studies, political economy and governmentality to explore how development is globally interconnected, reliant on contested and finite resources, and producing emissions and waste at global scale. We challenge mainstream views, highlighting how prosperity in the Global North has long depended on the labor and natural resources of the Global South, leaving it in a position from which conventional development pathways are not just more difficult, but also environmentally unsustainable.

Our research aims to promote more just and sustainable pathways. In contexts where poverty and marginalization shape daily survival, we critically examine who benefits from policies and interventions. A post-colonial perspective, emphasizing a social relational and power-imbued analysis underpins our work.

We prioritize long-term, collaborative field engagements and building relationships with Global South institutions and actors, guided by decolonial principles. Our methods are mainly qualitative, ethnographic and participatory, but range from surveys to co-creative approaches and use stakeholder and policy workshops for scaling, impact and outreach. We study diverse natural resource sectors – agriculture, forestry, fisheries, mining, and energy – from a multitude of perspectives.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE is the art of combining function, aesthetics and sustainability in the planning, design and management of the environment.

The subject covers a broad field, from regional and city spatial planning to the design of urban spaces and the individual elements which constitute them. This is addressed with the awareness of the mutual dependence and interactions between these different scales.

Research and professional activities at the division are implemented in many different forms; from large national and international research projects to partnership projects in close collaboration with stakeholders and administrations, sector organisations and private businesses. Our activities have interdisciplinary and international character and contribute to the knowledge about different types of landscapes, and their shaping at various scales and their role in society. We are collaborating with universities in Europe, the Baltic Sea region, and in the Global South.

The Division of Landscape Architecture is supported by the Faculty in their strategic development of the subject Landscape architecture through the four sub-areas:

- Design Theory,
- Landscape Management,
- Profession and Practice, and
- Spatial Planning.

DESIGN THEORY

The **DESIGN THEORY** group is concerned with the methods, tools, and pedagogy of the landscape architecture discipline. It explores design as a means of generating both theoretical and practical knowledge, and as a representation of future environments.



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HELENA NORDH

PROFESSOR AND SUBJECT CHAIR
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE — DESIGN THEORY

Design Theory contributes to development of the landscape architecture discipline from both a theoretical as well as practical point of view. The ongoing research and teaching activities include, but are not limited to:

- Aesthetics and creativity — The subjective and creative dimensions of the design process and their theoretical and practical roles in landscape architecture.
- Values, perception, and use of landscapes.
- Cultural and emotional significance of landscapes for identity and meaning-making.
- Form, scale, and materiality as core aspects of design and designing.
- Landscape design history — how the profession and the academic discipline have developed over time.

The subject area applies a variety of methods, both qualitative and quantitative. Pedagogy is an integral part of the research activity, and the group avoids rigid distinctions between ›teaching‹ and ›research‹, ›theory‹ and ›practice‹. The group strive instead to foster a culture of collective knowledge creation where diverse methods and approaches can flourish and enrich one another. One of the strategies to foster this culture is the monthly meetings where group members share and discuss scientific readings. These can be either drafts from colleagues within the group, or publications from other international research fellows.

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

The **LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT** subject focuses on how urban open space management such as vegetation, water and soil contributes to biodiversity, climate change adaptation and ecosystem services. A vital part of the research and education is how design-oriented



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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE — LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

maintenance affects biodiversity, experience-values, and creates conditions for outdoor recreation and play among different ages and social contexts. Both research and education is highly connected to practice with close collaboration with municipals, private consultancies, national agencies and international research networks linked to landscape management.

The subject area is highly transdisciplinary, including landscape architecture, urban ecology, history, planning, design, and environmental psychology. More specifically how management and maintenance of urban green affects children's play, raingarden functions, establishment of large trees, human health from nature, light

pollutions, biochar-based plant beds, multifunctional storm water parks and future visions of management and governance.

PROFESSION AND PRACTICE

In the subject area **THE PROFESSION AND PRACTICE**, we focus on methods and theories used by landscape architects in their professional work. Especially important is how the role and methods of the landscape architect need to develop, in relation to new societal challenges such as densification of cities, biodiversity loss, sea level rise, flooding, etc.

With a focus on factors such as form, scale, space and materiality, the meaning and identity of landscapes are processed within

education and research. We work with landscapes regardless of scale, character, or spatial position, and take care of the interplay between cultural, social and natural systems. Profession and Practice involves historical perspectives as well as speculative design for future situations, thinking about landscapes as processes.

The group consists of »doers« within landscape architecture and we maintain a substantial part of the education of landscape architects and to some extent also landscape engineers.

Research involves both landscape of different times, characters and, materialities. With practice orientated, explorative as well as artistic methods, we defend the multiplicity of the profession involving all parts of the profession: academic, technical and artistic. Of specific interest is the use and development of representational methodologies and architectural tools: sketching, model making, film etc tested both in design teaching and research. The specific strength of the subject profession and practice consists of our often long experience within practice also outside academia.



CAROLA WINGREN

PROFESSOR AND SUBJECT CHAIR
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE — PROFESSION AND PRACTICE

SPATIAL PLANNING

The subject area **SPATIAL PLANNING** studies the interplay between the landscape, spatial planning and (other forms of) governance.

The interdisciplinary subject goes beyond the profession of architecture, and reaches beyond the traditional scope of spatial planning. Consequently, we refer to the group as *Landscape, Planning and Governance* (LPG).

The LPG group studies opportunities, obstacles and driving forces for transitions towards a more just and sustainable society. In addition, several scholars in the group have substantial experience of planning in practice. A close connection to practice is reflected in the groups research and teaching.

Much of our work is characterised by a landscape perspective, which facilitates studies of the complex interplay between land-use, law, ecology, everyday practices of the inhabitants, and planning processes. This includes studies of how spatial planning and governance is practiced, and its environmental consequences.

Studies of and for landscape planning is a key theme in our research. Specific themes in our research include:

- landscape justice,
- environmental assessment,
- landscape analysis,
- planning for recreation and health,
- peri-urban studies,
- sustainable urbanization, and
- landscape and planning theory.



MATTIAS QVISTRÖM

PROFESSOR AND SUBJECT CHAIR
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE — SPATIAL PLANNING

- sustainable urbanization, and
- landscape and planning theory.

The research is primarily funded by research agencies, and is conducted in collaboration with national and international peers but also in close collaboration with the society at large.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION

At the Division of **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION**, a diverse team with roots in political sciences, sociology, geography, science and technology studies, and social psychology investigates the communication challenges associated to environmental and sustainability issues.

We consider communication as the joint construction of meaning, and conduct primarily qualitative social science research concerned with themes such as legitimacy, participation, power, resistance, conflict and learning in decision making and transformation processes.

Traditionally, environmental communication has often been understood from an instrumental perspective that focuses on the transmission of information, rather than considering communication as the social negotiation of knowledge, values, emotions and embodied experiences. Through our work, we aim to promote such a broader and more nuanced understanding of communication in research, policy and practice.

Our research spans a wide range of contexts such as forestry, food production, nature conservation, climate change, wildlife management and urban planning. Much of our work combines micro-perspectives, zooming in on practices of meaning-making between individuals and groups, with macro-perspectives that scrutinize societal structures that shape these practices. Our research thus often involves observation and interviews with individual actors – for example, smallholder farmers, public agency staff or journalists – but also an analysis

of the societal norms, communicative expectations and materialities that guide their actions.

We work closely with practitioners, including public agencies, NGOs and industry, to help improve processes of public participation and collaboration. Ongoing work in close cooperation with other societal actors investigates, for example, the processes through which trust, but also distrust are constructed and performed in dialogue processes as part of natural resource governance arrangements.

Our research critically examines the potential, risks and limitations of emerging forms and infrastructures of communication, such as online platforms and AI – but also of storytelling, the age-old approach to communication that is in many contexts being promoted to inspire new ways of meaning-making about sustainability. Other work investigates political discourse at levels from the supra-national to the local. It aims to understand how societal change is produced or, conversely, stopped, how polarization is made and prevented, and how constructive debate about societal values, goals and visions can be encouraged.

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ANKE FISCHER

PROFESSOR AND SUBJECT CHAIR
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION

POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLITICAL SCIENCE is the scientific study of politics. The research revolves around democracy, power, politics, governance and public administration on multiple levels. At SLU, the research in political science focuses primarily at public policy, governance, transformation, public administration and citizen participation in the area of environmental and sustainability issues. The research is conducted in a multidisciplinary context and is highly relevant for practice.

Political science is a new research subject at SLU and has been under construction since its start in the autumn of 2023. The new recruitments made in 2023 and 2024 were sadly ended in 2024 and the professor chair is vacant (to be recruited again). During 2024 a group of environmental governance researchers from political science and SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre (CBM) is collaborating to ensure the progress of the work.

Currently research is conducted within the following broad areas:

- Policy implementation. Research on how sustainability is governed on national, regional and local level and its practical societal consequences.
- The role of different actors in contributing to societal transformation in relation to sustainability goals. Actors that participate in policy- and governance processes can make a difference. We especially focus on actor-centred understandings of environmental integration.
- Education for sustainable development.

Ongoing research projects are e.g.:

- *Landpaths*, subproject 6, concerning how a more multifunctional Swedish agricultural landscape can be achieved through implementation of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in Sweden. Especially so in relation to biodiversity.
- A workpackage on how municipalities use and develop rules and tools in their work of safeguarding green spaces in residential areas to support health and wellbeing.
- An international research collaboration on university teachers' practice, obstacles and possibilities to promote students' sustainability competence.

Education is ongoing in e.g.:

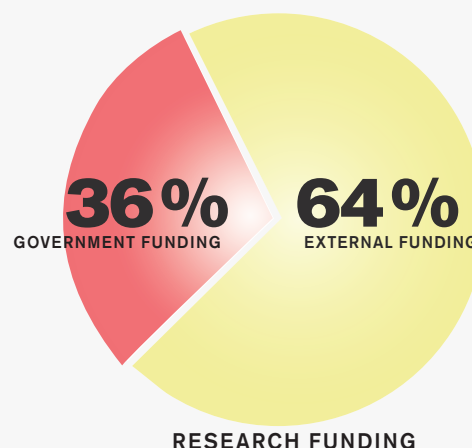
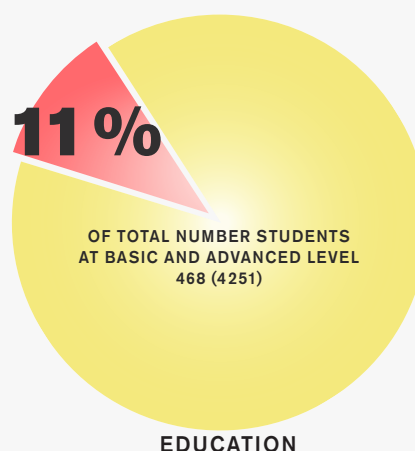
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), one of the main influential global policies for environmental integration in decision-making concerning land use and use of natural resources. SLU is one of very few universities in Sweden that has both undergraduate education in EIA as well as research, to support education.

The group has also initiated *Agora* together with Mid Sweden University, aiming to promote knowledge and learning in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment. A new initiative has been to include the whole department in discussing research and action needs for the implementation of the Work Programme for the Convention on Biodiversity, in Sweden.

FACTS & FIGURES 2025

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MSEK TOTAL TURNOVER	201
STAFF	177
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS	468
DOCTORAL STUDENTS	33
EDUCATION PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED	7
RESEARCH SCHOOL	1



EDUCATION AT BASIC AND ADVANCED LEVEL 2025

WITHIN THE MAIN SUBJECTS: Environmental science, Landscape architecture, Rural development, and Sustainable development

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS (HST): 486

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EQUIVALENT (HPR): 440

SUPERVISED/EXAMINED BACHELOR'S THESES IN:

Environmental science: -	Landscape architecture: 44	Rural development: 10	Sustainable development: 3
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SUPERVISED/EXAMINED MASTER'S THESES IN:

Environmental science: 25	Landscape architecture: 39	Rural development: 24	Sustainable development: -
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PROGRAMS

Landscape Engineer – Uppsala, 3 years

Rural Development – Societal Change, 3 years

Political Science – Sustainable Development, 3 years

Landscape Architect – Uppsala, 5 years

Environmental Communication and Management, international Master's programme, 2 years

Rural Development and Natural Resource Management, international Master's programme, 2 years

Landscape Architecture for Sustainable Urbanisation, international Master's programme, 2 years

DOCTORAL EDUCATION 2025

WITHIN THE SUBJECTS: Agrarian history, Environmental communication, Landscape architecture, and Rural development

Directors of studies: Ann Grubbström, researcher at Division of Environmental Communication

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE STUDENTS: 33

Agrarian history: 5	Environmental communication: 7	Landscape architecture: 6	Rural development: 15
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NUMBER OF DISSERTATIONS: 3 (whereof 1 Licentiate)

NUMBER OF DOCTORAL DEGREES: 2

DOCENT DEGREES 2025

Marien González Hidalgo, Rural development

Dil Khatri, Rural development

Emil Sandström, Rural development

Sara Holmgren, Environmental communication

Malte Rödl, Environmental communication

Martin Westin, Environmental communication

RESEARCH SCHOOL 2025

RESEARCH SCHOOL PEOPLE, SOCIETY & SUSTAINABILITY

A collaboration with the Department of Economics, SLU

Directors of studies: Jens Rommel, Senior Lecturer at Department of Economics and Stephanie Leder Büttner, Associate Professor, Division of Rural Development

COURSES AND ACTIVITIES

An introduction to Geographic Information Systems, 4,5 credits, Course leader: Brian Kuns (8 students)

Qualitative methodology and research design, 5 credits, Course leader: Klara Fischer & Alin Kadfak, (14 students)

Coding qualitative data, Course leader: Richard Ferguson & Ildiko Asztalos Morell (5 students)

To communicate science, 2 credits (co-op between all NJ Faculty Research Schools) (9 students)

How to become a postdoc (co-op between all NJ Faculty Research Schools) (48 students)

Visualize science, PhD student-organised activity (17 students)

RESEARCH PROJECTS 2025

ACTIVE PROJECTS DURING 2025 (ORDERED BY SUBJECT, PROJECT LEADER AT THE DEPARTMENT)

NEW PROJECTS (GRANTED FUNDING DURING 2025)

SUBJECT/UNIT	LEADER	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	FUNDING	PERIOD
Agrarian History	Martin Andersson	Early modern inequality through machine-read wealth registers Using new technology, the project will study wealth inequality in Sweden during the 16 th and 17 th centuries and analyze the structure and change of inequality at the micro level, that is, for all households in the country based on wealth tax records. (Cooperation with Dept. of Economic History at Lund University)	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2025–2028
Agrarian History	Martin Andersson	Geographical analysis of water- and wind mills in early modern Sweden (1625–1825) The project aims to produce the first geographical mapping of mills in early modern Sweden, focusing on three periods when the source material is particularly abundant. (1620s, 1690s, and 1820s)	The Swedish Fire Insurance Board's Foundation for Settlement History Research	2025–2028
Agrarian History	Martin Andersson	Mill capacities and mill monopolies in Early Modern Sweden, 1625–1825 The aim of this project is to study the economic and social workings of the milling industry in Sweden during the Early Modern period (ca. 1625–1825). The main research question is how local mill monopolies arose, persisted, and changed over the period, and how this resulted in lacking milling capacity.	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2025–2027
Agrarian History	Matthew Jacobson	Surviving Aridification — A Framework for Ancient Resilience (SAFAR) The SAFAR project aims to develop a quantitative framework to understand the resilience of past communities impacted by a shift to drier climatic conditions (i.e., aridification). A uniform methodology will be established for coding the socio-political, economic and environmental characteristics of communities as recorded by archaeological material, and a conceptual model will be developed that considers their inter-relations and uncertainties.	Riksbankens jubileumsfond (RJ)	2024–2028

SUBJECT/UNIT	LEADER	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	FUNDING	PERIOD
Agrarian History	Jesper Larsson	TransRein: Transition from Transport Reindeer Herding to Reindeer Pastoralism — A study of Indigenous Governance during Change The project will contribute to a deeper understanding of how indigenous peoples managed the transition from hunters and fishers to reindeer herders. It provides important insights into how people build institutions to manage natural resources and how changes in use affect social relations, the economy and societal institutions.	EU HORIZON-ERC	2024–2028
Agrarian History	William Renström	Crown Common or Peasant's Forest — Ownership of forest in Västmanland c. 1600–1700 This PhD project investigates the development ownership of forests in early modern Sweden, with a focus on the metal producing districts of Bergslagen in central Sweden.	PhD project	2021–
Agrarian History	Jakob Starlander	Forest and settlement fires in Fennoscandia 1600–1800 The aim of this project is to increase our understanding of how forest fires and settlement fires affected and were managed by rural populations in Fennoscandia (Sweden, Norway, Finland) during the early modern period (1600–1800).	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2025–2027
Agrarian History	Patrick Svensson	Who lived where? Spatial perspectives on the distribution of wealth in Stockholm 1715 The project examines economic and social geography of Stockholm at the beginning of the 18 th century. The aim is to spatially reconstruct and analyze housing patterns based on social affiliation, wealth/poverty, occupational categories in Stockholm 1715.	The Swedish Fire Insurance Board's Foundation for Settlement History Research	2024–2025
Agrarian History	Patrick Svensson	Micro Meets Macro — Peasant diaries and the transformation of Sweden 1840–1920 The project studies a local rural context and its members over the agricultural and industrial revolutions using peasant diaries and other sources. It addresses our overall view of societal transformations generally, this period specifically, and the role of the people living their lives in the midst of change.	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2021–2025
Environmental Communication	Klara Fischer	WildHarvest: Understanding and recognising wild products harvesting by Indigenous and Local communities to promote environmental justice and halt biodiversity erosion WildHarvest is a collaboration between researchers and local experts from France, South Africa, Sweden and Zimbabwe that aims to investigate and support traditional and local knowledge systems around the sustainable use of local natural resources in two megadiverse areas: the Cape Floristic Region (CFR) and the Dry Savanna Woodlands (DSW) in southern Africa.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2025–2028
Environmental Communication	Klara Fischer	Carbon farming as a climate measure — a farmer perspective This project aims to develop an interdisciplinary assessment of the potential of carbon farming in Sweden as a climate measure, focusing on the farmers' perspectives.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2026
Environmental Communication	Klara Fischer	The Properties and Relations of Maize — A multispecies study of the role of crop biotechnology in African smallholder farming With changing climates, farmers are experiencing new challenges. Crops are behaving differently and pests are appearing in new areas. Smallholder farmers farming in marginal environments with limited resources are particularly vulnerable. This project investigates the role of new crop biotechnology in smallholder adaptation to climate change. Using maize as a starting point, we aim to understand the changing role of agriculture in South Africa.	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2025–2028
Environmental Communication	Lars Hallgren	Between trust and distrust — Expectations and knowledge coordination in policy production and governance of climate change and biodiversity problems The project will develop dialogical approaches, useful for coordination of knowledge and action in governance of climate and biodiversity.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2022–2026
Environmental Communication	Sara Holmgren	Shadow Forests — Re-thinking dominant forest cultures in times of emergency The purpose of the project is to explore and identify the socio-cultural factors that makes it difficult, and the ones that enables a conversion of Swedish forestry in a transformative direction. And also bring recommendations for how legitimate and fair change processes can be organised.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2022–2026

SUBJECT/UNIT	LEADER	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	FUNDING	PERIOD
Environmental Communication	Sara Holmgren & Stina Powell	Land Paths Governance towards multifunctional landscapes. A 5-year project aiming for governance path ways towards agricultural landscapes producing agricultural products and good biodiversity through the EU Common Agricultural Policy. This is a subproject in the research program LAND PATHS. (Collaboration with Division of Landscape Architecture and SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	2022–2027
Environmental Communication	Sofie Joosse	Mistra Environmental Communication: Reframing communication for sustainability A four-year research programme that aims to reframe environmental communication, i.e., to mainstream an advanced and inclusive understanding of environmental communication in research, policy and practice such that it can effectively underpin and foster sustainability transformations.	Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research (Mistra)	2024–2027
Environmental Communication	Stina Powell & Ann Grubbström	Who does what in the forest? The thoughts of Upper Secondary School youths on their future and opportunities in the forestry industry A focus group study of young women and men at the Natural Resource Program with Forestry Orientation, with the aim of increasing the knowledge about how the next generation of forest workers see their future.	Royal Swedish Agricultural Academy KSLA	2022–2025
Environmental Communication	Kaisa Raitio	Decolonizing Land use Planning — Reimagining Sami-state relations in Sweden and Finland (RE-LAND) This project seeks to understand what decolonization could entail for the everyday practice of land use planning in Sami lands.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2019–2025
Environmental Communication	Kaisa Raitio	Sámi democratic engagement in the energy transition — advancing justice, legitimacy and participatory governance The project explores Sami democratic participation as a prerequisite for a legitimate energy transition in Norway, Sweden and Finland where major transition projects and measures are planned in Sápmi (the traditional Sami lands). These interventions include, for example, new mines for critical raw materials, wind farms, large-scale forestry and hydropower. (Samarbete med Stockholm Environment Institute)	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2028
Environmental Communication	Malte Rödl	Creating meaning on the climate crisis — An investigation of commercial algorithms as communication participants This project examines how Google, Facebook et al. contribute to creating meaning on the climate crisis. These algorithmic information systems are invisible but omnipresent communication participants in today's society. They filter, select and sort information, making decisions about visibility and relevance.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2027
Environmental Communication	Martin Westin	Collaboration, Deliberation and Participation in Times of Post-truth Politics — The role of dialogue experts This project aims to analyze, clarify and reformulate the ambivalent relationship between dialogue, expertise and power in the management of change work.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2022–2025
Landscape Architecture	Andrew Butler	Landscape management in the Wildland-Urban Interface to reduce future wildfire vulnerability for communities — What are the barriers to change? The aim of this project is to formulate, through a socio-environmental framework, how integrated landscape management in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) can reduce communities' vulnerability to wildfire. (Collaboration with RISE (project leader) and Mid Sweden University)	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2021–2025
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	Health promoting forests — From theory to action in urban forest management The goal of this project is to apply theories from the scientific literature and local residents' views on their forest and test this in an urban forest in Täby municipality — a so-called »living lab« where co-creation takes place between users and researchers for the benefit of the citizens.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2025–2027

SUBJECT/UNIT	LEADER	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	FUNDING	PERIOD
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	Smell from nature and reduction of human stress in urban environments The purpose of the project is to identify scents from the nature that reduce stress, and implement the results in urban environments.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2025
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	GreenME: Advancing Greencare in Europe — an integrated multi-scalar approach for the expansion of nature-based therapies to improve Mental health Equity GreenME aims to identify ways in which effective nature-based therapy and a broader green care framework can be scaled-up to improve adult mental health and wellbeing equity while contributing to multiple socio-ecological co-benefits.	HORIZON EUROPE	2023–2027
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	NORDARK Unconventional methods to inform sustainable design — Mediating the needs of people and nature in Nordic after-dark environments Unconventional methods for sustainable lighting design. Challenges of balancing light for people and nature in Nordic urban environments.	Nordforsk	2020–2025
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	Future environmental monitoring with sensor technology The aim is to evaluate how we can use cameras and audio recording equipment for environmental monitoring.	Foma SLU	2022–2025
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	»Sounds like Norway« — The aural experiences of outdoor life and biodiversity The goal is to chart how important natural soundscapes are for outdoor life and biodiversity and develop indicators useful for national park planning. (Collaboration with Norwegian Institute for Nature Research)	Research Council of Norway	2023–2027
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	Green multi-sensory indoor environments for increased well-being In the project, we investigate how indoor environments with greenery linked to sight, hearing and smell can contribute to positive health effects. (Collaboration with Department of Landscape Architecture, Planning and Management)	SLU Future Animals, Nature and Health & MOVIMUM	2020–2025
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	Designed urban plant communities — Do they promote pollinating insects? Aims to provide evidence-based guidance for planning and design of urban green spaces that promote wild pollinators, and especially assess the value of designed plant communities for pollinator populations and diversity in urban areas.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2027
Landscape Architecture	Marcus Hedblom	Land Paths Governance towards multifunctional landscapes. A 5-year project aiming for governance path ways towards agricultural landscapes producing agricultural products and good biodiversity through the EU Common Agricultural Policy. This is a subproject in the research program LAND PATHS. (Collaboration with Division of Environmental Communication and SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	2022–2027
Landscape Architecture	Neva Leposa	Therapeutic landscapes beyond the lush season — Extending the well-being benefits of urban green and blue spaces through outdoor leisure Examines possibilities for planning and use of nearby green/blue spaces beyond the »lush season«, to extend access to their benefits as »therapeutic landscapes« throughout the year.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2026
Landscape Architecture	Helena Nordh	RULES AND TOOLS — to ensure green spaces in the local area to promote health and well-being The question of how existing rules and tools can help municipalities design health-promoting residential areas, is tested, evaluated and critically discussed.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2028

SUBJECT/UNIT	LEADER	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	FUNDING	PERIOD
Landscape Architecture	Helena Nordh	From Here to Eternity — A Study of how the Peace of the Grave is Interpreted in Practice The project investigates and problematises what perpetual grave peace in cemeteries in Sweden entails and has entailed since the mid-1800s, with the goal to spread knowledge about the concept and contribute to national guidelines for the reuse of gravesites, taking into account various religious beliefs. Furthermore, the project aims to initiate a political debate on perpetual grave peace in relation to the future need for more burial ground space.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2026
Landscape Architecture	Mattias Qviström	Reinventing landscape planning for targeting »undisciplined« environmental challenges This project explores the role of landscape planning in dealing with complex environmental and societal problems — both historically and in the present. The aim is to develop a theoretical framework for reviewing landscape planning.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2025
Landscape Architecture	Carola Wingren	Coastal adaptation through flexible land-use (COALA) An interdisciplinary research project that investigates how flexibility in spatial planning and design, flexibility in land use and functions in areas with increased risk of flooding can be a possible strategy for long-term adaptation of coastal areas to rising sea levels and erosion.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2022–2026
Landscape Architecture	Petter Åkerblom	What happens in a tree that is moved? This project investigates what happens in a tree that has to start over in a new location. Research is underway to collect data that can help us understand how trees react to their new location. Part of the project »Svenska Urban Soil Living Lab (URSOILL)«. (Collaboration with Soil and Environment SLU, and RISE)	SLU/ HORIZON Europe	2025–2028
Political Science	Mari Kågström	Agora — An arena for developing knowledge and learning for environmental assessment A strategic research initiative aiming to advance knowledge and learning within environmental assessment, including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).	Strategic funding, Political Science SLU & Mid Sweden University.	2022–
Political Science	Mari Kågström	Actor-centric understanding of sustainability policy integration The project theorises on macro, meso and micro-level factors influencing how Swedish sustainability coordinators engage with critical tasks of promoting local sustainability, in collaboration with Örebro University and Halmstad University.	Strategic funding, Political Science SLU	2024–2025
Political Science	Mari Kågström	Teaching, competence and sustainability in higher education An international collaboration with Mid Sweden University and Technische Universität Berlin aiming to explore teachers' beliefs, practices and barriers for teaching for sustainability agency.	Strategic funding, Political Science SLU & Mid Sweden University	2024–2025
Rural Development	Cristián Alarcón Ferrari	FoodAct: Action Research for Sustainable Food Security in times of Crisis — Agroecology in Sweden, Italy and Chile The project aims to describe, analyze and develop agroecological transformation processes, in order to propose measures for sustainable food supply in times of crisis based on these results. This takes place through change-oriented collaboration between researchers and farmers.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2025
Rural Development	Seema Arora-Jonsson	Migrant Relations and Rural Environments — A neglected dimension of sustainable development The project analyses how migration is changing rural Sweden and through that, the preconditions for sustainability and social justice. Focusing on social-environmental relations, the project investigates how migration and nature-based integration could contribute to a sustainable rural development in Sweden.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2022–2025

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Rural Development	Seema Arora-Jonsson	Climate Transitions in Contested Forests — Justice and governance in digital times The project puts the people in focus and investigates how a just and sustainable future forest is possible, in places where the conflicts are both complex and intractable, by studying three cases that highlight different regional and biophysical conditions and forest contestations in relation to climate transitions: nature conservation, reindeer husbandry, mining and wind-power, and the question of who is to be included in the decision-making.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2021–2025
Rural Development	Ildikó Asztalos Morell	Healthy ageing for Indigenous communities in India and Sweden with focus on nutritious and culturally adequate food provision The project aims to provide critical insights into how improvements in diet and health in older indigenous people can form the basis for active ageing.	Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare - Forte	2022–2025
Rural Development	Johanna Bergman Lodin	Include2Restore The project develops ways to manage grazing lands that are inclusive of everyone in society. This is done through so-called »Livestock cafés« – meeting places where people find solutions together in the Karamoja border area between Uganda and Kenya.	IDRC International Development Research Centre	2025–2028
Rural Development	Johanna Bergman Lodin	AgroDrive — the transition to fossil-free energy in Sweden's agricultural and food systems, for improved competitiveness, higher resilience, and better climate A national centre with the aim to facilitate the transition of the Swedish food chain to rely on fossil-free energy completely by 2050 and largely by 2030. This is specifically directed toward the climate commitments of the sector itself. By phasing out fossil energy, the climate impact is reduced, and preparedness is increased. AgroDrive will be at the forefront of innovative and effective green solutions, research and policy development. (Collaboration with RISE Research Institutes of Sweden AB, and Lund University)	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2028
Rural Development	Johanna Bergman Lodin	GOAT POWER Can top-down intensification of goat production for climate resilience empower women in Zambia? This project investigates the Government of Zambia's initiative to intensify climate resilient goat production by supporting the training and formation of women smallholders' goat rearing cooperatives.	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2024–2026
Rural Development	Patrik Cras	Civil society, collaborative governance platforms and local climate change policy The project investigates how climate focused local collaborative governance platform influence roles and functions of civil society organisations with a climate agenda — what practices in methods, approaches and strategies for collaborative work, as well as visions for future new ways of working, can be identified among the participating organisations?	MUCF—Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society	2022–2025
Rural Development	Linda Engström	COPE: Long-term resilience implications of development agendas for smallholder farmers and herders in rural Africa The project aims to contribute new, locally rooted knowledge about resilience by learning from farmers and pastoralists how they deal with change, uncertainty and crisis situations in their daily lives.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2025–2029
Rural Development	Linda Engström	Towards land equality? Exploring how cancelled land deals affect smallholder farmers' land access and livelihoods in Eastern Africa. (Collaboration with University of Dar es Salaam)	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2022–2025
Rural Development	Harry Fischer	Building synergies between biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and rural prosperity through community forest governance How, and under what conditions, can community forest governance lead to improvements in human well-being, carbon sequestration, and biodiversity from forest restoration?	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2023–2026
Rural Development	Harry Fischer	Can community forest governance improve rural prosperity and well-being from forest restoration? The project aims to contribute to development of a model for just forest restoration that can link global environmental priorities with diverse societal benefits in support of a broader vision of human thriving.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2026

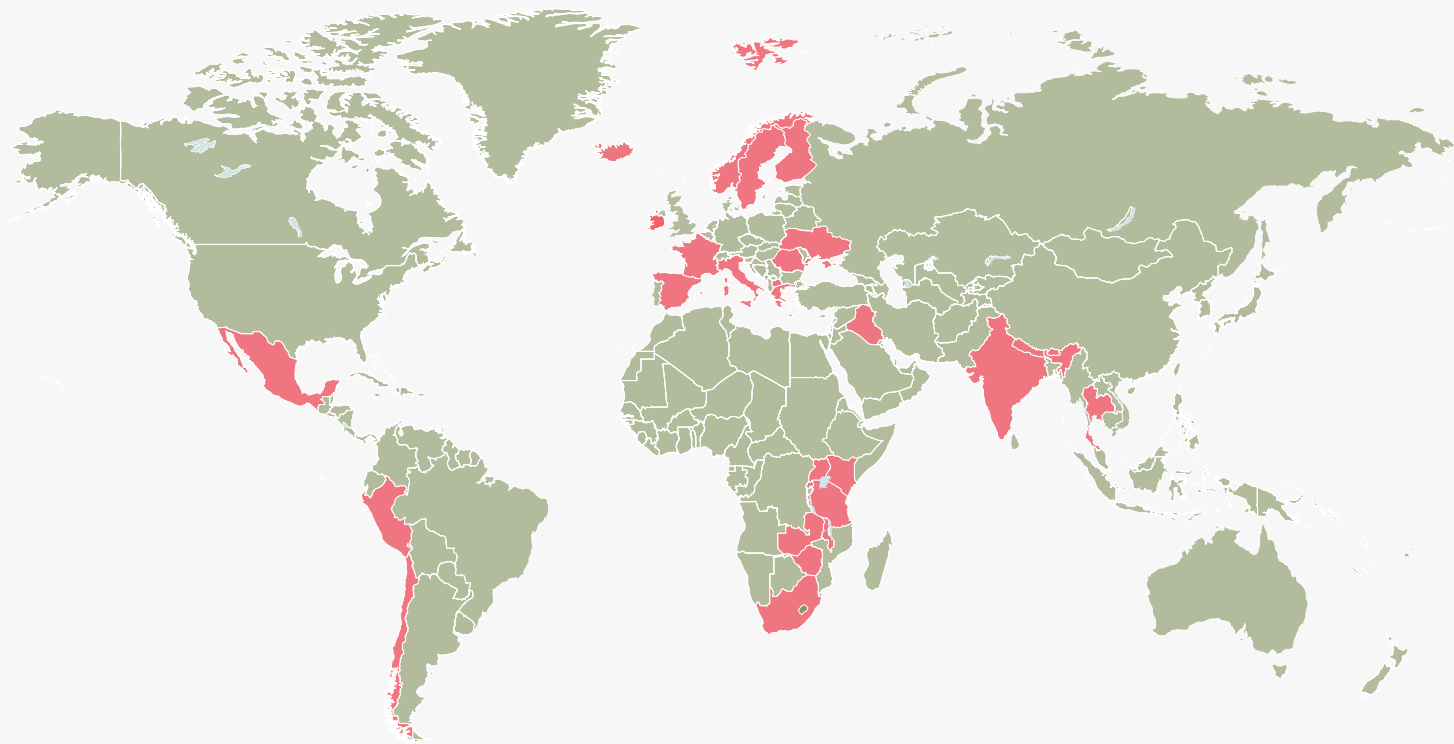
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Rural Development	Noemi Gonda	JUSTPOWER Understanding and developing new tools to support a more just and democratic energy transition based on the core question: How can democratic values be centered in the energy transition in a way that leads to a more inclusive and just social development?	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2025–2027
Rural Development	Marien González Hidalgo	Learning from forest fires — Analysing unequal impacts, well-being and local knowledge and action An analysis of how forest fires unequally shape the well-being of local communities in three cases in Sweden, Spain and Chile.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2021–2027
Rural Development	Alin Kadfak	Who caught my fish? Can traceability systems stop labour rights violations in fisheries? The project's objective is to investigate the potential of the EU mHREDD directive — Mandatory Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence — for addressing labour rights in Vietnam's current fisheries reform. It will answer the question, 'who is really paying the price for cheap seafood?' entering the EU market.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2027
Rural Development	Alin Kadfak	Tracing double negative — Marine ecologies and worker precarity in Southeast Asian trash fish supply chains The project investigates how trash fish supply chains impact marine resource depletion and worker precarity in Southeast Asia.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2026
Rural Development	Linley Chiwona Karlitun	Engendering Rural Transformation for Sustainable Development (ENTRUST) The overall development goal of ENTRUST is to contribute to broad-based national transformation through post-graduate research training and capacity development in collaboration with University of Rwanda.	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)	2019–2026
Rural Development	Dil Khatri	Wild animals — biodiversity or pest? Creating local dialogues for dealing with farming-wildlife conflicts in rural Himalayan landscapes This action research project investigates the the growing problem of human-wildlife conflict in farming landscapes focusign on the interrelated processes of the socio-economic dynamics of agricultural decline and forest transition in mountain landscapes in Nepal.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2022–2026
Rural Development	Brian Kuns	Restoring environments in Ukraine — Capacity building and knowledge exchange on environmental assessment and restoration The purpose of this project is to develop a network between the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA) and SLU focusing on (1) capacity building and knowledge exchange in the field of environmental assessment and ecological restoration with respect to environmental damage caused by the Russian invasion; (2) developing a platform for further research and educational cooperation on these topics.	Swedish Institute	2022–2025
Rural Development	Brian Kuns	Farm work — a survey of work processes, segmentation patterns and sustainability visions in Swedish farm-based production This study seeks to fill a gap in research on farm labor in Sweden in the age of sustainability transitions. The focus is on farm work processes — who does them, with what machines, under what social conditions, and with what consequences for sustainability.	Forte – Swedish Research Council for health, working life and welfare	2021–2026
Rural Development	Brian Kuns	Food security, food sovereignty and collective action during the war in Ukraine — Ukrainian and global perspectives The project studies how different models of agricultural production in Ukraine — large-scale industrialized and small-scale household agriculture — respond to the challenges of war and the role of solidarity and collective action.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2025
Rural Development	Stephanie Leder	Revitalizing community-managed irrigation systems in the context of out-migration in Nepal The project will develop new insights into how communities can address failed irrigation systems and agricultural settlement to increase rural food security in the Global South.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2019–2027

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Rural Development	Stephanie Leder	The Future of Agrarian Mountain Livelihoods (FAML) — Youth Aspirations and Irrigation Modernisation in Nepal This project aims to generate a new understanding of how water resource governance can become more youthinclusive, through a National Pride Irrigation Project in Nepal as a case study.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2027
Rural Development	Kristina Marquardt	The Practice of Resilience in Mountain Landscapes — Exploring risk and landscape investments in rural Nepal This project investigates long-term landscape investments in order to understand how people's landscape use and economic and social structures are mutually constituted with very different outcomes for different social groups in a hierarchical society such as Nepal contributing to the growing body of socio-political nuanced understandings of resilience and adaptive capacity, as well as analyse and reflect on development and environmental changes in an integrated manner.	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2019–2025
Rural Development	Kristina Marquardt	Secondary forests, commodity frontiers and the micro-politics of land claims — Struggling to build smallholder forest futures How do specific commodity frontiers reshape smallholder secondary forestry and with what effects? How do different social actors understand what secondary forest areas should be used for? The project examines how the cultivation of two commercial crops (cocoa, oil palm) in Peru generates new borderlands and drives interconnected processes.	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2023–2025
Rural Development	Kristina Marquardt	What is secondary about secondary forest? Building smallholder forest futures in Peru's Amazonian frontier The project investigates what forest futures can be built, by whom and how, at the forest frontiers in the Peruvian Amazon, and what the role of forest conservation policies is in this.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2021–2025
Rural Development	Kristina Marquardt	Living with uncertainty in South Asia Mountains This 2 year network project aims to generate research and practice around local resilience, as well as promote a debate on policy strategies to deal with insecurity for the poorest in the mountain areas of Bhutan, India and Nepal.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2025
Rural Development	Patrik Oskarsson	The end of coal and the future of land — Transformative mine closures for just and sustainable livelihoods in India The aim of this project is to explore the possibilities of returning land currently occupied by coal to communities in central-eastern India in support of just and sustainable livelihoods.	The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)	2023–2025
Rural Development	Katarina Pettersson	GRASS Ceiling — Gender Equality in Rural and Agricultural Innovation Systems This project is a multi-actor project which aims to empower rural women and increase the number of socio-ecological innovations led by women in agriculture, the rural economy and rural communities.	EU HORIZON 2020	2023–2025
Rural Development	Linus Rosén	INFRAJUST: Infrastructures of energy justice — enabling equitable energy transitions in an infrastructural world The project paves the way for a new understanding of energy justice that takes into account how the physical energy infrastructure itself risks creating new injustices.	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2025–2027
Rural Development	Emil Sandström	Back-to-the-land and the cultivation of a renewed countryside? Exploring the scope and impact of back-to-the-land migration in rural Sweden The project analyses the past decades of back-to-the-land migration in Sweden — its underpinning motives, practices and ideals and discusses its relevance for understanding contemporary rural change in Sweden and for broader food systems transformations?	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2021–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Johnny de Jong	The impact of infrastructure on bats and the need for adaptation measures The aim is to investigate how roads and railways constitute barriers for bats in the landscape and what measures could be taken to counteract negative impacts. (Collaboration with University of Lisboa)	Swedish Transport Administration	–2025

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SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Johnny de Jong	Environmental exposure to mercury in bats To what extent do restored wetlands constitute ecological traps? The project maps mercury contamination within aquatic food chains. (Collaboration with Dept. of Aquatic Sciences and Assessment, SLU).	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2026
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Johnny de Jong	Effects on bats from mosquito control (BTI) at Dalälven What effect does BTI treatment have higher up in the food chain? (Collaboration with Dept. of Ecology and Genetics, Uppsala Univ.).	Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2024–2027
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Johnny de Jong	Migration of bats in the Baltic Sea region in relation to wind power BAMBI Studies on bat migration aimed at developing guidelines to avoid conflicts between wind power and bats.	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket)	2024–2027
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Johnny de Jong	Predicting bat abundance – PREBAT The aim is to develop and evaluate a GIS-based tool to predict conflict points for bats when planning new infrastructure.	Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket)	2024–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Johnny de Jong	Better bio-fuel dialogue How do you create a better dialogue around biofuels and what obstacles does the environmental movement see against biofuel extraction? An interdisciplinary project about environmental communication	Swedish Energy Agency (Energimyndigheten)	2024–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Johnny de Jong	Does the restoration of deciduous-rich forests benefit bat and bird communities? The project aims to develop guidelines for how deciduous-rich forests should be restored to have positive effects on biodiversity, using bats and birds as response organisms.	Skogssällskapet	2024–2029
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	J-O Helldin, Tommy Lennartsson & Juliana Dániel-Ferreira	TRIEKOL 3 — Applied Road and Rail Ecology A research program of the Swedish Transport Administration (STA) on the impact of transport infrastructure on biodiversity and landscape ecology. The aim is to develop knowledge and methods that can help the transport sector to maintain and, where possible, improve the ecological functions and qualities of the landscape. The work has a direct link with ongoing operations of STA, and the results are used to develop new guidelines, planning new investment projects and in the development of maintenance of existing roads and railways. (Collaboration with Dept. of Ecology and Dept. of Wildlife, Fish and Environmental Studies, SLU; Karlstad Univ.; Enviroplanning AB; Swedish Transport Administration; Ecocom AB, Naturcentrum, Calluna AB)	Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket)	2017–2026
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	J-O Helldin & Mari Kågström	Environmental effects of electricity networks Overview of the environmental effects of power lines (overhead lines, ground and water cables) and of the power grid as a whole. The project aims to provide support in the scoping stage of permitting processes, provide an overview of possible effects, and make a first attempt to weigh the effects' significance for environmental goals and environmental legislation. This includes goals for biodiversity (animals and plants), reindeer husbandry, health, landscape, cultural environment, land and water. The power lines' positive potentials, cumulative effects and effects at landscape level are also included.	Swedish Energy Agency (Energimyndigheten)	2022–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	J-O Helldin, Rune Sørås & Juliana Dániel-Ferreira	TRIEKOL4 — Small and medium-sized animals Research on the prioritization and design of measures for medium-sized mammals and amphibians on roads and railways to reduce mortality and barrier effects. The project delivers results for key trade-offs, overarching functional requirements, and scientifically well-founded solutions, along with proposals for their implementation in the Swedish Transport Administration's operations. Throughout the project, close collaboration takes place with the Swedish Transport Administration and researchers in other R&D projects within the field of infrastructure ecology.	Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket)	2024–2027

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SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Tuija Hilding-Rydevik	Land Paths Agriculture A 5-year project on how we in Sweden can find new ways to steer towards an agricultural landscape that both produces agricultural products and good biodiversity within the framework of the EU's common agricultural policy. A subproject in the 5-year research program LAND PATHS, led by Uppsala University in cooperation with Stockholm Resilience Center and Stockholms University.	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency & Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management	2022–2027
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Michael Jones	Enabis The project aims to address the environmental crisis by establishing a network that promotes transdisciplinary dialogue that unfolds NBS concepts and approaches within universities and vocational schools, the professional sphere and society at large. (Collab. with. Univ. of Hohenheim, Wageningen Univ., Univ. of Eastern Finland, Univ. of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vytautas Magnus Univ., Assoc. for European Life Science Universities (ICA), Technical Chamber of Greece/Section of Central Macedonia (TCG/SCM), Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas)	EU Horizon	2024–2026
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Tommy Lennartsson	Biodiversity in railroad station areas Compilation of several years of research and surveys in railway environments in the form of a book. (Collaboration with Swedish Transport Administration, Naturcentrum and Ecomom)	Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket)	2018–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Tommy Lennartsson	Transport Infrastructure and Invasive Alien Species (TRIIAS) Together with the Swedish Transport Administration and external researchers at Karlstad University and Mid Sweden University, CBM has developed a 4-year research program on the management of invasive plants in transport infrastructure. The program is an independent program under TRIEKOL. The research will be conducted in close collaboration with the Swedish Transport Administration and, among other things, study projects in the Swedish Transport Administration's ongoing activities as large-scale trials. This may involve controlling invasive plants, maintaining existing roads, or rebuilding / rebuilding infrastructure. Collaboration between actors is also studied in a special project. The results will be implemented to best support the Swedish Transport Administration's work with invasive species	Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket)	2021–2026
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Tommy Lennartsson	GOLF LANDSCAPES — Biodiversity and multifunctionality of golf landscapes In the project, researchers from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and the United Kingdom collaborate to highlight how golf courses can benefit biodiversity in the landscape. The project is led by NIBIO Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research.	STERF (Scandinavian Turfgrass and Environment Research Foundation)	2024–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Tommy Lennartsson & Jan Plue	TRIEKOL4 — Four Establish species-rich roadside areas Research on how biodiversity can be promoted when building new infrastructure. The project studies, among other things, the reuse of spoil materials, the significance of the surrounding landscape, and how to consider values in existing roads during reconstruction. Collaboration with the Swedish Transport Administration, including conducting studies in their ongoing projects.	Swedish Transport Administration (Trafikverket)	2024–2027
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Tommy Lennartsson & Anna Westin	High nature value farming in North Macedonia As preparation for EU membership, SIDA provides support for, among other things, developing knowledge on how historical and current agriculture shapes agrarian ecosystems. This knowledge is necessary for the work with rural development programs, agricultural support, and the EU's Habitats and Species Directive. Field studies and interviews in collaboration with County Administrative Boards of Skåne and Östergötland, as well as local experts. The project is led by Swedish Environmental Protection Agency.	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket)	2024–2026
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Tommy Lennartsson & Anna Westin	Management of culturally shaped nature A transdisciplinary knowledge investment about ecology, history and landscape management containing courses, knowledge compilation and guidelines for specific habitats and land use types. The over all aim is to obtain better management of biodiversity and cultural heritage through locally adapted knowledge, founded in ecology and history of management dependent habitats. (Collaboration with Swedish National Heritage Board, Swedish EPA, Swedish Forest Agency, County Administrative Boards).	Swedish National Heritage Board (RAÄ) & Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Naturvårdsverket)	2016–

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SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Jan Plue	FUNCnet – Improve functional connectivity in fragmented landscapes for networks of plant-pollinator interactions The project uses the primrose as a model species in both fragmented and connected landscapes across Europe to determine which actions in managed landscapes can strengthen networks of plant-pollinator interactions, aiming to create healthy, resilient ecosystems capable of providing essential ecosystem services. (Collab. with Tartu Univ., Czech Academy of Sciences, Univ. in Jena, KULeuven)	Biodiversa+/ Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)	2023–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Jan Plue	Environmental DNA (eDNA) in grassland restoration The project evaluates, together with conservationists and officials, how environmental DNA (eDNA) could be used as a method to prioritise the right natural pastures seeking restoration support from the county administrative boards. Prioritising the right areas means creating conditions where restoration leads to win-win situations for both biodiversity and farmers' economies. (Collaboration with the County Administrative Board of Stockholm, Jämtland, Dalarna, Skåne, and Blekinge, and the Uppland-, West Coast-, and Archipelago Foundations)	The Swedish Board of Agriculture	2023–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Håkan Tunón	The tree book project The aim is to present the biodiversity of some of the most common trees in Sweden. The author has a deep knowledge concerning various organisms that are depending of these trees for their survival, and the books are illustrated with water colour paintings. To visualize the true meaning of biodiversity. (Collaboration with Swedish Society for Nature Conservation and Swedish WWF)	The Swedish Forest Society Foundation (Stiftelsen Skogssällskapet)/ C.F. Lundströms stiftelse	2008–
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Håkan Tunón, Hannes Norr & Marie Kvarnström	Swedish Saami Parliament as thematic focal point for CBD, art. 8j During 2021–2023 the Saami Parliament has a governmental assignment to act as thematic focal point for traditional knowledge and customary use (art. 8(j)). CBM contributes with experiences from Naptek (National Programme for Local and Traditional Knowledge related to Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity), a project at CBM between 2006 and 2015. CBM is advising the Saami Parliament in the process and will act as node for non-Saami knowledge traditions.	Swedish Saami Parliament	2021–2026
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Håkan Tunón & Marie Kvarnström	NARROW: NARRatives On restored Water — an EU Biodiv-Restore project The purpose with the project is to study how restoration of degraded waters and how this process change people's narratives. This is done in collaboration with Université de Lausanne (Switzerland) and Snowchange Cooperative (Finland). A hypothesis is that restoration initiated by local actors will make them less prone to exploit the area, this might make it a possible tool to achieve the 30x30 goal (30% of representative land and water areas should be protected prior to 2030).	Biodiversa +/ Walter JPI - joint call	2022–2025
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Anna Westin & Tommy Lennartsson	Comparative Historical Ecology in European Landscapes Combining anthropology, ecology, bicultural heritage and agrarian history, to advance the historical ecology knowledge on the connections between man and nature, resource use and ecosystem services in Sweden, France, Romania and Baskia.	Strategic funds, CBM	2015–
SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre	Anna Westin & Tommy Lennartsson	Traditional land use, biodiversity, sustainability and local traditions in present Romania and historical Sweden Anthropology, ecology and agrarian history are combined to create understanding of the connections between the use of grasslands and biodiversity, in today's Transylvania and in pre-industrial Sweden. (Collaboration with National Museum of the Romanian Peasant, Dept. of Sociology, National School of Political Science and Administration, Bukarest)	Strategic funds, CBM	2013–
SLU Swedish Centre of Nature Interpretation	Jasmine Zhang	Ekologisk Pilgrimsfärd — Att engagera för biologisk mångfald genom vandringsinterventioner The project brings together researchers, artists, indigenous peoples, local communities and hikers in Norway, Iceland, Finland and Sweden to develop hiking interventions – <i>ecological pilgrimages</i> – that encourage reflection on our role in nature and local environmental challenges. (Collab. with Lappland Univ., Umeå Univ., Norsk institutt for naturforskning, University of Iceland & Natural Resources Institute Finland)	Biodiversa+	2025–2028



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- 08 OCT **Environmental Communication Day 2025.** An annual one-day conference aimed at everyone who works with environmental or sustainability issues and uses communication as a central tool, regardless of professional title or organisational role. Arranged by the research program Mistra Environmental Communication.
- 21–23 OCT **Swedish Biodiversity Symposium** with the theme: *Societal transformation – from knowledge to action.* One of the head organisers was SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre.

THE DEPARTMENT IN MEDIA 2025

- 02 JAN **Kristianstadsbladet**, *Gravar i Kristianstad i riskzonen – kan dränkas: »Omöjligt«*
Carola Wingren (Landscape Architecture – Design)
- 02 JAN **Norra Skåne Premium**, *Gravar i Kristianstad i riskzonen – kan dränkas: »Omöjligt«*
Carola Wingren (Landscape Architecture – Design)
- 03 JAN **ETC Nyhetsmagasin**, *Stämmorik fågelkör gör underverk*
Marcus Hedblom (Landscape Architecture – Urban Ecology)
- 06 JAN **ETC**, *Stämmorik fågelkör gör underverk*
Marcus Hedblom (Landscape Architecture – Urban Ecology)
- 08 JAN **Ystads Allehanda**, *Därför ser Österlens landskap ut som det gör – dramatisk utveckling*
Urban Emanuelsson (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)

- 14 JAN **Altinget**, *Forskare: Regeringen underminerar Sveriges roll i det globala samfundet*
Linda Engström (Rural Development – Global South)
- 30 JAN **Skogsaktuellt**, *Hur ska framtidens skogsbruk locka unga skogsmaskinförare?*
Ann Grubbström, Stina Powell & Sara Holmgren (Environmental Communication)
- 05 FEB **Lantbrukspodden**, *LandLantbruk, 30 år i EU – kvotkaos och regelkrångel för mjölkbönder*
Carin Martiin (Agrarian History)
- 07 FEB **Aftonbladet**, *Gör studenter redo att bidra i omställningen*
Karin Gerhardt & Marie Kvarnström (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
Christoffer S. Kanarp (Environmental Communication)
Patrik Oskarsson (Rural Development – Global South)
- 10 FEB **Aktuell Hållbarhet**, *Analys: Så kan dialogen om hållbarhetsfrågor bli mindre destruktiv*
Martin Westin, Camilo Calderton & Miron Arljung (Environmental Communication)
- 15 FEB **Dagens Nyheter**, *Forskare kritiska till utredning om svenska skogar*
Torbjörn Ebenhard (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 17 FEB **ETC**, *Nora Wurtzel: Tidöpartierna väljer kapitalets sida i kampen om skogen*
Erik Westholm (Rural Development – Global North)
- 18 FEB **Dagens ETC**, *Ledare: Tidöpartierna säljer ut skogen till kapitalet*
Erik Westholm (Rural Development – Global North)
- 20 FEB **Uppsala Nya Tidning**, *Forskningsfusket som gör experten mörkrädd*
Malte Rödl (Environmental Communication)
- 23 FEB **Sierraloaded**, *Sierra Leone Loves Rice And Wants to Free Itself From Imports. But How to Do It?*
Klara Fischer (Environmental Communication)
- 25 FEB **Sveriges Radio**, *Studio Ett, Miljötoppmöte återupptas i Rom*
Torbjörn Ebenhard (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 26 FEB **Sveriges Radio**, *Vetenskapsradion Nyheter, Stora delar av unik naturskog kan komma att avverkas*
Torbjörn Ebenhard (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 27 FEB **Kalmar Läns Tidning/Nybro Tidning**, *Konst och forskning möttes vid Kalmars kust*
Carola Wingren (Landskapsarkitektur – Design)
- 05 MAR **Västerbotten-Kuriren**, *Samisk mat på samiskt äldreboende – två gånger per år*
Ildikó Asztalos Morell (Rural Development – Global North)
- 28 FEB **Tjugofyra7**, *Mässan visar: beredskapen stärks på alla områden*
Brian Kuns (Rural Development – Global North)
- 10 APR **Aktuell Hållbarhet**, *Här är listan över Sveriges hållbarhetsmäktigaste personer 101 »Klimatledarskap är en färskvara«*
Torbjörn Ebenhard (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 11 APR **Aktuell Hållbarhet**, *Stort upprop: Prioritera folkbildningen – grunden för omställning*
Thomas Norrby (Rural Development – Global North)
- 17 APR **Svensk Jakt**, *Storleken har betydelse – korta viltpassager populärare bland klövviltet*
Jan Olof Helldin (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 23 APR **Arkitekten**, *Cykling kan bidra till stadsliv och hållbarhet*
Daniel Valentini (Landscape Architecture – Landscape, Planning and Society)
- 25 APR¹ **TT Nyhetsbyrån**, *Varning: Avfärda inte forskning som åsikter*
Torbjörn Ebenhard & Karin Gerhardt (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 02 MAY **Land**, *Fågelkvitter minskar din stress*
Marcus Hedblom (Landscape Architecture – Urban Ecology)
- 02 MAY **ETC Nyhetsmagasin**, *Rent mjöl i påsen*
Karin Gerhardt (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 15 MAY **Icon Magazine**, *Brödbak med Karin Gerhardt*
Karin Gerhardt (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)

- 15 MAY **Extrakt**, *Näshår som filtrerar bort luftföroreningar?*
Hanna Bergeå (Environmental Communication)
- 15 MAY **Tidningen Syre**, *Ironi effektivt vid miljökommunikation – näshårskampanj fick spridning*
Hanna Bergeå (Environmental Communication)
- 18 MAYⁱⁱ **Sveriges Radio**, *Ekot, Fågelsången gör oss friskare*
Marcus Hedblom (Landscape Architecture – Urban Ecology)
- 21 MAYⁱⁱⁱ **Grönt Samhällsbyggande**, *Mångtydiga budskap tycks ha banat väg för snabb klimatpolitisk kursändring*
Anke Fischer (Environmental Communication)
- 22 MAY **Natursidan**, *Naturpodden: Jan Plue om ängsmarker och gullvivors utdöendeskuld*
Jan Plue (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 22 MAY **Tidningen Syre**, *FN varnar för rasande artdöd – Sveriges insatser sågas av expert*
Torbjörn Ebenhard (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 23 MAY **Aftonbladet**, *Det är inte elitism att bry sig om vetenskapen*
Torbjörn Ebenhard & Karin Gerhardt (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 24 MAY **Uppsala Nya Tidning**, *Varför tiger SLU om politiken för kalhyggen?*
Erik Westholm (Rural Development – Global North)
- 03 JUN **Sveriges Radio**, *Vetenskapsradion Historia, Stormaktstidens trädgårdar*
Åsa Ahrlund (Landscape Architecture – Design)
- 05 JUN **TV4**, *Försommarkollen – medborgarforskning om fenologi*
Per Bengtson (SLU Swedish Centre for Nature Interpretation)
- 05 JUN **Dagens Nyheter**, *Utredning vill ändra svensk skogspolitik i grunden*
Torbjörn Ebenhard (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 06 JUN **Dagens Nyheter**, *Forskare varnar för systemskifte i skogspolitiken*
Torbjörn Ebenhard (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 09 JUN **Kyrkans Tidning**, *Därför kommer skrivelsen om skogen att väcka besvikelse*
Håkan Tunón (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 09 JUN **TV4**, *Resultat från försommarkollen, hur blomningstiden påverkas av ett varmare klimat*
Per Bengtson (SLU Swedish Centre for Nature Interpretation)
- 19 JUN **Sveriges Radio**, *Studio Ett, Kommer det att finnas blommor kvar till midsommar i framtiden?*
Per Bengtson (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 19 JUN **Loimaan Lehti**, *»Ruokaturva syntyy, kun ruokajärjestelmä toimii hyvin«
(Livsmedelssäkerhet uppstår när livsmedelssystemet fungerar väl)*
Patrick Svensson (Agrarian History)
- 20 JUN **Sveriges Radio**, *Naturmorgon, Renens år*
Urban Emanuelsson (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 02 JUL **Tidningen Husdjur**, *Framtidspotential hos små mjölkgårdar*
Brian Kuns (Rural Development – Global North)
- 11 JUL **Västerbottens Mellanbygd**, *Lupinen kräver bekämpning – de tar till svärd och lie*
Jan Olof Helldin & Juliana Dániel Ferreira (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 16 JUL **Västerbottens Mellanbygd**, *Lupinen kräver bekämpning – ibland med samurajsvärd*
Jan Olof Helldin & Juliana Dániel Ferreira (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 21 JUL **Kyrkans Tidning**, *Evig gravfrid ifrågasätts – ny studie granskar framtidens kyrkogårdar*
Helena Nordh (Landscape Architecture – Design)
- 1 AUG **Jordbruksaktuellt**, *Ny bok skildrar trädgårdsodlingen genom historien*
Åsa Ahrlund (Landscape Architecture – Design)
- 23 AUG **Sveriges Radio**, *P4 Stockholm, Sergels torgs förändring – från pundarhäng till pysselhak*
Hildegund Nilsson Varhelyi (Landscape Architecture – Design)

- 26 AUG **Mitt i Stockholm**, *Förskolebarn och flanörer har tagit över Sergels torg*
Hildegun Nilsson Varhelyi (Landscape Architecture – Design)
- 26 AUG **Tidningen Djurskyddet**, *Öronmärkning leder till onödigt lidande för många av lantbrukets djur*
Åsa Fahlman (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 26 AUG **Tidningen Syre**, *Kritik mot öronmärkning*
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- 29 AUG^{iv} **Sveriges Radio**, P1 Morgon, *Nu kartläggs fladdermössens flytt – för minimal krock med vindkraft*
Heather Wood (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 12 SEP **Sveriges Radio**, Förmiddag i P1, *Rebeckas syster ska begravas för andra gången*
Helena Nordh (Landscape Architecture – Design)
- 12 SEP **Tidskriften Landskab**, *Ett landskap under påverkan*
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- 15 SEP **Sveriges Radio**, Vetenskapsradion Nyheter, *Vägtrummor kan hjälpa djur över farliga vägar*
Rune Sörås (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 16 SEP **Aktuell Hållbarhet**, *Analys: »Klimatmedborgarråd måste välja – öka förståelse mellan meningsmotståndare eller stötta en viss politik«*
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- 16 SEP **Dagens Nyheter**, DN debatt, *»Så blev den gröna omställningen ett rött skynke i debatten«*
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- 16 SEP **Tidningen Global**, *Dags att upphöra med tunnelseendet*
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- 21 SEP **Land Lantbruk**, *Vi behöver en bättre idé om skogens framtid*
Erik Westholm (Rural Development – Global North)
- 21 SEP **Uppsala Nya Tidning**, *Hundratals ekar flyttas för spårvägen*
Petter Åkerblom (Landscape Architecture – Urban Ecology)
- 22 SEP **Nordiska Projekt**, *DEBATT: »Så blev den gröna omställningen ett rött skynke i debatten«*
Anke Fischer, Sofie Joosse, Nora Förell & Kornelia Johansson (Environmental Communication)
- 24 SEP^v **Sveriges Radio**, Morgon i P4 Norrbotten, *Kan vistelse i skogen hjälpa personer som lider av stress*
Marcus Hedblom (Landscape Architecture – Urban Ecology)
- 25 SEP **Kalmar Läns Tidning/Nybro Tidning**, *En kväll om skogens framtid*
Erik Westholm (Rural Development – Global North)
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Erik Westholm (Rural Development – Global North)
- 03 OCT **Sten**, *Evig gravfrid ett bortglömt argument*
Helena Nordh (Landscape Architecture – Design)
- 08 OCT **Sveriges Radio**, Vetenskapsradion Klotet, *Ingemar går den naturnära vägen med sin skog*
Erik Westholm (Rural Development – Global North)
- 15 OCT **RS & FastFood**, *Hållbar öl under lupp – bryggerijättar anklagas för greenwashing*
Karin Gerhardt (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 16 OCT **Natursidan**, Naturpodden: *Torbjörn Ebenhard om hur regeringen manipulerat EU-rapport*
Torbjörn Ebenhard (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 21 OCT **Aktuell Hållbarhet**, *Slutreplik: »Använd klimatmedborgarråd för att minska polarisering«*
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- 22 OCT **Sveriges Radio**, Vetenskapsradion Nyheter, *Ekar ska avslöja hur träd reagerar på att flyttas*
Petter Åkerblom (Landscape Architecture – Urban Ecology)

- 24 OCT **Sveriges Radio**, Vetenskapsradion På djupet, *Skogsägare väljer bort monokulturer för att rädda biologisk mångfald*
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- 07 NOV **Jordbruksaktuellt**, *»Fler kvinnor har idag en tydlig agenda och vet vad de vill«*
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- 10 NOV **Sveriges Radio**, Förmiddag i P4 Uppland, *Unik forskning väntar – när spårvägsbygget flyttar på ekar*
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- 27 NOV **Skogen**, *Flyttade ekar ska studeras*
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- 29 NOV **Bohusläningen**, *Skogsbruket måste ställa om – men vill kyrkan ta tåten?*
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Erik Westholm (Rural Development – Global North)
- 08 DEC^{vi} **Sveriges Radio**, P1 Morgon, *Hur mycket plast tål havslevande djur att få i sig?*
Åsa Fahlman (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 12 DEC **Extrakt**, *Naturen ger ukrainare känslan av hem*
Brian Kuns (Rural Development – Global North)
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- 15 DEC **Örebro nyheter**, *Naturen och grönområden hjälper ukrainare att återhämta sig men förbises i återuppbyggnaden*
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- 18 DEC **Svenska Dagbladet**, Under strecket, *Därför har vindkraften hamnat i motvind Sedan 1918*
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- 20 DEC **Sveriges Radio**, P4 Uppland, *Forskaren förvånad – naturen tröstar: »Inser hur viktigt det är«*
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- 24 DEC **Sveriges Radio**, Vetenskapsradion Klotet, *Den vilda naturen läkte Anna: »Det var helt fantastiskt«*
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- 25 DEC **Sveriges Radio**, P1 Morgon, *Brödet – vår glömda historia*
Karin Gerhardt (SLU Swedish Biodiversity Centre)
- 27 DEC **Sveriges Radio**, Naturmorgon, *Höjdpunkter från Naturmorgonåret 2025*
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ⁱ Also in: Dagens Nyheter, Aktuell Hållbarhet, Blekinge Läns Tidning, Barometern, Ystads Allehanda, Smålandsposten, Aftonbladet, Folkbladet.nu, Västerbottens-Kuriren, Göteborgs-Posten, Svenska Dagbladet

ⁱⁱ Also in: God morgon Världen, P4 Norrbotten

ⁱⁱⁱ Also in: Altinget, Extrakt

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		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total turnover	MSEK	110	127	132	144	144	165	173	180	192	192	201
Whereof government funding	MSEK	73	77	89	94	75	94	100	100	102	98	66
Staff												
Full-time equivalent		89	92	94	102	112	130	131	132	137	133	132
Total number		125	120	128	137	148	171	169	182	170	167	xxx
Full-time equivalent students												
Basic and advanced level		439	431	444	463	466	526	548	548	521	481	486
Annual performance equivalent												
Basic and advanced level		414	397	389	451	431	491	482	487	481	457	440
Active doctoral students												
Dissertations		42	35	30	32	33	29	24	30	35	34	33
Dissertations		3	11	6	3	3	4	3	1	9	4	3
Doctoral degrees				3	4	2	3	6	-	9	5	2
Licentiate degrees		-	-	2	-	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Publications												
Independent and degree projects		123	134	134	138	128	153	140	144	164	173	145
Doctoral and licentiate theses		3	12	6	3	4	4	3	1	9	4	2
Peer-reviewed research articles and reviews		35	60	74	63	55	56	82	78	72	79	71
Peer-reviewed book chapters		10	34	16	24	14	14	13	11	14	26	45
Books		2	6	7	4	-	2	1	2	6	1	3

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