

Call for Papers

PhD Workshop – SUxTAIN Conference

Sustainability at the Crossroads: Transitioning Artificial Intelligence for Nature
8 May 2026 | University of Gothenburg

As part of the launch of the SUxTAIN research initiative, we invite PhD candidates to submit papers for participation in a dedicated PhD workshop held on the second day of the SUxTAIN Conference (7–8 May 2026).

The workshop aims to provide a constructive and interdisciplinary forum for early-stage and advanced doctoral researchers working at the intersection of **artificial intelligence, sustainability, law, and society**. Participants will receive in-depth feedback from an international and interdisciplinary expert committee.

Workshop Theme

Ongoing Research on Sustainability at the Crossroads: Addressing AI's Unsustainability

The SUxTAIN initiative critically examines the environmental, social, and cultural implications of AI systems. Contributions may engage with (non-exhaustive list):

- AI and environmental sustainability (e.g. energy consumption, data centres, resource extraction)
- AI governance, regulation, and legal frameworks
- Data governance, access, and power asymmetries
- AI and discrimination, inequality, or justice
- Socio-technical transformations and knowledge production
- Posthumanist or interdisciplinary approaches to sustainability
- AI infrastructures as socio-ecological systems

We particularly encourage submissions that adopt **critical, interdisciplinary, or innovative theoretical approaches**, in line with SUxTAIN's relational understanding of sustainability.

Submission Guidelines

- **Paper length:** 5–10 pages
 - Approx. **2,000–4,000 words** (including footnotes, excluding bibliography)
- **Stage of research:**
 - Early drafts, work-in-progress, or developed papers are all welcome
- **Focus:**

- Submissions should clearly indicate **specific aspects on which feedback is sought**
 - **Format:**
 - PDF, written in English
 - **Submission deadline:** 30 April 2026
 - **Notification of acceptance:** 01 May 2026
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Workshop Format

Selected participants will:

- Present their work (approx. 20 minutes)
- Receive structured feedback from the SUxTAIN committee and peers (approx. 15 minutes)
- Engage in interdisciplinary discussion (approx. 15 minutes)

The workshop is designed as a **high-feedback environment**, prioritizing academic development and critical and constructive exchange.

SUxTAIN PhD Workshop Committee

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About SUxTAIN

SUxTAIN – *Sustainability at the Crossroads: Transitioning Artificial Intelligence for Nature* – is an interdisciplinary research initiative exploring the unsustainability of AI and its impacts across ecological, social, and cultural domains.

The initiative brings together perspectives from law, technology, humanities, and social sciences to develop new conceptual and normative approaches to sustainability in the age of AI.

Submission

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