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Call for Papers for Workshops
for the Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference (NESS), University of Gothenburg, Sweden, June 7-9, 2022. [Link to Conference site](#)

Workshop: Psychological and behavioral effects of emergencies: implications for sustainability

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In this workshop we will discuss sustainable behaviors and/or psychological reactions to emergency and transformation in terms of sustainable implications. For example, the role of emergencies, habit disruptions, social norm, and feedback in attitude- and behavioral change. We encourage research on if and how the Covid-19 crisis, or other feedback procedures, affects sustainable transformations.

If emergencies serve as a leverage for attitude- and behavioral change, what are the driving mechanism for such a change? Are the consequences of emergencies mediated by peoples' values or personality? What are the psychological implications in terms of emotions, risk perception, attitude- or behaviors and perceived trust or fairness? What can we learn from these emergencies in terms of social influence, persuasion techniques or choice architecture? Are large scale outcome such as policy acceptance, and climate change adaptation and mitigation affected?

Instructions for Workshop Participants

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 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. Participants should only choose and attend one workshop for the duration of the conference, but you may send abstracts to more than one

workshop. Workshop participants will be asked to comment on at least one other paper in the respective workshop, read the other papers and participate in the general discussion of the papers. 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.

Send your abstract of up to 300 words to all the workshop chairs no later than **December 15, 2021**. Chairs will respond to questions which relate to the workshop theme. For questions of a general nature (i.e. not workshop specific) they should be directed to ness@globalstudies.gu.se

The conference organizers will notify the participants of their acceptance to the workshops by **March 1, 2022**. Workshop papers are to be submitted to the workshop chairs and the other workshop participants at the latest **May 20**. May 20 is also the last day to register for the conference on the website. A workshop schedule including information on presentations, session chairs and discussants will be available on the conference website at the end of May. The workshop format only allows for very short paper presentations (ca. 5 min) and all workshop participants are expected to have read and be able to comment on the papers in the workshop.