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At the Margins of Life: Existential Dimensions of Technology, Health, and Death

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How can religion provide valuable resources and insights for creating future sustainable societies? How can existential perspectives contribute new understandings of global challenges? We cordially invite you to a seminar series on existential

sustainability, featuring exploratory workshops and international guest lecturers. From a variety of disciplinary perspectives, we plan to discuss the existential dimensions of technology, health, and death.

Program Time: 10am-12pm

Theme: Existential sustainability

Jan 25 *Mind, Body, and Soul in Higher Education.*
Lars Strannegård, Professor of Business Administration and Leadership, President of Stockholm School of Economics. Venue: LUX:C126

Feb 18 Explorative workshop for discussing future interdisciplinary research. Venue: LUX:B417

Theme: Technology

March 25 *Theological Foundations of Lovotics: Notions of Perfection in Human-Robot Relationships.*
Scott Midson, Doctor of Theology, Lecturer in Liberal Arts, University of Manchester. Venue: LUX:C126

April 29 Explorative workshop for discussing future interdisciplinary research. Venue: LUX:B417

Theme: Dying

May 20 *The Governance of Dying in a Secular Environment: Challenges and Controversies.*
Panagiotis Pentaris, Associate Professor of Social Work and Thanatology, University of Greenwich. Venue: LUX:C126

June 17 Explorative workshop for discussing future interdisciplinary research. Venue: LUX:B417

Theme: Health

Sept 23 *Existential Sustainability in an Age of Secularization: Finding Meaning at the Margins of Life.*
Ellen Idler, Professor of Sociology, Director of Religion and Public Health Collaborative, Emory University. Venue: LUX:C126

Oct 28 Explorative workshop for discussing future interdisciplinary research. Venue: LUX:B417

Each focus area begins with an inspirational lecture by an international guest and is followed by a workshop, during which researchers from all disciplines are welcome to explore research ideas related to the theme. The first workshop in the series will discuss the concept of existential sustainability. Our hope is that these activities will provide a platform for launching future project ideas and collaborations.

The seminar series is part of a research initiative funded by the LMK foundation. It seeks to create a multi-disciplinary environment to conduct research on existential sustainability. Research ideas explored during the seminar series will be further developed at an international conference, to be held at Lund University on November 24–25, 2022. Our objective is to submit grant applications to national/international research foundations during the spring of 2023.

Organizer: Centre for Theology and Religious Studies (CTR)
Planning committee: Visiting Professor Kristina Myrvold,
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