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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: Ecosystem based Transformative Ocean Governance: Nordic Experiences and Challenges

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The ocean is one and without any borders, making ocean governance an issue of collective action, mostly involving several jurisdictions and to a high degree (60% of the ocean) outside national jurisdictions. To achieve the objectives of a healthy, productive, safe, secure and resilient ocean, across the globe and in time, is really a challenge of governance. With an expected global population in 2050 of about 10 billion there is increasing pressure on the marine ecosystems from the economic development of maritime sectors, (shipping, fisheries, offshore oil and gas production, offshore renewable energy, cruise tourism, coastal tourism and deep seabed mining). But as a growth in the *Blue economy* is requiring a healthy ocean, the need for conservation and precautionary management must be operationalized.

The opposing uses of the ocean increases the need for realizing and communicating the ecosystem services that have societal and ecological value (coastal protection, CO₂ storage and biodiversity) over space and time. The continuous tension between exploitation and conservation asks for specific governance arrangements, institutions and management constructions to govern and manage the “Limits to Blue Growth” of the blue realm.

This theme welcomes papers about governing people influencing the status of the ocean ecosystems but also the distribution of the power over these resources as well as issues of legitimacy and equity in maritime planning and policies. Of particular interest are papers focusing on the possibilities of transforming institutions, principles and practices. We foresee papers giving examples of best practices and addressing issues such as:

- What are relevant drivers and constrains for such transformation?

- Whom are the key actors in the transformation of ocean governance?

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.