



RECAST Research Collegium for the Advancement of Sustainability

Date
2026-11-05

13.00 -15.00

Room 101, Campus Borlänge

Transition, Identity and Civil Society (TICS)

Dalarna University has been granted the right to award doctoral degrees in the field of Sustainable Societies and Organizations in the subject area of Sustainable Place and Working Life Development. In addition, a possible second subject area, Welfare and Politics, is being formulated.

The seminar is intended to highlight how research on the civic, institutional, and cultural conditions for a sustainable society contributes to the development of an additional subject area around the key concepts of democracy, welfare, and politics.

Which questions, perspectives and directions should this subject contain? In what ways can changes and challenges, particularly in rural regions, be addressed in relation to the importance of democracy and the development of the welfare state?

13.00 – 13.10	Welcome Ioanna Farsari & Tomas Axelson
13.10 – 13.20	<i>“Sustaining Democracy – The Role of Civil Society and Active Citizenship”</i> Ali Abdelzadeh, Associate Professor, Political Science, School of Culture and Society.
13.20 – 13.30	<i>“Social sustainability in elder care: between usefulness and risk”</i> Magdalena Kania Lundholm, Associate Professor of Sociology, School of Culture and Society
13.30 - 13.40	<i>“Sustainable democracy across countries and regions: Institutions, power, and authoritarian currents”</i> Jenny Åberg & Thomas Sedelius, Associate Professor, Political Science, School of Culture and Society.
13.40 - 13.50	<i>“Sustainable welfare and policy change - historical perspectives”</i> Urban Lundberg, History, School of Culture and Society
13.50 – 13.55	Short break
13.55 – 14.30	Panel discussion: <i>“Social sustainability – Democracy, Welfare, and Politics”</i> followed by discussion and questions from the public Moderator: Tomas Axelson, Professor Religious Studies, School of Culture and Society
14.30 – 14.45	Fika - After the end of the seminar, you are warmly welcome for fika