

# Sustainable planning: Challenges, policy, and norms in the Nordic context, 5 credits

## Course description

This course aims to discuss and reflect on current debates and perspectives in sustainable planning and environmental management in a Nordic context. The course has a multidisciplinary perspective and relates to current research in human geography, political science, sociology, and environmental sciences.

The course is organized in four one-day sessions taking place in Karlstad and Örebro during the period November-December 2023. Between the sessions the students are expected to work on their own. The sessions are in lecture, seminar, and workshop format varyingly, and on the following themes:

- Planning for sustainable transformation
- Planning in the age of neoliberalism
- Planning for the countryside/rural planning
- Planning through experts and legislation

The course is graded with pass/fail and the assessment is based on an individual written essay assignment where the student discusses and reflects upon different perspectives on sustainable planning and environmental management and relates this to their own research discipline and topic.

Eligible for the course are students enrolled in PhD education in university in Sweden or abroad, in either Human geography, a discipline in the WATCH research school or an adjacent discipline. Students in WATCH research school and the other Formas research schools have priority over other applicants.

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Deadline for signing up for the course: November 6, 2023, using this [link](#).

## Readings

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