‘Due diligence for a just, green and digital transition?’
Workshop, 18-19 November 2026, Lund
Call for Abstracts

Since Spring 2026, researchers across Lund University (working on EU sustainability regulation, human rights and supply chain due diligence) have been collaborating around the question how to ensure that the EU’s twin (green and digital) transition is also a just transition. The Working Group is analysing human rights and environmental due diligence, its conflicting conceptualizations across different EU laws, how it is operationalized in supply chains alongside digitalization and what its outcomes for social and environmental sustainability are. The working group discusses how these dynamics affect the EU’s just and sustainable transition across global supply chains.

We invite abstracts for a workshop on 18-19 November 2026, taking place in Lund, Sweden to build on the Working Group’s research platform. In particular, we invite contributions that engage with, challenge and advance this emerging research stream.

We welcome interdisciplinary perspectives from human rights law, supply chain management, sustainability governance as well as environmental law and political ecology, etc. in order to investigate the tensions and synergies between simplification, competitiveness, environmental sustainability and human rights protection, identifying ways forward without diluting human rights safeguards.

We are particularly interested in submissions that explore the tensions, trade-offs and unintended side-effects that emerge during implementation and to what extent these regulations can deliver a just and/or sustainable transition.

Submission details

Abstracts (max. 500 words) should be submitted by 4 September 2026 to sustainability@jur.lu.se with ‘Workshop November 2026’ as the subject line. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by 20 September 2026.

Selected participants will be invited to present their work at the workshop and to submit a draft paper of approximately 4000 words in advance of the event (details to follow). Following the conference, a special issue is planned. A few stipends will be available to cover travel and accommodation, with an emphasis on early career researchers and scholars from the Global South. To be considered for such a stipend, please indicate this in your submission.

The workshop is organized with the kind support of the Lund University’s Human Rights Profile Area and in collaboration with the SMART Network.

We look forward to seeing you in Lund!

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