

Responsibility-related regular research seminars 2023

Sustainability-related seminars are held weekly. At the Economics department alone, we have three weekly lunch seminar series focused on sustainability (Environmental, Development, and Behavioral Economics seminars), organized most weeks. In addition, other seminar series, such as Finance and Applied Microeconomics, also include sustainability-related themes. The Department of Business Administration, the Department of Law, and the Department of Economy and Society also host several seminars, though not in weekly series.

Open Research Seminars

The School hosts several annual open research seminars with a wide target audience. In 2024, open seminar series on the following themes were hosted:

Nobel Lecture: Technology and Global Inequality in the Age of AI (the Annual Nobel Lecture)

Lecture with Economics Laureate Professor Simon Johnson, MIT Sloan

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2024 focuses on why some countries are rich and others are poor. One important explanation is persistent differences in societal institutions. By examining the political and economic systems introduced by European colonizers, Simon Johnson, Daron Acemoglu, and James A. Robinson have demonstrated a relationship between institutions and prosperity.

More information: www.gu.se/en/event/nobel-lecture-technology-and-global-inequality-in-the-age-of-ai

Private Contractors in War: Context, Regulations, and Policy (Joakim Dungel Lectures)

The 2024 edition of the Joakim Dungel Lectures in International Justice explores the impact of private military and security companies in modern conflict zones, highlighting their roles and the challenges they pose to established legal frameworks.

More information: www.gu.se/en/event/private-contractors-in-war-context-regulations-and-policy

Challenges in African governance, leadership & democracy – KAPTalks

In recent times, several African states in the Sahel region have been target for military coups and increasing internal conflicts. Dr Mo Ibrahim will provide an overview of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation's groundbreaking activities, in particular the causes and effects of these recent developments.

More information: www.gu.se/en/event/challenges-in-african-governance-leadership-democracy-kaptalks

The Ocean-Climate Nexus in International Law

This year's Kurt Grönfors Lecture will delve into the critical nexus between the ocean and climate from an international legal perspective.

More information: www.gu.se/en/event/the-ocean-climate-nexus-in-international-law

International Companies Think Locally – Innovation Hubs and Urban Development

In recent years, AstraZeneca and Volvo Cars have developed innovation hubs in the Gothenburg region, aiming to foster innovation and competitiveness through local skills and networks. Are these expectations realistic? What can be learned from similar global initiatives? How might these projects impact local business and urban development?

More information: www.gu.se/evenemang/internationella-bolag-tanker-mer-lokalt

The Open Lunch Research Seminar Series (In Swedish)

Beloved Recycling? Waste Policy and Eco-Friendly Behavior Sustainability & Environment

What is truly the best way to reduce household waste in society? During this digital Knowledge Lunch, Claes Ek will summarize his research on the driving factors behind household waste behavior – and eco-friendliness in general.

Maritime Shipping and Global Crises – An End to Globalization?

Pandemics, wars, strikes, high transport costs, and canal blockages affect deliveries to our stores. During this Lunch seminar, Johan Woxenius will present findings from a series of research projects on how disruptions impact maritime shipping and global trade, as well as how companies respond to keep transport operations running.