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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: Fair Transformations Achieving Carbon Budgets

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Fundamental societal transformations are called for in order to stay within the narrow carbon budget compatible with a high probability of not trespassing the temperature goals set out in the Paris Agreement. Realising such fundamental changes presumes a successful implementation of transformative governance pathways and strategies, including but not limited to co-creative knowledge production, deliberative democracy processes, and effectual policy processes and instruments, all in all constituting a mix of well-known and innovative governance elements. While both disciplinary and transdisciplinary scholars as well as policymakers and civil society organisations in recent years and increasingly have devoted much energy to this grand challenge, numerous research gaps exist and it is far from known how to cope with the wicked problem nature of fair and effectual climate change mitigation.

This workshop consequently aims to produce additional pieces of knowledge and experience to the puzzle titled Fair Transformations Achieving Carbon Budgets. We invite theoretical, empirical and normative papers focused on, but not restricted to, the following themes and research questions:

- What is a fair (or just or equitable) carbon budget, for the global level, a nation, a community or a specific sector? What normative principles and policy-making processes should guide decisions on carbon budget allocation?

- Which deliberative systems and policy processes can be set up for promoting that carbon budgets are both fair and respected, in general or in specific cases, such as within certain geographical areas or specific societal sectors?
- What are the major barriers and drivers for embarking on transformative pathways and how can climate governance and policy, in general or in specific cases, suppress the former and take hold of the latter?
- How can co-creative learning and engagement for fair and fossil free transformations be stimulated in society at large?

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.