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The Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) hereby submits its Sharing Information on Progress (SIP) report for the period 2021 to 2023, its fifth in total.

As we move beyond the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are committed to embracing new opportunities and shaping a resilient future. Over the past two years, SSE has made significant strides in strengthening its dedication to sustainability. The School is dedicated to creating an environment in which students can gain the knowledge and skills needed to create sustainable value for businesses and society at large.

Our educational programs at SSE encompass a broad range of sustainability topics. Most notably, the undergraduate level Global Challenges courses continue to evolve, with the aim to educate students about urgent and large-scale problems of the present. Moreover, numerous elective courses across all educational levels provide additional avenues for SSE students to engage in thoughtful discussions and reflection on various sustainability challenges.

I am pleased to share that starting in the fall of 2023, SSE will introduce a new Sustainability Track as part of its master’s programs. This track, open to all MSc students, allows for specialization within a range of sustainability topics, and presents an opportunity for further knowledge development through their MSc theses. Upon completion of the Sustainability Track, students will have their work acknowledged on their degree certificate, enabling them to effectively showcase the relevance of their acquired skills and knowledge to prospective employers.

SSE’s sustainability efforts are strengthened by our research agenda, driven by the Mistra Center for Sustainable Markets (Misum), our dedicated center of excellence. During the last two years, research published by Misum researchers has received numerous grants and prizes, and the center is already starting the process of securing funding beyond 2025, ensuring that sustainability-focused research stays at the top of our agenda.

SSE’s Sustainability Group, comprised of SSE’s directors, has developed a sustainability sub-strategy for the upcoming five years. It covers all aspects of SSE’s research, education, campus operations, and outreach initiatives, ensuring a cohesive and holistic approach to sustainability. The strategy is supported by the work of our campus team, who has developed and implemented sustainability policies. In its work, the team has been collaborating with external partners to measure and improve our waste and carbon footprints, ensuring that SSE’s facilities meet our ambitions to make the School more sustainable as a whole.

Like the 2019-2021 SIP report, what follows is structured according to our four operational areas, as we believe that describing these areas best communicates SSE’s strategic push to integrate sustainability and responsibility throughout the School. In doing so, we hope to share with you how we enact the six principles.

The undersigned, President of the Stockholm School of Economics, hereby renews our institutional commitment to the Principles for Responsible Management Education.
During the past two years, SSE has deepened its commitment to the global PRME movement by working with multiple stakeholders to further integrate PRME’s principles into the School’s operations. In 2022, we extended the SSE PRME team to include a student advisor, strengthening our internal partnerships and creating opportunities for meaningful dialogue with our largest stakeholder group. In addition, our dedicated PRME team has worked conscientiously with the School’s pedagogy team for a more structured incorporation of PRME principles into our educational programs.

One of the highlights of this period was the development of a new edition of the Nordic PhD course. Together with five other Nordic business schools, SSE brought together early-career researchers from across the region to encourage collaboration with each other and to learn about the current state of Nordic research on CSR and sustainability, as well as its practical application.

Over the last two years, we have also developed a range of valuable pedagogical tools and resources. Internally, we have made substantial efforts to integrate both the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Responsible Management Education principles into SSE’s educational framework. In collaboration with the Sustainable SSE Group, we produced a series of videos to facilitate the explicit incorporation of sustainability into SSE’s course content. Building on these videos and current research on responsible education, we have further developed a Responsible Management Education pedagogical module for both tenure-track and PhD students, enabling them to delve deeper into the concept and utilize tools like the Impactful Five (i5) recommendations in their classrooms. These modules were piloted during the Spring 2023 semester, and their content will be made available digitally to all faculty members.

Moving forward, we know that we will continue profiting from the multiple international educational partnerships that are presented in this report, as engagement for a more sustainable future is at their core. But we also aim to build on our successful collaborations with various stakeholders within the School — in particular the students, from whom many initiatives spring. We also intend to place greater emphasis on measuring our sustainability progress by further improving our assessment tools. We are excited at the prospect of this continuous integration of PRME’s principles into SSE’s business education.
ABOUT SSE

T he Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) was established in 1909 following an initiative by the Swedish business community. It offers a range of educational programs, and its faculty conducts research in finance, economics, business administration, and related fields. For over a century and always as a private institution, the School has evolved in close dialogue with the business community and with society at large.

Driving this evolution and this dialogue is a clear mission: SSE exists to improve the competitiveness of its host community and its constituents, regardless of whether that community is defined locally, nationally, regionally, or globally. It does so through its research and the educational programs based on that research. Typically, collaboration serves as SSE’s strategic vehicle for internationalization and continuous improvement. Historically, this has meant collaboration with firms and other organizations to address challenges that emerge from business operations or from overarching economic conditions. Over time, the School and its partners have recognized that success is more than a good bottom line or even a good operating profit. Indeed, success is more than a good bottom line or even a good operating profit. Over time, the School and its partners have recognized that success is more than a good bottom line or even a good triple bottom line (i.e., people, planet, profit). Therefore, today, SSE and its collaborators work with challenges that foreground the symbiotic relationships between organizations and the societies that host them.

Moreover, since the 1990s, SSE’s collaborations have evolved to include network relationships with other academic institutions. These relationships, all of which entail a commitment to look beyond the immediate communities served by both SSE and its collaborators, have evolved to include network relationships with other academic institutions.

The CIVICA alliance within the European University Alliance, whose mission is to holistically serve European societies and where the aims include knowledge-generating research that tackles societal challenges and the “development of flexible, sustainable and accountable governance structures.”

The Global Network for Advanced Management (GNAM), whose objective is to drive innovation and create value for the 32 members “from diverse regions, countries, cultures and economies in different phases of development” by “deepening their understanding of differences and commonalities in their economies.”

Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), where the goal is to transform management education and develop the responsible decision-makers of tomorrow to advance sustainable global development.

SSE’s strategic partnerships, then, have two features in common: all are highly selective networks that yet potential members for student and faculty quality; and each, in various ways, incorporates values and actions consistent with global social responsibility. These values are also in accord with another SSE partner, the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD), whose EQUS quality-assurance accreditation foregrounds sustainability, ethics, and diversity as key aspects of quality.

As a founding member of EFMD, with EQUS accreditation since the 1990s, and an active PRME signatory since 2013, SSE works to infuse all of its operations with a broad understanding of sustainability, where that breadth encompasses social, environmental, economic, and institutional aspects of sustainability. This has recently become a special point of emphasis in SSE’s education, as teachers are now encouraged to link their courses to the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SSE’s educational offering consists of eleven degree programs (two bachelor programs, five master programs, three doctoral programs, and one executive MBA program) as well as a sizeable executive education program portfolio. All degree programs are open for international enrollment with English as the language of instruction. All programs also reflect SSE’s ambition to diversify the student body by enrolling more students with diverse backgrounds, whether that diversity pertains to ethnicity, gender, sexual identification, or – not to forget – family history with higher education.

SSE has seven academic departments: 1) Accounting, 2) Economics, 3) Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Technology, 4) Finance, 5) Management and Organization, 6) Marketing and Strategy, and 7) Law and Languages. All departments conduct some research related to sustainability and a number of them do so extensively. Complementing the departments are thirty-six research institutes, some of which are devoted solely to sustainability research, and where SSE’s faculty members work side by side with visiting scholars and other affiliated researchers. Among these research institutes are SSE’s four centers of excellence which are the loci for the School’s four prioritized research areas. These centers are the Swedish House of Finance (SHOF), the House of Innovation (HOI), the Center for Retailing (CFR), and the Mistra Center for Sustainable Markets (Mism).

The last of these centers of excellence merits particular attention in an SIR report. Mism, which features prominently throughout this report, is a hub for SSE’s sustainability research because of its active collaboration with all of the School’s academic departments. It is, therefore, a cross-disciplinary center of excellence where research constitutes the core that informs educational programs at SSE and outreach to its stakeholders. In this way, Mism carries out a threefold mission to conduct multidisciplinary research that is both scientifically rigorous and practitioner relevant; to educate students and equip them with tools to understand and act upon pressing challenges; and to participate actively in cross-sectional collaboration and industry outreach.

Beyond its research, a business school affects societies through the actions of its graduates. As becomes clear below, an SSE education prepares its graduates to be generators of sustainable value for businesses and society at large. This preparation begins with curricula, but it continues with the empowerment of students through active participation in the School’s governance, from the board of directors through to course-level student representatives. Additional preparations come with extracurricular opportunities like the SSE Business Lab, which since its launch in 2001 has generated over 250 companies that together have created more than 4,500 new jobs and over 1.1 billion USD in combined revenues. Significantly, the lab must meet KPIs on gender balance and sustainability among its entrepreneurs. Finally, SSE alumni are in positions to affect societies. Beyond traditional roles in sectors such as finance, consulting, logistics, and media, they also take positions in the public sector and politics, including cabinet positions and leading roles in national and international NGOs.

GLOBAL RANKING 2022

- Executive Education Custom Programs: 25 of 70
- Executive Education Open Programs: 10 of 70
- Master in Management: 3 of 50
- MFinances: 4 of 100
- Executive MBA: 5 of 50
- European Business Schools: 20 of 95
- List of Combined Top 50 Schools: 15 of 50
Since becoming a signatory of UN PRME in 2013, SSE has worked to apply the six principles in multiple ways, often learning from other PRME schools. After laying a foundation for responsible management education first in its undergraduate programs and then in its graduate and executive education programs, SSE has become increasingly active in the PRME community by sharing practices and lessons learned, specifically in the PRME Nordic Chapter and since 2018 in the PRME Champions group.

To strengthen its work, SSE’s PRME team expanded in 2022 to include a PRME coordinator and a student advisor. The team aims to continue involving students in its activities and to encourage their participation in PRME Global Students.

PRME CHAMPIONS ACTIVITIES

SSE has continued its work in the PRME Champions Group throughout the period of 2021–2023, during which the School’s membership was also renewed. As part of this process, the PRME team contributed to the faculty manual “Inspirational Guide to SDG Integration,” as well as helped to incorporate PRME’s new Impactful Five framework into the School’s pedagogical offering. In addition, the team has designed a new module on Responsible Management Education open to both faculty and PhD students.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SSE EDUCATION VIDEO SERIES

During 2022, Misum, PRME, and the Sustainable SSE Group produced a series of videos to help faculty integrate sustainability content into their courses.

VIDEO 1 – IMPLEMENTING A BIG CONCEPT INTO TANGIBLE ACTION

SSE president Lars Stenman, SSE PRME Director Laurence Romani, and Misum Executive Director Martina Björkman Nyqvist discuss the importance of sustainability education and why all educators at SSE should make sustainability more explicit in their courses.

VIDEO 2 – LEVELING UP: USING THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Laurence Romani, SSE PRME Director, provides five ways to incorporate sustainability content into courses using the UN’s SDG model, which provides a holistic framework for students and teachers to approach the question of sustainability.

VIDEO 3 – WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION?

Business and management schools are among the most influential institutions in the world, as they shape the skills and mindsets of future leaders. Here, Laurence Romani explains what responsible management education means in practice, offering helpful pointers to SSE faculty.
VIDEO 4 – STUDENTS VOICE THEIR EXPECTATIONS
SSE students present and discuss what sustainability means to them, and how they would like to see it integrated into the curriculum.

VIDEO 5 – IDEAS FOR RESPONSIBLE TEACHING
Faculty are provided with ideas on how to integrate sustainability into their teaching. From the bachelor programs to the executive level, sustainability is seen as an essential part of SSE’s educational mission.

NORDIC CHAPTER
In October 2022, SSE hosted the first module of the PRM E PhD course Sustainability and CSR in the Nordic Context, under the direction of Hanken School of Economics and with teaching contributions from faculty at Jönköping International Business School. It saw the participation of 25 PhD students from six different Nordic universities. Led by Laurence Romani with logistical support from the Misum team, the module gave the students an introduction to current global challenges and Nordic research on sustainability. Several of the sessions were taught by SSE faculty, including Susanne Sweet, Emma Sjöström, and Per Strömberg. The two subsequent modules of the course were held online and at the University of Oulu, respectively. The participants are currently finalizing their contributions to a PRM E Nordic co-edited book based on their work in the course.

SSE’S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY
SSE is committed to making its graduates capable of recognizing and creating sustainable value, which is aligned with PRM E’s mission of nurturing responsible leaders of the future. This ambition is clearly reflected in the School’s overarching 2023-2027 strategy, which foregrounds societal impact, diversity, and holistic learning. In a parallel fashion, SSE has established research priorities that reflect a rationale of societal relevance; the areas of finance, retail, innovation, and sustainability receive special emphasis through targeted funding strategies, recruitment, internal support, and outreach. At the level of governance, this strategic direction is apparent in the formulation of explicit sub-strategies for sustainability and gender equality.

This report gives an account of SSE’s commitment to sustainability in four different but frequently overlapping areas: 1) research, 2) education, 3) campus, and 4) outreach. The recently formed Sustainable SSE Group (SSSE Group) oversees the work in these four areas through SSE as mandated by its mission: to operationalize sustainability and responsible management education at the School. The group meets at least once per semester, and in addition to the director, its composition includes representatives from the faculty, the student body, professional services units, and executive education. Through this group, SSE has established a platform for regular
FACT AND SCIENCE-BASED MINDSET

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REFLECTIVE AND SELF-AWARE

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EMPATHETIC AND CULTURALLY LITERATE

Empathy and cultural sensitivity are human qualities that artificial intelligence cannot yet simulate. We are convinced that an empathetic person becomes a better leader and decision-maker; thus, we hope our students will be able to consider the perspectives of others fully. Cultural literacy is also critical. To interact with someone from a different background than one’s own is a prerequisite for human understanding and sympathy.

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The third section, Campus, addresses Principles 3 and 6 and illustrates how SSE incorporates the values of responsible management education in its own practices. It explains how the campus area is used as a platform for dialogue and debate among the internal stakeholders, in particular educators and students, but also with businesses and other external stakeholders. The final section, Outreach, describes the wide range of public events and other efforts by SSE staff and researchers to share knowledge, insights, and evolving positions with practitioners and decision-makers (Principles 5 and 6).

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SSE’s Sustainability Education and Research in Numbers

2021–2023

47 RESEARCH DEPARTMENTS/ CENTERS/ HOUSES/ INSTITUTES

14 PHD DISSERTATIONS RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY TO PIC S

482 BSC AND MSc THESES ON SUSTAINABILITY TO PIC S

11 STUDY PROGRAMS (Including BSc, MSc, PhD, and MBA)

318 EMPLOYEES (Faculty and Professional Services)

44 SUSTAINABILITY FO CUSED EVENTS

1,800 SSE STUDENTS

100+ RESEARCHERS OR RESEARCH PROJECTS RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY/ RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

270 PUBLICATIONSFOCUSED SUSTAINABILITY TO PIC S

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As should already be evident, sustainability is a prioritized research area at SSE. Across the thirty research centers, six associated research institutes, and three research houses at the School, many faculty members and affiliated scholars focus on SDG topics, with some of these units exclusively dedicated to sustainability-oriented research. The work described in this section illustrates SSE’s commitment to Principle 1 (Purpose), Principle 2 (Values), Principle 4 (Research), and Principle 5 (Partnership).

The Mistra Center for Sustainable Markets (Misum) is an interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder research center focused on sustainability with expertise in economics, finance, corporate leadership, and innovation. The center’s aim is to develop rigorous knowledge about how markets can support the transition to sustainable development.

Misum’s research is split across four main platforms: 1) Accounting Frameworks, 2) Human Capital and Sustainable Development, 3) Sustainable Business Development through Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and 4) Sustainable Finance. The center is structured to bring together SSE faculty from different departments working on sustainability topics, as well as affiliated researchers from other universities.

In the period 2021–2022, research published by Misum researchers received several prizes and new projects were granted funding. Among these can be mentioned Julia Anderson, who received the Economic Policy Best Paper Award from the American Economic Journal for his research on the impact of taxation on carbon dioxide emissions; Yiwen Lu, Marek Reuter, and Torkel Strömsten, who won the Best Paper Award at the 2022 CESAR International Congress for their work on living wages in the fashion industry; and Emma Sjöström and Jan Star, who were given the Hans Daeborg Award 2022 for excellence in research in financial economics. In addition, two projects received funding from Vinnova for research on financial markets. Anders Anderson is conducting a survey on sustainability and personal finances, and Emma Sjöström together with Hanna Setterberg and Rachelle Belinga are undertaking a project on monetizing sustainability.

In addition to Misum, there is also the Center for Sustainable Research, a cross-disciplinary social science research center at SSE, Stockholm School of Economics Institute for Research. The center is focused broadly on sustainable development at different levels of analysis. Its research areas include sustainable socioeconomic development, global governance, migration and integration, sustainable markets, labor markets and consumption, circular and sharing economies, sustainable finance, corporate social responsibility, and sustainable business management.

### RESEARCH ON HUMAN CAPITAL AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Research on sustainable economic development aims to understand how investments in human capital can improve the health, education, and general well-being of people, primarily in low-income countries. Several units at SSE conduct research in this area, including Misum, the Department of Economics, and the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE).

In May 2022, Misum and SITE hosted the Centre for Economic Policy Research’s annual symposium on development economics, which brought together 50 scholars in the field. They presented recent research on land reform, labor markets, migration, entrepreneurship, and family economics, among other topics.

The aim of SSE’s research on sustainable development is to contribute to the realization of several SDGs: 1 (No Poverty), 4 (Quality Education), 5 (Gender Equality), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), 13 (Climate Action), and 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions). Other examples of impactful research that has been published as journal articles and policy briefs can be found in Appendix B and in the Outreach section.

### RESEARCH ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

SSE’s Swedish House of Finance (SHOF) has increasingly integrated sustainability into its research, education, and outreach. It has produced a wide range of working papers and several journal publications that introduce sustainability into traditional finance areas. These publications can be found in Appendix B. In addition, Sustainable Finance is also one of Misum’s four research platforms.

This line of research opens up pathways to realizing SDGs 3 (Good Health and Well-being), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production). They also offer context-relevant solutions to SSE’s partners in the finance industry seeking to develop and refine sustainable practices. Further examples of sustainable finance research can be found in Appendix B, and presentations and other events related to the topic appear in the Outreach section and Appendix A.

### RESEARCH ON RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

Research on responsible and sustainable business practices attracts attention from many disciplinary directions at SSE, bringing together scholars in domains such as entrepreneurship, management, and accounting. In addition, Misum also has its own Sustainable Business platform, which functions as a nodal point for research in this area.

This research relates to SDGs 1 (No Poverty), 5 (Gender Equality), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), 13 (Climate Action), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Other examples of research on sustainable business can be found in the Outreach section.

### RESEARCH ON SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS

Researchers at the Department of Accounting and those affiliated with Misum’s Accounting Frameworks platform are interested in the micro-level of organizations, focusing on internal processes, business-to-business relationships, and public-private partnerships in order to understand their impact on the environment and sustainable market processes.

All these results provide credible pathways toward achieving SDGs 1 (No Poverty), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production). Further examples of research on sustainable markets can be found in Appendix B.

### RESEARCH RELATED TO THE INVASION OF UKRAINE

In 2022, the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE), which serves as a bridge between the academic community and policy makers, has devoted much of its attention to the situation in Ukraine after Russia’s full-scale attack on the country. In the last year, SITE has organized numerous seminars and conferences on various aspects of the war, demonstrating SSE’s commitment to socially relevant research. The institute has also produced articles, book chapters, and policy documents on topics such as the effects of sanctions against Russia, the financing and strategy for the reconstruction of Ukraine, the effects of the invasion on the Russian economy, the foreign aid to Ukraine, and the relationship between the war and the energy crisis in Europe.

**Jan Pfister and Sarah Jock** are working on a project entitled “Performance Management for a Sustainable Future: Exploring the Feasibility of Prosocial Assumptions” in collaboration with the United Arab Emirates University, ESP Pari, University of California at Berkeley, and Lancaster University. The project employs a novel approach in mathematical and computational research to study performance management in organizations based on prosocial assumptions. This prosocial approach assumes that self-interested behavior tends to outperform prosocial behavior within groups, but prosocial groups outperform groups dominated by self-interested behavior.

**Abhijeet Singh** is currently undertaking the research project “Understanding and Improving Social Inclusion in Indian Private Schools.” India’s school system is among the most unequal in the world, and the project studies the efforts to make it less stratified through the Right to Education Act, which mandates that 25% of private school enrollment should be reserved for students from disadvantaged socio-economic or caste backgrounds. The project has received funding from the European Research Council.
**RESEARCH FOR STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

The SSE House of Governance and Public Policy (GaPP) is a multidisciplinary hub that gathers researchers and educators from all departments at SSE, as well as visiting scholars with a range of backgrounds and expertise. GaPP conducts research and delivers courses to assist in professional development and capacity building in organizational and societal governance and in the development of scientifically based public policy.

GaPP also organizes bi-monthly policy labs on topics of key relevance to society – in particular so-called wicked problems, which refers to large-scale challenges whose mitigation or solution do not reside with any one actor or stakeholder. For these policy labs, decision-makers from the public, private, and NGO sectors are invited for in-depth seminar discussion, moderated by SSE faculty. Examples of such policy labs held in 2022 and 2023 include “Towards and Innovative and Sustainable Forest Industry” and “Evidence-Based Reforms in Foreign Aid Policy.”

**GLOBAL CHALLENGES**

Global Challenges plays an important role in the bachelor program. Since its introduction in 2016, and especially following its revision in 2020, the mandatory course sequence has helped students to better understand urgent and large-scale problems, such as climate change, accelerating environmental degradation, pandemics, the risks related to population growth, political instabilities, and cyber insecurity. The courses introduce interdisciplinary content and new methods to encourage self-reflection and taking responsibility for leadership in addressing these problems. As a result, the majority of SSE programs, regardless of their level, now incorporate a certain measure of sustainability concern in their objectives, content, and assessment. The increase in bachelor and master theses related to the SDGs over the last two years demonstrates how students have come to appreciate the importance of including sustainability in their studies. This is noticeable in Appendices D and E.

The educational content and methods outlined in this section reflect SSE’s commitment to upholding Principle 1 (Purpose), Principle 2 (Values), and Principle 3 (Method).

**BACHELOR PROGRAMS**

SSE offers two bachelor programs, one in Business and Economics (BSc BE) and one in Retail Management (BSc RM). In both programs, sustainability features prominently in the curriculum. This is evident from the programs’ intended learning outcomes, where one is “the ability to reflect on and to take professional and personal ethical responsibility for the impact of one’s analyses, decisions, and actions in the world, with the intention of contributing to improving society.”

**BSc in Business and Economics**

SSE introduced a new curriculum for its bachelor program in Business and Economics in the fall of 2020. The redesigned program, taught completely in English, is now in its third year, which means that its first graduates will soon be sent out into the world. Their chief exposure to the demands of sustainability has come through the multi-semester course cluster known as Global Challenges.

**EDUCATION**

As part of its sustainability strategy, SSE has made a commitment to increase the integration of sustainability into its educational programs. Since 2022, it is now mandatory for course directors to specify which of the United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are present in each course, along with a description of how they are addressed. To facilitate this process, the Pedagogy Development team has created a toolkit to assist faculty in identifying aspects of their courses that align with the SDGs and identify potential areas for improvement. As a result, the majority of SSE programs, regardless of their level, now incorporate a certain measure of sustainability concern in their objectives, content, and assessment. The increase in bachelor and master theses related to the SDGs over the last two years demonstrates how students have come to appreciate the importance of including sustainability in their studies. This is noticeable in Appendices D and E.

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“...for me, Global Challenges II was by far one of the most important courses at SSE. By expanding Porter and Kramer’s notion of “shared value,” it demonstrated how processes of personal and organizational development are intertwined with broader sustainability concerns in society. As I am currently consulting for a Swedish scale-up company, what we learned during the course has profoundly informed how I can help our clients create value for all stakeholders while strengthening their market position. All strategic business school students should take this course if they are interested in future competitiveness – which, if done right, is to the benefit of all stakeholders.”

David Magnusson
BSc in Business and Economics
The first course (Global Challenges I) emphasizes the importance of different forms of cooperation in managing global challenges. One course objective is to acquaint the students with the concepts that modern social scientists - psychologists, sociologists, economists, and political scientists - use to discuss cooperation and conflict. With this conceptual toolkit in place, students are in the position to understand what current global challenges actually entail. After having examined the social dimension of addressing these challenges, students themselves, as responsible actors, come into focus in the second course (Global Challenges II). This includes augmenting the students' own skills and capacities in order to make them agents of positive change working to achieve the SDGs.

In order to emphasize the importance SSE puts on sustainability, the two Global Challenges courses are equal in size to the compulsory courses, in core business and economics subjects. Furthermore, the two courses are situated at the very beginning and end of the mandatory curriculum, developing an understanding of sustainability challenges in the context of modern business. Its focus is manifold, covering the relationship between a firm and its suppliers, the demands and expectations of customers, as well as the mandates of other stakeholders. In each of these relational contexts, contemporary markets are becoming increasingly pressing, and in the course, students develop an understanding of these underlying imperatives as well as the models and frameworks that can be used to study them.

**CIVICA ENGAGE TRACK**

The CIVICA Engage Track is offered as part of the CIVICA alliance, formed by ten higher education institutions in Europe. Funded by the European Commission, CIVICA’s ambition is to encourage collaboration between universities and across disciplines so as to help students stand better prepared for tomorrow’s challenges. The alliance gives students the opportunity to incorporate their own commitment to social issues into their education, which is in line with SSE’s ambition to be a school not just for business, but for society.

The CIVICA Engage Track is made up of three components: enrolment in a designated Engage Course, participation in the CIVICA European Week, and the completion of a Showcase Assignment. The Engage Courses use content and assessment methods, including a community-based project, to support students’ social engagement on a range of cross-disciplinary topics. Some examples of Engage Courses offered at SSE include Business Philosopy, Creative Writing for Social Change, Sustainable and Responsible Business, and Reading the Economic Humanities. The European Week, in turn, brings together about 80 students from all universities in the CIVICA alliance for one week of applied learning. Mentored by researchers, students work together on solving pressing issues such as financial literacy (2021), inclusion (2022), and green transition (2023). Finally, the Showcase Assignment allows students to participate in current societal debates and to make their own contribution based on their education. Topics chosen by students in 2023 range from counter-strategies against fast fashion to the situation of indigenous Sami people in northern Sweden.

**SUSTAINABILITY CONTENT: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT COURSE**

One intended learning outcome is for students to understand and apply the concept of sustainability in their descriptions and analyses of supply chains. First, the students are acquainted with the broader socio-economic theories that guide the assumptions behind supply-chain management. Then they examine in depth the two key concepts for analyzing supply chains: value creation and sustainability. In contemporary markets, managing supply chains means managing processes which are often spread across national boundaries, regions, and time zones. That requires understanding and questioning the role of supply chain management in dealing with global challenges such as climate change, social inequality, and access to essential resources.

**CIVICA SHOWCASE ASSIGNMENT**

BSc student Cecilia Falorni developed a video presentation titled “How to Build Democracy and Trust in Groups with Low Civic Engagement” for her CIVICA Showcase Assignment. Through a collaboration with Save the Children, she proposed ways to increase democratic participation in underprivileged areas, related to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).
M A S T E R P R O G R A M S

SSE offers five master programs: MSc in Economics; MSc in Finance; MSc in Accounting, Valuation, and Financial Management; MSc in Business and Management; and MSc in International Business. Double degree and exchange programs, such as the Wannenberg International Fellows Program, provide additional opportunities. All five main programs highlight specialized aspects of sustainability related to, for instance, corporate valuation, intermediation, investment strategies, innovation management, or entrepreneurship.

MSC IN ECONOMICS

The Master Program in Economics deals with a considerable number of SDGs. Some of the mandatory microeconomics coursework revolves around game theory, including concepts related to cooperation and free riding, which are relevant for public goods such as clean air. In addition, more than half of the elective courses have one or several SDGs at their core, such as Development Economics (addressing challenges related to SDG 1, 4, 6 & 7), Environmental Economics (addressing SDGs 7, 13, 15), and Gender Economics (addressing SDG 5).

MSC IN FINANCE

SSE’s Master Program in Finance engages distinctively with sustainability content. The mandatory course Responsibility and Sustainability confronts students in their first semester with legal, ethical, social, and organizational perspectives on sustainability. In semesters two through four, students specialize and choose electives, many of which address questions of ethics, sustainability, and governance (i.e., ESG content). These include Real Estate Finance, which covers sustainability aspects of property prices and credit eligibility. Behavioral Finance, which deals with financial and environmental literacy from a consumer standpoint, and Sustainable Finance, which focuses on the challenges and trade-offs of integrating sustainability into an organization. Moreover, the program offers a wide range of extracurricular activities to prepare students for their future careers in the finance sector. These activities have a strong emphasis on increasing diversity, inclusion, and good governance as per SDGs 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10.

MSC IN ACCOUNTING, VALUATION, AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Like the Finance program, the Master Program in Accounting, Valuation, and Financial Management is committed to addressing sustainability and CSR. It also highlights principles of ethics and responsibility in accounting. The program’s work in this area has evolved from occasional guest lectures to course modules where sustainability features prominently as a topic. One example is CFO Challenges in Multinational Companies, a course that familiarizes students with frameworks and techniques for addressing the management-control challenges faced by CFOs in multinational contexts, where sustainability is typically a complex issue given legislative differences across counties.

MSC IN BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

With a clear focus on innovation and business development, the Master Program in Business and Management uses real cases as one of its central platforms for teaching and learning. These cases are organized together with companies, and they provide realistic arenas for direct and indirect encounters with sustainability concerns. In other words, this sustainability content is always embedded among complex and competing contextual factors, as is often the case in actual practice. One example with a relatively direct sustainability perspective explored business development for firms considering alternatives to fossil fuels for vehicles of the future. Sustainability content also features in more traditional elements of the program. These include integration in obligatory courses such as operations management, where there is extensive treatment of sustainable sourcing, lean production, and resource management. The Brands and Communications course also looks at sustainability and ethical issues in marketing. In addition, there are relevant guest lectures in this area, like one delivered by a senior manager from a global industrial concern on the topic of sustainable leadership.

MSC IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

In the Master Program in International Business (MIB), ethics and CSR are integrated throughout the program to underline their importance to corporate decision-making. All SDGs are present in the program’s core curriculum. The program’s commitment to integrate ethics, CSR, and sustainability extends even to the case interviews applicants undergo as part of the selection process, which always include SDG components.

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Emmo Johnson
CIVICA Student Ambassador

"In my role as a student employee on the CIVICA Core Team, I have worked with a variety of tasks ranging from student recruitment and student initiatives to the design of the bachelor-level Engage Track. Civic-centered programs and collaborations like CIVICA are incredibly important as they not only bring up crucial topics and challenges for a sustainable future, but also in collaboration with a number of actors across Europe, thereby fostering cultural understanding while also ensuring a joint effort in tackling said issues, which, I believe, is key for success. I consider CIVICA, and particularly the Engage Track, to be a great opportunity for SSE bachelor students to broaden their perspectives and knowledge.”

Leviosa Bergdahl
CIVICA Core Team

"Climate change is one of the most pressing and multifaceted challenges of our generation due to the demands it places on both business and politics as well as its high degree of technical complexity. The MSc in Economics together with the Wannenberg International Fellows program equipped me with a strong analytical mindset, solid quantitative abilities, and a holistic international perspective across the public and the private sectors. At Material Economics, a group focused on developing sustainability strategies, which is a part of McKinsey & Company, I get to apply this skill set on a daily basis to support our clients on complex issues in sustainability, helping them to decrease emissions, invest in green technologies, and launch new initiatives to build a better future.”

David Huber
Economics MSc and Wannenberg International Fellows Program

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Since 2018, MIB students have carried out a social immersion project on health and hygiene in Uganda, during which they collaborated with NGOs, businesses, and government representatives. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the project was forced online for two years, but since 2022 the students are now able to travel to Uganda again.

Another opportunity for the MIB students to work on sustainability in close collaboration with companies is the CEMS Business Project, which is part of the CEMS Master in International Management and an obligatory element of the MIB. Moreover, the MIB curriculum facilitates successful completion of the CEMS master which, in addition to courses and the business project, also includes an exchange program abroad and an internship.

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The CEMS Alliance was founded in 1988 and SSE became a member in 1991. The CEMS Master in International Management (CEMS MIM) is offered jointly by a network of 34 business schools, 74 corporate partners and 8 social partners (NGOs). The vision for the alliance is to offer a wide spectrum of business perspectives within a joint program. CEMS students will benefit from the resources of the global CEMS network to prepare not just for a job, but to become an entrepreneur aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that can improve society and the natural environment.

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GNAM

Through a partnership with the Global Network for Advanced Management (GNAM), established in May 2020, SSE has been able to expand its offerings of sustainability-related courses for master students. In the fall of 2021, SSE gave four courses that were open to GNAM students, including Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility and Natural Resource and Energy Economics.

SUSTAINABILITY TRACK

Starting in the fall of 2023, students at the MSc level will be able to add a Sustainability Track to their degree certificate. The track involves choosing two elective courses with a sustainability theme from a list of six courses currently offered. The list of possible courses will be added to over time. Apart from 15 ECTS credits of courses, students also need to write their MSc thesis on a sustainability-related topic.

PHD PROGRAMS

SSE offers three PhD programs: one in Business Administration, one in Economics, and one in Finance. In addition to the research-based courses, which are specific to each program, there is also a pedagogical course on Responsible Management Education open to all PhD students. In many of the PhD courses, there are components of social, economic, and ecological sustainability either theoretically or empirically. SSE’s commitment to sustainability is also reflected in the work of doctoral students, to which the list of dissertations related to the topic can attest (see Appendix C).

CIVICA

For PhD students, CIVICA offers new platforms for collaboration, as it enables the sharing of ideas and work-in-progress with peers at partner schools. CIVICA’s focus areas for research are Societies in Transition and Crises of Earth, Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century, Europe Revisited, and Data-Driven Technologies for the Social Sciences. One of the activities linked to this sustainability research cluster is the CIVICA PhD Panel Series organized by the Hertie School in the summer of 2021, where one panel focused on Energy and Climate Policies.

EXAMPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY TRACK COURSES INCLUDE:

Development Economics focuses on variations in economic development between countries and why major differences persist in a world where giant strides have been made towards the elimination of poverty. Informed by frontier research, the course offers students an understanding of the underlying causes of poverty and uneven development, while simultaneously exposing them to competing models of correction and alleviation.

Sustainable Finance familiarizes students with the efforts of the finance industry to meet the demands of sustainability, for example through socially responsible investing and the restriction on portfolios to meet net-zero emissions targets. The course links theory with practice by exposing students to recent research in the field, while also acquainting them with the concrete ways in which the financial sector is seeking to adapt its operations in the face of the climate crisis.

Gender Economics explores gender differences in economic outcomes, familiarizing students with different proposed explanations for these variations. Drawing on a range of economic theory and empirical papers, the course considers factors such as discrimination, evaluation bias, and family formation.

Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship offers tools and insights drawn from the field of economics to help students combine business enterprise with civic engagement. Against this theoretical and methodological background, the course explores how social innovation and social entrepreneurship can be used to deal with socio-economic problems such as poverty, unemployment, and unequal access to healthcare.

Environmental Economics focuses on the government response to environmental challenges, particularly in the wake of market failure. To this end, the course explores aspects such as the different policy tools for state intervention in this area as well as the economic costs of environmental regulation. The overall intent is to equip students with the ability to analyze and evaluate the economic aspects of environmental challenges, both in the present and in the future.

Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability offers students the necessary tools and insights to successfully understand, develop, and manage businesses in relation to their needs and demands of society and the natural environment. The course is centered around a live case on a sustainability topic, developed and run in cooperation with a private company, government organization or NGO.

EXAMPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED PHD COURSES INCLUDE:

Institutional and Organizational Economics offers students a conceptual framework for the structural analysis of societal institutions and private enterprise. The goal is to better understand why performance and efficiency may differ between organizations, aided by insights from game theory.

Economics of Conflict proceeds from the observation that economics for a long time focused on voluntary exchange in markets. Yet there is also theft, war, and litigation - and even ostensibly peaceful contracting may take place in the shadow of coercion.

In this light, the course offers students an economic approach to conflict, using both theoretical and empirical material.

Political Economy and Public Choice introduces students to the field of Public Choice Economics, which can be defined as the application of economic theory to the democratic process. It assumes that everyone involved in said process is a rational agent in the sense of classical economics and beyond. The course offers students an understanding of this interdisciplinary field of inquiry, anchored in recent research.
EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM

The SSE Executive MBA program rests on a general management foundation and consists of thematic modules with a collection of courses connected to each theme. In addition, participants can personalize the content of their program with a number of elective courses given at SSE’s campuses and at member schools in the GNAM. As with the other levels of education at the School, sustainability is a core part of the Executive MBA program. For example, the course CSR and Sustainability Management spans the whole length of program, adding insight and perspective on sustainability in business and organizational research, and the third focusing on ecological philosophy, post-modern ethics, and the circular economy.

FACULTY PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

SSE offers multiple opportunities for its teachers to develop their pedagogical expertise. Two modules in particular are noteworthy: The Inclusive Classroom and Responsible Management Education. The former seeks to help faculty make their teaching more inclusive, and it has been offered for several years. The latter is a more recent addition, meant to give teachers a firm grounding in what makes responsible and sustainable education.

SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

SSE seeks to actively reduce the environmental impact of its operations. Appropriate governance is a necessary part of maintaining a sustainable campus, and governance in turn requires systematic measurement and reporting. Through this commitment to reducing its environmental footprint, SSE is implementing a holistic approach to sustainability in its organizational character so that its academic and extracurricular activities embody the values of global social responsibility. This approach also extends to initiatives and activities geared towards fostering an empathetic and culturally literate student body through engagement with the arts and the broader society from which art emerges. These include the Art Initiative, the Literary Agenda, and events hosted and facilitated by the Student Association and other groups engaged with sustainability at SSE. These activities create dialogues with stakeholders who are positioned outside of the norms and mindsets typically associated with business schools, for instance assumptions about consumption and growth, and such dialogues constitute a possible step towards sustainable practices within and outside of the school. The examples of campus work and initiatives in this section highlight SSE’s commitment to Principle 1 (Purpose), Principle 2 (Values), Principle 3 (Method), and Principle 6 (Dialogue).

Sustainability has come to occupy a central role in SSE’s Executive Education, especially in recent years. One example of this development is the Executive Impact Program, which focuses on business transformation for sustainability. Specifically, it trains corporate leaders in how to best locate and support new business ideas that combine profitability with net-zero ambitions. Similarly, the Sustainability Essentials Program, offered in collaboration with HEC Paris, is designed to meet the needs of executives in charge of transformation projects. Another example is the Green Bonds and Sustainable Finance Executive Program, developed in partnership with the International Finance Corporation, which deals with sustainability integration in the lending and funding practices of banks in emerging markets. The program provides executives insight into green bond issuance and its underlying drivers such as green and sustainability-linked loans.

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Over the past two years, considerable efforts have been made to improve campus sustainability at SSE. Below are some examples of the initiatives that have been implemented to achieve this goal.

The Facilities Team at SSE has developed a sustainability manual to guide the School’s daily operations. The manual, which will be continuously updated, expresses SSE’s commitment to working exclusively with sustainable suppliers and materials. Recent facility renovations have placed a strong emphasis on recycling, resulting in significant environmental savings. Throughout the past two years of renovation projects, furniture has been reused whenever possible, and efforts have been made to ensure that new items carry environmental labels. To further enhance waste reduction and recycling solutions, Office Recycling Sverige has been contracted to collect waste from the premises and measure quantities, providing a baseline for continuous improvement.

In addition, SSE has implemented more flexible and efficient recycling bins across the entire campus, fostering increased collaboration with students to raise circular awareness. Looking forward, SSE aims to ensure that all future renovation projects adhere to the sustainability manual while continuously learning and developing new systems to optimize recycling and reduce energy consumption. Currently, the SSE Sustainability Group is working with a contracted sustainability consultant to review practices and identify areas for further improvement.

SSE also works practically with sustainability at Campus Kämpsten, the site of Executive Education. With its suppliers and partners, Campus Kämpsten formulated the plan...
“Better Tomorrow 2025,” which uses the SDGs (particularly 2, 3, and 7) to articulate concrete and measurable actions. For example, the campus buildings are now heated by a pump that provides more efficient and more holistic climate control than before. Recently, a new system for waste management and recycling was also introduced, which helped to increase repurposing and reduce the use of chemicals. In addition, the campus catering service has steadily increased the proportion of organically produced food, vegetarian meals, and seasonal ingredients in its menu offerings. Finally, the campus is now collaborating with its suppliers to reduce the number of deliveries and to make a collective difference through local networks.

**AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT**

SSE’s goal is to have a campus where students and staff feel safe and welcome to study or work regardless of gender, ethnicity, gender identity or gender expression, social background, functional ability, sexual orientation, age, or religion or other belief. Therefore, SSE is committed to the values of equality, diversity, and inclusion. In accordance with these values and the Swedish Discrimination Act, SSE works to embed diversity, equality of opportunities and inclusion in both strategic and day-to-day work at the School. All work is done from a norm-critical perspective which recognizes power imbalances and the status quo that sustains them; moreover, this perspective encourages reflection and ultimately change on both an individual and a structural level.

Every year a number of mandatory Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion workshops are offered to faculty, staff, and key members of the student association. The purpose of these interactive workshops is to provide concrete tools that can be used to build and maintain more open and inclusive environments. In addition to faculty and staff development, SSE also offers multiple grants for increasing the student body’s diversity (see appendix F).

**TARGETED-MPI**

TA RE ETED-M PI (Transparent A nd Resilient Gender Equality Through Integrated Monitoring Planning and Implementation) is a collaborative project between six universities from Europe and the Middle East working together to promote gender equality towards a better academic environment for all. The project is funded by EU Horizon 2020 and seeks to combat gender inequality in business and management schools through the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of Gender Equality Plans (GEPs). SSE has taken a leading role in the project, based on its existing goal of reaching a minimum 40/60 gender ratio between female and male employees by 2030.

**FIRST**

led by SSE in cooperation with the Daniel Sachs Foundation, the FIRST program seeks to increase diversity in business education, and by extension, in the corporate world at large. To that end, it arranges inspirational lectures, company visits and events in order to help visualize career paths for students from non-academic family backgrounds. Sabiner Haas Lönroth has been program director of FIRST since April 2022 and works both strategically and operationally with the initiative.

**ACADEMIC PRIDE AT STOCKHOLM PRIDE**

In 2022, SSE co-organized Academic Pride with the other higher education institutions in Stockholm. A collaboration with Stockholm Pride, the initiative aimed to highlight the significance of LGBTQIA+ issues in higher education. During Pride Week, numerous activities were held, including a seminar on how far universities have really come on these issues and what can be done to further progress. Overall, the event provided a platform for discussion and insight, fostering an atmosphere of inclusion and recognizing the importance of diversity in academia.

**ART CLASSROOMS**

During the summer of 2022, the British-Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare CBE and his studio designed the Yinka Shonibare Room in the School’s main building. This is SSE’s fourth decorated classroom, and its distinctive art gives students a chance to ponder the global flows of influence and exchange inscribed into its batik pattern. The style originates from the island of Java, but was brought by Dutch traders to West Africa, where local artists put their own stamp on it and sent it out into the world anew.

**STUDENT CONTRIBUTION**

**STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY GROUP (SSG)**

The Student Sustainability Group (SSG) brought a number of events centered around sustainability to the School in 2022. In April, the group organized the annual Focus CSR week, which included a variety of events such as lunch lectures, workshops, and networking opportunities. The week culminated with Sustainable Career Day, which featured a career fair with representatives from Swedish bank SEB, insurance company SPP, and the Mitsubishi Corporation, among others. SSE also held a career workshop series and a hackathon in collaboration with Effective Altruism Sweden to encourage students to pursue impactful careers. By the end of 2022, SSG consisted of 39 active members working on six different projects.

**THE ART INITIATIVE**

The SSE A rt Initiative is committed to making the visual arts central to the School’s overall educational mission. Art opens pathways to ethical and socially responsible decisions. Among other things, the Art Initiative promotes the value of cultural diversity and underscores culture’s necessary contribution to sustainable development. Through its events, the Art Initiative brings up for reflection and discussion such issues as income inequality, climate change, and atmospheric emissions: in doing so, it adds new perspectives to the School’s educational mission.
THE SPORTS INITIATIVE
Sports play a key role in bolstering human sustainability, given that physical exercise makes the mind and body more resilient. Since its inauguration in August 2022, the Sports Initiative has arranged many activities that have been well-received by students. Already in its first month, the initiative organized a lunch lecture for the incoming first-year students, which focused on future career opportunities in the world of sports. This was later followed by an inspirational lecture from SSE’s Michael Dahlen, which dealt with the sense of inspiration. The initiative organized a themed lecture series on Sports and Inclusion, which continued throughout the year, with a highlight being well-being that sports and physical activity bring. Events continued throughout the year, with a highlight being the first-year student lunch lecture for the incoming first-year students, which focused on future career opportunities in the world of sports. This was later followed by an inspirational lecture from SSE’s Michael Dahlen, which dealt with the sense of inspiration. The initiative organized a themed lecture series on Sports and Inclusion, which continued throughout the year, with a highlight being well-being that sports and physical activity bring. Events continued throughout the year, with a highlight being the first-year student lunch lecture for the incoming first-year students, which focused on future career opportunities in the world of sports. This was later followed by an inspirational lecture from SSE’s Michael Dahlen, which dealt with the sense of inspiration. The initiative organized a themed lecture series on Sports and Inclusion, which continued throughout the year, with a highlight being well-being that sports and physical activity bring.

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- Fernanda Melchor - Hurricane Season
- Douglas Stuart - Shuggie Bain
- Ben Lerner - The Topeca School
- Andreas Johansson - The History of Bees
- Naoise Dolan - Exciting Times
- Tove Jansson - Moominsummer Madness
- Karl Ove Knausgård - Spring

THE READING LIST 2022/2023
- Joseph Ponthus - O in the Line
- Pilar Quintana - The Bitch
- Yan Uanke - The Years, Months, Days
- Maja Lunde - The History of Bees
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OUTREACH FOR IMPACT
As a business school for society with diverse constituents, SSE values outreach and communication as a necessary component of the work it does to execute its mission: to increase the competitive strength of its community and to do so sustainably and responsibly. This entails carrying out research dissemination activities that offer or discuss concrete solutions for complex questions for a variety of stakeholders in the private sector, public sector, and civil society. SSE strives to create an environment that fosters open dialogue and actively promotes the exploration of strategies for achieving sustainability. It endeavors to strengthen social cohesion and inspire individuals to make ethical choices. With these goals in mind, SSE is committed to sharing its expertise and resources through its different forms of outreach. To this end, the School draws on a variety of channels and venues, including media appearances, academic events, research seminars, and presentations for a general audience. The examples in this section demonstrate SSE’s efforts to incorporate Principle 1 (Purpose), Principle 2 (Values), Principle 5 (Partnership), and Principle 6 (Dialogue) into its outreach.

OUTREACH FOR IMPACT
Those working with sustainability at SSE believe that the ideal research project combines theory with practice, and that the success of any scholarly undertaking in this area depends on its ability to make a positive, impactful contribution to society. To achieve such an effect, SSE actively works with targeted research dissemination, engaging in various activities and events with multiple stakeholders in the private and public sectors. SSE regularly participates in Almedalen Week, an important annual event in Swedish politics. Every summer since 1968, Swedish politicians have gathered on the island of Gotland for a week of spirited debate. Over the years, the event has grown to become an important opportunity for organizations, businesses, and state institutions to network and discuss important issues of the day. Today, there are approximately 45,000 participants each year. In 2022, several SSE faculty participated in discussion panels, including President Lars Strannegård, who offered
his views on what economists can gain from studying the liberal arts. Margo Entwonen, researcher at Misum and the House of Innovation, also presented key findings from her research project on circularity in public procurement.

Another example of outreach for impact is SSE’s contribution to the Stockholm +50 climate conference in June 2022, during which the School hosted an afternoon session entitled “Linking the E, S & G in Sustainable Finance.” The keynote address was delivered by Andreas Grönvall of the Swedish Ministry of the Environment, and during the concluding mingle session, the School’s 85 students presented posters from their Global Challenges projects.

MISUM ANNUAL FORUM 2022

Every October, Misum hosts its annual forum, a multi-stakeholder conference, which brings together academia and industry to focus on a particular sustainability challenge. In 2022, the theme was “The Role and Responsibility of Business and Industry in Poverty Alleviation.” Industry leaders and academics joined the event to discuss how the business community can contribute to the crucial sustainable development goal of ending poverty. Speakers included Swedish business leaders Carl Bennet and Marcus Wallenberg; Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee of MIT; Adnan Khan of the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; and sustainability directors from Atlas Copco, Ericsson, Saab, Swecon, and Swedfund. Opening remarks were given by Prince Daniel of Sweden. The event was hosted in collaboration with the NGO Pratham Sweden. The forum had over 160 attendees, from the private and public sectors and academia.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The faculty and students of SSE place great importance on public engagement and cultivating relationships with stakeholders. Recognizing the significance of communicating ongoing research, they actively contribute to society through various forms of outreach.

In August 2022, the Sound Economy podcast was introduced, hosted by third-year Business and Economics students Victor White and Emma Johnson. Open to all, the podcast aims to showcase the innovative work of researchers from SSE. With a primary focus on the latest research insights on finance, retail, innovation, and sustainability, each episode delves into popularly oriented topics such as “Does wealth make you happier and healthier?” and “How can the retail industry become more sustainable?”

In April 2023, Emma Stenström of the Department of Management and Organization hosted a talk and interactive workshop at Stockholm City Theatre on “bubble-hopping,” a method that can be used to bridge divides in a polarized society. By actively resisting filter bubbles and instead encouraging the assumption of a multiplicity of positions, the technique has been shown to facilitate the formation of new perspectives and the cultivation of empathy. In her teaching role, Stenström has engaged over 400 SSE students in this bubble-hopping exercise; the idea of this public event, then, was to apply it more broadly.

OUTREACH TO PARTNERS

SSE has numerous partners with which it develops outreach content and strategies. SSE’s partnerships are varied in nature and reflect the way research at the School cuts across disciplines and industries. Many of these partnerships are long-lasting and formalized in the Corporate Partnership Program, which consists of a network of more than a hundred domestic and international companies. In these partnerships, SSE draws on a four-pronged approach to corporate outreach, as illustrated in the Strategic Challenges wheel above.

This approach begins with strategic collaboration between SSE and a corporate partner, focusing on the partner’s key challenges. Once identified, these challenges may be addressed by conducting relevant research, by mobilizing student talent through the live cases that are part of SSE’s pedagogy, by commissioning open or customized executive education, or by recruiting key-talent graduates. The collaborative wheel is multi-directional, and it guides a structured process for exploring and enacting partnership-based outreach. Naturally, results from the research part of this wheel can be communicated through public seminars, policy briefs or research reports that present practical suggestions for business and government.

Over the last two years, numerous events and activities have been organized in collaboration with SSE partners. Some have already been mentioned in the above, such as McKinsey’s support of the Literacy Agenda. Another example is the HOI Digital Day 2022, hosted by the House of Innovation. The focus of that year’s event was on collaboration as a tool for societal transformation.

Speakers included AI expert Virginia Dignum of Umeå University; Mattias Perjos, CEO of Swedish medical technology company Getinge; Nada Sanders of Northeastern University; and Peter Carlsson, CEO of electric battery company Northvolt.

ALUMNI OUTREACH

SSE boasts an alumni network of over 20,000 individuals, a resource that not only strengthens the School’s connection to the business community through the professional ventures of its graduates, but which is also drawn on for the benefit of current students. For instance, there is a mentor program at the master’s level, which pairs up students with alumni for advisory purposes. For the mentors, the program is an opportunity for them to maintain a connec-
ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS SINCE LAST SIP AND NEW OBJECTIVES

SSE’s past objectives, current performance, and future commitments to the PRME principles are listed in the following table. As several of them are relevant to more than one PRME principle, there is some overlap.
### PRME PRINCIPLE 1: PURPOSE

**OBJECTIVES 2021 – 2023**

SSE will continue to increase its sustainability work and further coordinate various units for holistic impact. It will:

1. **Allocate more personnel and financial resources to Sustainability SSE Group, which includes recruiting a sustainability coordinator to execute a range of activities, such as workshops for various participant groups.**

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<td>• Sustainability consultant has been hired to review School’s sustainability performance.</td>
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<td>• The hiring process for a sustainability coordinator has been temporarily paused in order to allocate sufficient time for assessing the position’s requirements.</td>
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<td>• Sustainability activities, such as workshops, seminars, and webinars were carried out by departments and research centers in compliance with internal sustainability policies.</td>
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2. **Establish common routines for sustainable operations across academic departments, degree programs and professional services units.**

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<td>• SSE has developed a suppliers’ policy.</td>
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<td>• SSE Sustainability Sub-Strategy 2023-2027 has been developed and will be implemented over the five-year period. SSE’s PRME objectives will be guided by this sub-strategy.</td>
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3. **Systematically follow up on the objectives set in the sustainability strategy.**

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<td>• Ongoing efforts were made to gather and systematically archive materials showcasing accomplishments within the School.</td>
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<td>• Each department was responsible for reviewing their relevant sustainability objectives.</td>
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4. **Increase diversity, equity and inclusion in the student body, faculty, and professional staff.**

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<td>• Examples of increased diversity inclusion initiatives:</td>
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<td>• Global Challenge scholarship.</td>
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<td>• Active participation in the TARGETED MA project.</td>
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<td>• Launch of the 40/60 2030 gender equality strategy.</td>
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<td>• Multiple awareness raising and competency development activities.</td>
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<td>• Revised guidelines for preventing and addressing discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, and bullying.</td>
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<td>• Resume Sustainability SSE Group’s operations, which includes recruiting a sustainability coordinator to execute a range of activities, such as workshops for various participant groups.</td>
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### PRME PRINCIPLE 2: VALUES

**OBJECTIVES 2021 – 2023**

SSE will continue to develop the capabilities of students to be future generators of sustainable value for business and society and to work for an inclusive and sustainable global economy. It will:

1. **Develop and promote a sustainability track open to students in all MSc programs.**

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<td>• Sustainability Track will open academic year 2023/2024.</td>
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2. **Make existing sustainability content and activities at the School more explicit for stakeholders. Incorporate mainstream sustainability content that follows PRME principles and supports SDG attainment across more activities at SSE, especially courses and events.**

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<td>• Make existing sustainability content and activities more explicit for stakeholders.</td>
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<td>• SDGs have been added to course descriptions.</td>
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<td>• Video series tutorial on how to embed SDGs into education.</td>
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<td>• Responsible Management Education module developed and now offered to all faculty.</td>
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3. **Work systematically to map the application of FREE learning objectives in courses and programs.**

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<td>• New course proposals must articulate pedagogical alignment with FREE.</td>
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4. **Work systematically to further integrate FREE support/ material/tools for course and program directors and use it to guide continuous improvement.**

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<td>• PRME video series for pedagogical development of faculty in line with RM and FREE.</td>
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<td>• Continue supporting teachers in incorporating sustainability in their courses.</td>
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5. **Add one or two questions on sustainability to course evaluations.**

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<td>• This is still in progress, but it is now compulsory for faculty to include the SDGs in the course descriptions.</td>
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<td>• Collect yearly student expectations on sustainability and use this feedback in the continuous development of SSE strategy. The Student Association must approve this activity.</td>
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### Additional objectives for 2023-2025:

- Develop a Misum Award for best thesis on a sustainability topic.
- Develop the course offering of Executive Education to support the sustainability transition of organizations.
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<td><strong>OBJECTIVES</strong>&lt;br&gt;2021 – 2023</td>
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<td>SSE will further the development of educational frameworks, collaboration, processes, and environments to enable responsible leadership. It will:</td>
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<td>1. Strengthen the School’s successful collaboration with the Student Association, for example, by promoting the Student Sustainability Group (SSG) among other students, staff, and external parties.&lt;br&gt;• PME team is now composed of a student representative and advisor, bridging the distance between student body and faculty.</td>
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<td>2. Support the coordination of all student groups working with sustainability at SSE.&lt;br&gt;• After multiple meetings and brainstorming sessions, it was clear that there was no specific need for support.</td>
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<td>3. Develop additional courses with sustainability content (e.g., as part of the CIVICA Engage Track and GNAM network).&lt;br&gt;• 14 new CIVICA bachelor courses with a focus on sustainable societies since 2021, and two more Master courses currently in development.</td>
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<td>4. Develop an SSE Sustainability Guide that informs students about SSE’s work with sustainability.&lt;br&gt;• There has been an increase in communicating sustainability in SSE operations, e.g., atrium renovations, compost from smart bins, but the draft of the sustainability guide was put on hold during this period</td>
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<td>5. Create additional faculty development opportunities to increase the inclusion of sustainability content in SSE courses.&lt;br&gt;• Creation of PRM E video series and RME pedagogical module.</td>
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<td>6. Develop a more systematic way to keep track of sustainability content in programs/courses.&lt;br&gt;• Course directors now have to indicate which SDGs their course addresses in Canvas, and this will be followed up on a regular basis.</td>
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<td>7. Encourage faculty to include more practical projects related to sustainability &amp; SDG in courses (e.g., in collaboration with businesses).&lt;br&gt;• Video series, RME faculty pedagogical development and pedagogy newsletter.</td>
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<td>8. Develop measurement for climate impact on campus with annual follow-up in collaboration with other Swedish universities part of the KTH Climate Framework.&lt;br&gt;• Contingent on the recruitment of a sustainability coordinator.</td>
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<td>9. Finalize a sustainability manual on facilities and operations.&lt;br&gt;• Contingent on the recruitment of a sustainability coordinator.</td>
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<td>10. Devote a section on SSE’s internal portal to the new sustainability manual and information related to SSSE Group and to further develop the page on the external website to include more information on the sustainability work of SSE.&lt;br&gt;• Development of the new section is pending, but there has been continuous update of the PME pages.</td>
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<td>11. SSE will continue investing in energy efficiency measures to make existing facilities as energy efficient as possible.&lt;br&gt;• A Sustainable SSE section on the portal will be developed with the manual and provide updates related to the group’s work (including equality and diversity).</td>
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### PRME Principle 3: Method

**Objectives 2021 – 2023**

- Additional objectives for 2023-2025:
  - Continue working with SSE Sustainable Sub-Strategy, developing it to include more quantifiable targets. More details regarding SSE’s investment policy, energy sources, environmental standards, and emissions can be found in the SSE Sustainability Sub-Strategy.

  - Reduce waste and adopt circular economy principles of resource management.
  - Use electricity from carbon-neutral sources and increase the use of renewable sources (e.g., solar and wind) when possible.
  - Adopt the highest environmental standards in our construction and refurbishment projects when possible.
  - Continue the implementation of the 2022 Sub-Strategy on gender equality, informed by ongoing commitment to the TARGETED-MPI project.
  - Continue to reduce our travel emissions in line with the travel guidelines.
  - To meet the sustainability criteria as stipulated by SSE’s investment policies.
  - SSE will encourage online research activities to reduce research-related travel.

**Performance 2021 – 2023**

**Objectives 2023 – 2025**

### PRME Principle 4: Research

**Objectives 2021 – 2023**

- SSE will continue to conduct research that advances our understanding of the role, dynamics, and impact of corporations and civil society actors in the creation of sustainable social, environmental, and economic value. It will:

  1. **Encourage sustainability-related research output/agendas in all SSE departments.**
     - Misum and CIVICA have been especially active in identifying and connecting research projects on sustainability across SSE departments.
  
  2. **Increase the number of publications related to sustainability.**
     - Development of a process to identify and catalog relevant research published at SSE, to be able to track progress in number of publications.
  
  3. **Increase number of research projects on sustainability topics carried out in collaboration with external partners.**
     - Misum research projects. 2022 saw four new research projects in collaboration with CIVICA partner universities.
  
  4. **Increase the number of research projects that have an interdisciplinary focus.**
     - Misum research projects. Several of the CIVICA research projects are fundamentally interdisciplinary.
  
  5. **Produce policy briefs based on academic publications in order to reach appropriate partners with research findings in applicable formats.**
     - Misum Academic Insight series has continued.

**Performance 2021 – 2023**

**Objectives 2023 – 2025**

- **SSE will expand the Misum model by supporting research that actively engages organizations from all sectors in the co-production of knowledge and research.**

- **Expand the systematic work of Misum to disseminate sustainability-related research from all SSE departments, houses, and centers.**

- **Misum will continue to serve as a School-wide vehicle for collaborative research on sustainability.**

- **SSE will ensure the long-term funding for Misum.**

- **New call for applications for seed funding from CIVICA to promote collaboration with partners, scheduled for 2024.**

- **SSE will identify opportunities where research can contribute to advancing scientific knowledge on sustainability.**
SSE will increase its collaborations on responsibility and sustainability with business, students, faculty, civil society, and other universities in partnerships and through dialogue. It will:

1. Organize annual sustainability research conference (Misum Forum).
   - Engage different groups of stakeholders in events and activities with a sustainability focus. Host regular sustainability-related events, seminars, roundtables, workshops that engage both internal and external SSE stakeholders.

2. Deepen collaboration with other institutions working on sustainability projects.
   - SSE led the thematic group: Crisis of the Earth. Societies in Transition (2022-2023), coordinating research on this topic cluster between partners in the CIVICA alliance.
   - Encourage research and thesis projects on sustainability topics in collaboration with external partners.

3. Strengthen the sustainability and SDG profile in the program marketing activities.
   - A short description of the CIVICA Engage Track has been added to student handbook.
   - Continue highlighting sustainability content in promotional material.

4. Improve the quality of integration of sustainability into the processes and content of all relevant events.
   - Sustainable event policy.
   - Facilitate networks of organizations focusing on sustainability.

5. Enhance sustainability work through increased communication among different units.
   - M isum and CIVICA activities have increasingly served as a boundary-spanner between different units at the school.
   - Continuous internal communication, in particular with the allocation of a 20% position in the CIVICA communication team (starting 2023) and increased coordination between M isum and CIVICA.

APPENDIX A

The list below provides an overview of PRME-relevant events hosted by SSE research centers and departments.

2023

Migration and Integration: Critical Perspectives in Conversation: A full-day CIVICA seminar focused on multi-disciplinary conversations with political scientists, economists, sociologists, and management scholars who examined the interrelated topics of migration and integration. January 2023.

Breakfast roundtable on LGBTQIA+ inclusion, innovation, and competitiveness: A roundtable discussion organized by the House of Innovation and the Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights (RFSL), meant to begin a dialogue on how to increase research about LGBTQIA+ inclusion, innovation, and competitiveness. January 2023.

Optimal Fiscal Policy in a Climate-Economy Model with Heterogeneous Households: A seminar hosted by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Thomas Douvenne of the University of Amsterdam explored what fiscal policy tools may be utilized to combat climate change. January 2023.

Transactional Preferences: Ethical Consumption and the Minimum Wage: A seminar hosted by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Anna Becker of Stockholm University presented a working paper on ethical consumption and the minimum wage. February 2023.

Administrative Incentives Impact Crop-Residue Burning and Health in South Asia: A seminar hosted by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Gemma Dipoppa of Brown University presented a working paper on how administrators’ incentives shape the effective management of pollution in India and Pakistan. February 2023.


Structural Transformation and Environmental Externalities: A seminar hosted by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Mauki Jagannath of the University of Colorado Denver presented a paper examining how policies that address misallocation due to frictions in labor markets can generate environmental externalities. March 2023.

STOCKHOLM +50: Linking the E, S & G in Sustainable Finance: A special session of the Stockholm +50 climate conference, organized at SSE with support from the Global Challenges Foundation and the Sustainable Finance Lab, which brought together policymakers, researchers, and corporate representatives for a discussion about sustainable development. April 2023.

Presumption and Mediated Reactivity in ESG Ratings: A seminar organized by Misum and the Department of Accounting, in which G Iovanna Michelon of the University of Bristol presented her research on ESG ratings. April 2023.

AI for Sustainability: An event organized by the House of Innovation, which explored how to best leverage data and AI to achieve coherence in ESG ratings and investments. April 2023.

The Current Situation in Ukraine and EU Accession: An event organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics and the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies, which featured a keynote address by Sergii Marchenko, Minister of Finance of Ukraine, followed by a panel discussion on the effects of the Russian invasion on the Ukrainian economy. April 2023.

Taking the Long-Term View – How Family Businesses Build Brands for the Future: A seminar hosted by the House of Innovation about how the Swedish family business Lölflängs builds its brand with patience and a long-term view, including a recent strategic focus on innovation and sustainability. May 2023.

The Economics of Biodiversity: Implications for Policy and Practice: A Misum event featuring scholars, policymakers, and practitioners discussing developments in global biodiversity frameworks, and current progress on integrating biodiversity into economics and finance. May 2023.

Ethics for the Digital Age: A breakfast roundtable organized by the House of Innovation, in which Martin Kombenberger of the Vienna University of Economics and Business and Linda Leopold, Head of Responsible AI & Data at H&M Group, discussed the relationship between theory and practice in contemporary business ethics. May 2023.

Trade and Trees: A seminar organized by Misum and the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Bård Warstad of the University of Oslo shared his working paper on international trade and environmental conservation. May 2023.

Privacy of What? Saving the Lives of HIV Patients with Electronic Medical Records: A seminar hosted by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Laura Dierksen of the University of Toronto presented her working paper on the use of electronic medical records and how it can prevent AIDS deaths by enabling patient tracing. May 2023.

Passing Landmark U.S. Climate Legislation: How the Inflation Reduction Act Happened: A lecture by John Donn Pasco Coggin of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce, organized by the Center for Modern Languages in collaboration with CIWCA, which traced and analyzed the political steps that led to the passing of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the largest single investment in climate and energy in U.S. history. May 2023.

2022

A War No One Wants? The Political Economy of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict: An online seminar organized as a collaboration between the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, the Forum for Research on Eastern Europe and Emerging Economies, and the Kyiv School of Economics, which focused on the risk of a war between Russia and Ukraine and its potential consequences. February 2022.

Sustainable Fashion Webinar: A webinar moderated by Susanne Sweert of the Center for Sustainability Research, which addressed a range of sustainability issues in relation to the fashion industry. April 2022.

Culture, Food, and Climate: The Path to Sustainability: A debate on the future of food systems and climate change, hosted by SSE and chaired by its PRM6 director Laurence Romani. June 2022.

Colluding Against Environmental Regulation: A seminar organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Jing Lu of the MIT Sloan School of Management presented her working paper on the threats to environmental regulation. June 2022.

Nuclear Energy in Europe: Back to the Future?: A roundtable organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which the institute’s research fellow Chloé Le Coq discussed the future of nuclear power in the EU alongside other scholars in the field of energy and environmental economics. September 2022.

Higher Education and Research in War and Peace: A conference organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics; the Forum for Research on Eastern Europe and Emerging Economies; and CenEA, the Centre for Economic Analysis, which focused on the importance of higher education and research in times of both war and peace. September 2022.

Mism Forum 2022: The Role and Responsibility of Business and Industry in Poverty Alleviation: A full-day conference where representatives from both industry and academia convened to discuss the role and responsibility of the business community in ending poverty. October 2022.

Dialogues on Digital 2022 – Collaborating for Societal Transformation: An event organized by the House of Innovation together with Mism, Wahlenberg foundations, Digital@dialog, the FutureWork Forum, and the Swedish Center for Digital Innovation, which focused on the importance of collaboration in an increasingly digital world. October 2022.

Peer Effects in Green Technology Adoption: Evidence from Electric Vehicles: A seminar organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Elisabeth Laskin of the Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research presented her working paper on discernible peer effects in electric vehicle adoption. October 2022.

Do We Still Live in a World of Progress? A lunch lecture by Johan Kring, organized by the Center for Modern Languages in collaboration with CIWCA, which made the case for why it is still rational to be an optimist in a world that looks increasingly bleak. November 2022.

The Future of Impact Investing: A panel discussion organized by Mism, in which SSE’s Bo Becker and representatives from the finance and investment sector discussed the long-term prospects of investing for positive social and environmental impact. November 2022.


The Economics of Air Pollution: A full-day workshop organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics and the Forum for Research on Eastern Europe and Emerging Economies on the economics of air pollution as a research area. December 2022.

2021


Driving Towards a Carbon Neutral Future: An online event organized by the SSE Alumni team in collaboration with CEM5 on sustainability in the automotive industry. March 2021.

Bending the Global Emissions Curve: A webinar offered by Mism which treated the findings of the 2020 SNV Economic Policy Council report and explored how Swedish climate policy can connect more ambitiously with international sustainability goals. May 2021.

Workshop on Household Decision Making: A workshop organized by Mism; the Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality at the Norwegian School of Economics; the Chr. Michelsen Institute; and the Institute for International Economics Studies at Stockholm University, which brought together researchers working on decision-making and development economics. June 2021.


Adaptation to Surface Water Scarcity in Irrigated Agriculture: A seminar organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, in which Nick Hagerty of Montana State University shared his research on the relationship between climate change and water scarcity in an agricultural context. October 2021.


Mism Forum 2021: Responding to Climate Change – Challenges and Possible Solutions: A full-day virtual event where representatives from both academia and industry examined key issues in sustainability research and practice in relation to the climate crisis. October 2021.

Hybrid Futures: The Blending of AI and “Digital” into Life, Work, and Society: An online conference organized by the House of Innovation together with the Wahlenberg foundations, Digital@dialog, the FutureWork Forum, the Swedish Center for Digital Innovation, Mism, and SSE Business Lab, focusing on the impact of AI on society, organizations, and the individual. October 2021.

Open Innovation: How to Leverage External Knowledge and the Wisdom of the Crowd: An industry seminar organized by the House of Innovation and SSE Executive Education, in which Kathrin Reinsberger highlighted the benefits of Open Innovation through empirical research. November 2021.


SITE Development Day 2021: Environmental Policy in Eastern Europe: A conference organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, which focused on environmental policy in Eastern Europe, with a particular emphasis on global warming, energy transformation, and energy security. December 2021.
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The Widgren & Quino Scholarship to Advance Global Challenges During the Bachelor’s Degree: Established in 2022 (currently on pause). It is intended to cover tuition fees for one exceptionally promising new bachelor student to study at SSE for the full three years of the program. The donor is particularly interested in providing a scholarship to provide an opportunity for a non-EU student who is passionate about sustainable business and finance.

The Sylvia and Jonas Prazing Scholarship: Established in 2022 (currently on pause). Sylvia and Jonas Prazing want to contribute to diversifying SSE’s student population and provide opportunities for those coming from underprivileged socioeconomic backgrounds. Therefore, they are supporting one Swedish female bachelor student with a scholarship of SEK 10,000 per month for three years.

The Strömholm Scholarship: Established in 2021. Fredrik Strömholm wishes to contribute to the education of strong students with diverse and underrepresented backgrounds. Therefore, he is supporting three Swedish bachelor students with a scholarship of SEK 10,000 per month for three years.

The LIGF Scholarship: Established in 2022. Per-Olof Uöd wants to contribute to diversifying SSE’s student population and provide opportunities for students coming from underprivileged socioeconomic backgrounds. This scholarship is supporting one Swedish female bachelor student with a scholarship of SEK 10,000 per month for three years.

MAJOR’S GRANTS
Per Hiller Outstanding Master Student Award in MAVIM and MFIN: Established in 2022. Up to five scholarships of SEK 30,000 each are awarded to outstanding students in two of SSE’s master’s programs. The Catarina and Sven Hägströmer Scholarship: 2018 - 2022. The Catarina and Sven Hägströmer Foundation granted a scholarship to cover tuition fees for two students from China for two years of master studies.