

## Call for Papers

### NESS Workshop: Environmental policy attitudes in an era of crises

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The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the world resulting in deaths and restrictions of social interaction. At the same time the global society is facing several other crises that in the long-run most likely will generate even more severe consequences in terms of human suffering, such as climate change and antimicrobial resistance. One way to understand these problems is to view them as collective action problems, where individuals have a short-term self-interest to consume or behave in a way that is unsustainable, even though they are aware that there are long-term collective costs. Due to this we are unlikely to see sufficient voluntary behavioral change and therefore we see plethora of public intervention to tackle these problems. However, we know that several of the policies proposed to handle the problems face strong resistance among the citizenry. This workshop invites papers that aim to understand climate and environmental policy support and resistance in an era of crises. For example, what can scholars of climate and environmental policy attitudes learn from the public response to the COVID-19 policies? We especially invite papers trying to understand how demands for efficiency and effectiveness can be met at the same time as they meet the request for public legitimacy. We invite studies conducted in the Nordic context but also research performed in other countries.

The NESS workshops follow a standing session format (similar to ECPR), which allows for substantive discussions on research in progress. The conference invites scholars from multiple disciplinary backgrounds in environmental social science. The overall **objective** of the **workshop** is to facilitate and encourage participation, equality and collaboration between younger and more established scholars. Each paper is expected to relate to the theme of the workshop, and the participant submits and presents a paper (or work in progress) for the discussion. Workshop participants will be asked to comment on at least one other paper in the respective workshop and participate in the general discussion of the other papers presented. Participants should only choose and attend one workshop for the duration of the conference. The ambition with this format is that the workshops allow for in-depth and coherent discussions of the respective themes and provide opportunity for potential joint publications or other continuing collaborations between the participants.