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# Social sciences in an era of rapid global change



Global collaboration between scientists has become increasingly important as the world seems to become more polarized, and planetary change accelerates. Strong global research networks and professional associations are key to help society make sense of our changing world and possible futures. What insights do decades of research within the international research community in the Earth System Governance Project offer us about navigating between science, science advice, and policy?

This seminar will delve into the following questions:

- How can interdisciplinary science programmes balance tensions between integration and fragmentation?
- How can we tackle questions of global diversity, and respond to calls for advocacy while maintaining neutrality?
- Should global research networks and professional associations take political positions?
- And are the social sciences ready for the challenges posed by the Anthropocene epoch?

*The event is free of charge but registration is required by 10 October. [Register here.](#)*

## When & Where

Tuesday 15 October 2024, 13.00-14.30.

Followed by mingle 14.30-15.30

The Beijer Hall, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences  
Lilla Frescativägen 4A, Stockholm

# Program

13:00-14.30

## **Welcome address and introduction**

Carl Folke, Director of the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics

## **Social Sciences in an era of rapid global change**

Frank Biermann, Research Professor in Global Sustainability Governance at the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development at Utrecht University in the Netherlands



*Frank Biermann receive the Volvo Environment Prize 2024 “for defining new pathways for international environmental governance in a period of global change.” He is the founder of the Earth System Governance Project, a transdisciplinary research network of sustainability scholars that develops better governance solutions. Professor Biermann has spearheaded research that has advanced the understanding of how international institutions might improve our collective ability to mitigate global environmental risks and adapt to unavoidable changes.*

## **Panel discussion**

Panel: **Frank Biermann**, Associate Professor **Robert Blasiak**, Stockholm Resilience Centre at Stockholm University, **Professor Emily Boyd**, Lund University, **Dr Anna Sjöström Douagi**, acting CEO of the Nobel Foundation. Moderator: **Associate professor Victor Galaz**, Stockholm Resilience Centre at Stockholm University and Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics.

*The seminar is organised by the Beijer Institute in collaboration with Stockholm Resilience Centre and the Volvo Environment Prize Foundation.*