

The BUP weekly

Week 18, 2021



Dear BUP colleagues,

The BUP Spring is certainly here! There is usually many BUP events during the spring and a lot of things happening. This spring is no exception, even if they are slightly altered with the restrictions in mind.

This week, for example, we had the **Annual Student Conference** online. We got to spend time together with in total of 80 students, from 30 BUP Participating Universities in 11 different countries. And, of course, all the presenters. The annual BUP Student Conference was hosted this year by the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra and Centre Director Barbora Čakovská.

We also published the **BUP Newsletter** this week. If you didn't receive it by mail, you can find it on our [web page/publications](#).

Nominations for the **PhD Award** is now closed, and we were pleased to get 19 nominations from 10 different Participating Universities. Now, the committees will start the process of choosing the best theses.

Save the date for our **two next space bridges**: on the 20th of May 2021, the Slovak National Centre is hosting its session on the theme *Urban Agriculture in the Baltic Sea Region* and on the 4th of June 2021, the Latvian National Centre is hosting its session on the theme: *Moving Baltic Sea Region to carbon neutral mobility – opportunities and challenges*.

Best regards,

The Baltic University Programme's coordinating secretariat

Story-inspiration and submission

BUP secretariat news

Call for abstracts to the BUP Symposium 2021 19-20 October 2021, online

#bupsymposium2021

The aim of the Symposium 2021 is to be a platform where the regional educational and research communities can spread research findings and get together and to get to know each other better as colleagues. We are challenging researchers from different disciplines with an interest in the Baltic Sea Region as an empirical field to discuss Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region. We especially welcome presentations of research having an inter-/multi disciplinary approach. The BUP Symposium 2021 is:

The symposium 2021, information and submission web page

- an opportunity present and discuss research
- an arena where to meet colleagues and start off collaborations
- an opportunity to get published and spread your research



The symposium will have nine themed sessions, covering the BUP Themes:

Climate Change, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Societies, Sustainable Water Resources, Urban-Rural Development, Bio- Circular Economy, Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), Sustainable Tourism and Sustainable Food Systems.

Presenting at the BUP Symposium 2021 can be done orally or in a poster session. Both will be presented online.

The call for abstracts is open between 22 March and 22 May 2021.

We hope to see you on-line in October!

News from Participating Universities

PhD student in disassembling high-carbon energy landscapes in Poland



The PhD position is part of the research project "Disassembling the power of high-carbon imaginaries" funded by the Swedish Research Council. The overall purpose of this project – led by Associate Professor Magdalena Kuchler – is to critically examine and better understand how powerful carbon-intensive imaginaries can be disempowered to accelerate low-carbon transition.

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The work of the PhD student will be focused on analysing "coascapes" in Poland, such as deep hard coal mining in the Upper Silesia Region and open-pit brown coal mining in central Poland. It is a fully funded position for 4 years, with a 100% scope.

The job advert

Please submit your application by 2 June 2021

We invite you to the 25th ENVIRO 2021 conference 3-4 June 2021, online



The conference focuses on the issues of "Reducing the risk of negative climate change impacts in the landscape" this year. You are invited to participate in the conference as an active participant by sending a professional abstract, or to participate as a listener. The official languages of the conference are Slovak, Polish and English.

Enviro website

Please observe the updated deadline
Submission of abstracts for active participants: 15 May 2021
Registration for passive participants: 2 June 2021

More information as well as individual dates for registration can be found at [enviro.uniag.sk](#)

Invitation to a series of interdisciplinary seminars "Forum Nordicum"



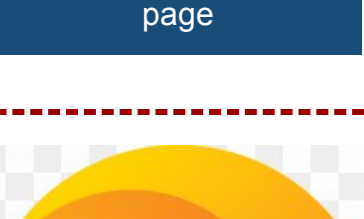
"Forum Nordicum" are interdisciplinary seminars organized at the Institute of Scandinavian and Finnish Studies, University of Gdańsk, to showcase research and other activities of the Institute. This spring we are presenting projects of our PhD students.

The seminars will take place over MS Teams. All are welcome! You can find the programme of the seminars through the adjoining links.

<p>13 May 2021 13:15–14:45 CET</p> <p>Dominika Barthnik-Świątek Constructing the Nordic region and Nordicness in Polish and French women's online magazines in the XXI century [the seminar will be held in English]</p> <p>Download the summary: https://bit.ly/2QaBkSO Join the seminar: https://bit.ly/2RspjWX</p>	<p>27 May 2021 13:15-14:45 CET</p> <p>Paulina Siegień Geografie wyobrazone, imagologie terytorialne i mity przestrzenne. Kulturowe konteksty konstruowania obwodu kaliningradzkiego jako heterotopii / Imagined geographies, territorial imagologies and spatial myths. Cultural contexts of constructing the Kaliningrad region as a heterotopia [the seminar will be held in Polish]</p> <p>Download the summary: https://bit.ly/2P1aBym Join the seminar: https://bit.ly/2OX4zNi</p>	<p>17 June 2021 13:15–14:45 CET</p> <p>Marta Skorek Discourse shapes marine space: Representations of the macro-regional governance of the Baltic Sea and their social-ecological implications [the seminar will be held in English]</p> <p>Download the summary: https://bit.ly/2QsaGfD Join the seminar: https://bit.ly/3uTQbXa</p>
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The seminars web page

Kant Baltic Federal University, Institute of Economics, Management and Tourism invite you to take part in the 4th international scientific conference "Sustainable Development and Green Growth on the Platform of Innovation Management"



To be held 27-28 May, 2021 in Kaliningrad, Russia.

The purpose of the conference:

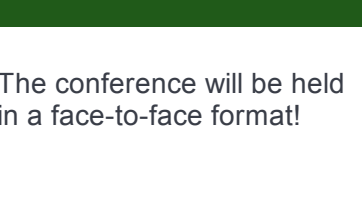
- Identify the problem field and how to address current challenges in taking advantage of the innovation economy and modern management practices to ensure sustainable development.
- Scientific and educational employees of universities, research institute staff, graduate students and representatives of the business community are invited to participate.

The conference website

The conference is divided into eight sections. Publication opportunities are offered.

The conference will be held in a face-to-face format!

SDGs week in May 2021 17-19 May 2021



The SDG week is an event to draw attention to the SDGs and their implementation into higher education teaching. Every day will bring forth an introduction to 1 or 2 SDGs. The material the organisers have created provide lecturers with a basis for including the topic in their teaching. Moreover, there will be a 30-minute Zoom conference with interactive tools for you to engage in, and guide you through our toolbox with the teaching material. Further exchange with the SDG community will be possible on our platform, alongside the possibility to download the materials.

SDG week web page

The event is primarily targeted at teaching staff in the higher education sector, but of course our open access material can also be used by anyone interested in getting to know the SDGs! All documents as well as the event itself are held in English and are free of charge.

DAY 1: SDG 13 (Climate action)
DAY 2: SDG 3 and 6 (health and water & sanitation)
DAY 3: SDG 4 and 5 (education and gender equality)
DAY 4: SDG 7 and 12 (clean energy and sustainable production)
DAY 5: SDG 14 (life below water)

Call for Papers

Two Special issues on the influence of plastic materials



Colleagues are invited to contribute to one of two special issues (or both) depending on which better corresponds to Your scientific interest.

As it is an open-access the fee of 2200 CHF applies, however, we provide a discount to 5 best paper for each issue. You will find more information following the links.

Polymeric Nanomaterials in Environmental Science

The first special issue is a *Polymeric* (ISSN 2073-4360) Special Issue that focuses on the various aspects of the interaction between polymers and the environment. The XXI century can undoubtedly be called the "Plastic Era", as synthetic materials have become ubiquitous and, to some extent, increasingly "natural".

Special issue PNES web page

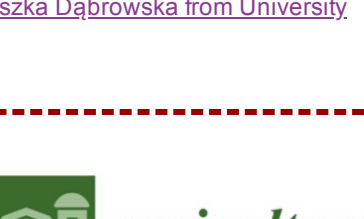
Marine Microplastics and Their Ecological Toxicity

Within the *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering* (ISSN 2077-1312) Special Issue, all interdisciplinary papers addressing the problems regarding growing plastic production and disposal, are welcomed.

Special issue MMTET web page

In case of any further questions, You can contact the [Guest Editor Dr. Agnieszka Dąbrowska from University of Warsaw](#)

Call for Paper: Agriculture — Special Issue "Challenges of Contemporary Agriculture, Rural Areas and Agri-Food Supply Chain under Conditions of Uncertainty"



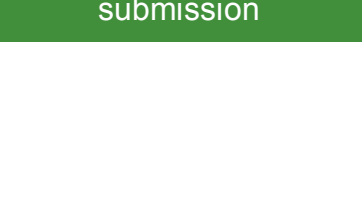
Agriculture and rural areas are constantly changing. These transformations are influenced by the dynamically changing socio-economic environment, as well as changes in the natural environment. Currently, more and more attention is paid to climate changes and the need to prevent and/or adapt to them, as well as protecting natural resources. Agriculture is facing enormous challenges in this regard.

Special issue, guidelines and submission

The purpose of this interdisciplinary Special Issue is to look for an answer to the question of how in this difficult, but interesting from the researchers' point of view, time can the inhabitants of rural areas, professionals related to agriculture and agri-food logistics cope?

The submission deadline is 15 July 2021 and papers may be submitted immediately or at any point until 15 July 2021, as papers will be published on an ongoing basis.

Call for Papers to an anthology: Understanding environmental change: Creating integrated knowledge of the Seas of Norden and Arctic



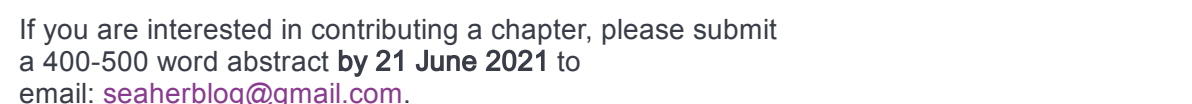
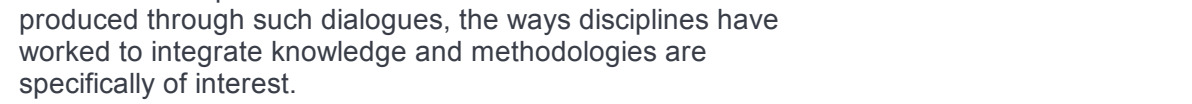
The anthology has the objective to make room for cross- and interdisciplinary dialogues among researchers oriented to marine issues. The volume focuses on the production, interaction, and circulation of knowledge regarding open sea, archipelago and coastal areas. In this project we see research integration as the means of synthesizing different knowledge from various disciplines and stakeholders' viewpoints to examine the issues facing these seas in the Northern hemisphere. In addition to results or case studies produced through such dialogues, the ways disciplines have worked to integrate knowledge and methodologies are specifically of interest.

If you are interested in contributing a chapter, please submit a 400-500 word abstract by 21 June 2021 to email: seaheditions@gmail.com. Writing and interactions are supported by an online workshop, to which the selected authors are invited.

For any questions, please contact: silja.laine@abo.fi and/or anna.m.tornroos@abo.fi. We aim to publish this anthology with an established international publisher such as Routledge.

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