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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: 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.

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.