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Agenda 2030 PhD course:

Existential Sustainability: Expanding the Discourse on Sustainability

18 SEP 2023 – 18 JAN 2024 | 7,5 HP | OPEN FOR PHD STUDENTS FROM ALL FACULTIES

What is existential sustainability and how can existential perspectives become part of contemporary sustainability work? In the process of implementing the green transition, new perspectives have emerged, relating to the existential and religious dimensions of human life. The course addresses this by paying attention to the human being as a narrative being, in relation to three theoretical complexes, namely place, time, and identity.

The course is a collaboration between the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology and the Department of Architecture and the Built Environment at LTH. Here, existential and religious studies perspectives on sus-

tainability will be studied in relation to perspectives on the built environment, as a way of expanding the conceptual framework of Agenda 2030. Departing from an excursion to Råängen at Brunnsög, you will study how existential meaning and identity are created through storytelling in relation to place and time.

Råängen is an urban development project conducted by Lund Cathedral on land belonging to the church. It is part of the large redevelopment project in north-eastern Lund, Brunnsög. Råängen is unique in its ambition to take on board the perspective of eternity when developing a new city district. This exemplifies how places, through their specific environment and history, become part of human identities and acquire meaning-making significance.

Location: LUX, Helgonavägen 3

Schedule:

18/9-2023	9am-3pm	Introduction and excursion to Råängen
23/10-2023	1pm-4pm	Workshop 1: Place
20/11-2023	1pm-4pm	Workshop 2: Time
18/12-2023	1pm-4pm	Workshop 3: Identity
18/1-2024	9am-1pm	Student conference

Course structure:

The course starts with an introduction and excursion to Råängen followed by three workshops. Students will read a material in advance to be able to take active part in the discussions at the workshops. After the workshop they will write a short paper for peer review by their fellow students. The course ends with a conference with group presentations and individually written papers.

For information and registration: Contact Lovisa Nyman lovisa.nyman@ctr.lu.se. See also: <https://www.sustainability.lu.se/education/agenda-2030-graduate-school/agenda-2030-phd-courses>

Deadline for registration: 8 September

