Research to Policy for Sustainable Development

3.0 hp

Aim

The aim of this course is to enhance the participants’ understanding of research-policy linkages and to increase their capabilities to communicate their research findings to different stakeholders, in order to create impact for sustainable development.

Intended learning outcome

By the end of the course, the participants will be able to:
- describe universities’ and researchers’ role(s) in policy making processes
- present an overview of the policy landscape, research-policy linkages and different models for policy engagement, including use of social media, with focus on own research field
- perform a stakeholder mapping and analysis
- formulate and present a research-to-policy plan and policy brief/press release
- present scientific results and tentative policy recommendations aimed at a given target group

Content

The course combines theoretical discussions, about factors facilitating or hampering utilization of research findings in policy making processes, with practical exercises.

Course themes included are:
1. Research and Policy Linkages: what can we learn from history?
2. The role of research and researchers: motivation to engage?
3. Understanding the policy landscape
4. Models and strategies for policy engagement
5. Tools for engagement: science communication in practice

Literature
Articles, textbook chapters, policy reports/briefs, press releases, webpages etc. will be made available before the start of the course.

Examination

To pass the course the following must be fulfilled:
1. Participation in at least 80% of the scheduled hours
2. Active engagement in practically oriented exercises
3. Approved research – policy plan linked to the PhD-students’ thesis work
4. Approved policy brief based on own research result

Course organisation

The course will be concentrated to two 3-days sessions, time 9.00-16.00. Participants are expected to work individually before, and between sessions with short assignments. A mix of lectures, student presentations, literature seminars and assignments will be included.
Guest lectures share their practical experiences from research-policy interaction in the course. The participants will link issues presented during course to their own research work and to the reality in different countries.
Knowledge sharing and sharing of experiences are important elements of the course.
Practical assignments to be performed are:
1. Write a "research to policy plan" based on own research material. This includes a mapping of potential stakeholders and a plan for when and how to communicate with different stakeholders
2. Write a policy brief or press release based on one of the chapters in the dissertation
3. Make an oral presentation of your research findings

Language

English

Course Leader and Teachers

Anders Ekbom (examiner), Daniel Slunge, Olof Drakenberg, Katarina Gårdfeldt, Madelene Ostwald, Sebastian Linke and guest lecturer.
This course is offered by Centre for Environment and Sustainability, GMV.

Dates Spring 2016:

2016: 23-25 February, 5-7 April

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Avbokning kan göras kostnadsfritt fram till åtta veckor innan starten för programmet/kursen. Om avbokning sker senare utgår avgifter för beställaren enligt följande:

- 0-2 veckor innan starten för programmet/kursen: 100% av program-/kursavgiften
- 2-4 veckor innan starten för programmet/kursen: 50% av program-/kursavgiften
- 4-8 veckor innan starten för programmet/kursen: 25% av program-/kursavgiften. För kurser inom Sjöfart: 0% av program-/kursavgiften

Avbokningen måste ske skriftligen. Avbokning av logi sker i enlighet med hotellens avbokningsregler. Vi accepterar en kollega som ersättare för den ursprungliga deltagaren.

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