

Urban Forum

Practice meets Academia

Call for projects

An **invitation to reflective practitioners, practice-oriented researchers, and design critics** to present and discuss their ideas for the development of sustainable cities and communities (built or drawn work, speculative or actual, contemporary or historical).

Lund University's Sustainability Week | 8-13 April 2019

This year Sweden raises its ambitions in support of the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to maintain momentum in working towards the planet's sustainable future, in times where others deviate from it. The **research platforms Urban Arena, at Lund University, and SLU Urban Futures, at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences**, qualify as academic agents with concern for professional practice and the built environment – as such we want to join forces during Lund University's Sustainability Week 8-13 April 2019. In line with European research programmes like JPI Urban Europe we see SDG 11 on sustainable cities and communities as a portal to all other SDGs, and the **urban realm** as a place where cluster problems are more manifest than elsewhere and where **sustainability efforts can multiply** exponentially and almost overnight. Convinced that particularly valuable action-oriented knowledge arises from the exchange of practice and academia, we arrange a new format of encounter: the **Urban Forum | Practice meets Academia**. For one week, practitioners of architecture, urbanism, landscape architecture, urban studies and the construction industry are invited to display their building projects (realised or not) and research endeavours (practice-based or -oriented) in an exhibition. Sessions (in English or Swedish | 8-9 April 2019) dedicated to each project allow the authors to discuss burning questions, critical aspects, inspiring findings they wish to bring to light and get feedback on, in a collegial atmosphere. Project authors present their work during 20 minutes, followed by a moderated discussion of 10 minutes.

SUBMISSION

Submissions are welcome from practitioners, researchers, and design critics. Please submit an abstract/a project description (max 500 words and imagery, see submission template) before 8 March 2019 to Sonia Curnier (sonia.curnier@gmail.com).

The submissions will be reviewed by the committee by 18 March 2019. Selected project authors will be invited to prepare posters for the exhibition during the Sustainability Week and install them on 8 April morning. Supplementary presentation materials (models, movies, multimedia) can be included to complement the posters during the individual sessions (technical support to be discussed with the organisers). Submission and participation is free of charge.

The organisers aim at publishing the selected projects in a format to be decided, in conjunction with the UN's search for best practice in the implementation of the SDGs.

IMPORTANT DATES

8 March 2019	Deadline for submission of abstracts / project descriptions
18 March 2019	Notification of acceptance
8 April 2019	Exhibition installation in the morning / Exhibition opening in the afternoon
8 - 9 April 2019	Sessions within the Urban Forum Practice meets Academia at LUX (possible extension 10 April)
8 -12 April 2019	Open exhibition Urban Forum Practice meets Academia at LUX
12 April 2019	Exhibition dismantling in the afternoon

LOCATION

LUX, Helgonavägen 3, Lund (intersection Sölvegatan, Helgonavägen)

FURTHER INFORMATION | SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

Send an e-mail to Sonia Curnier (sonia.curnier@gmail.com)

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SLU Urban Futures, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
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Lund University's Sustainability Week

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Urban Forum | Practice meets Academia is a collaborative initiative by Prof. Lisa Diedrich, SLU Urban Futures (www.slu.se/urbanfutures), and Assoc. Prof. Per-Johan Dahl, Urban Arena at Lund University (www.urban.lu.se/), with the purpose of increasing the interaction between practice and academia.

Sustainability Week is an annual event where students and researchers at Lund University and citizens of Lund will have the opportunity to meet, to discuss sustainability, and to involve society in the transition to a more sustainable world (www.sustainability.lu.se/sustainability-week-2019).



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