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RisCon26 – Societal Risk Conference 2026

Day 1 – October 7: Understanding and managing societal risks

Time	Program	Room
11:00 - 14:00	Registration	Aula foyer (Building 1E)
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch	Solsta Inn
13:15 - 13:20	Conference opening (EN) Vice-Chancellor of Karlstad University Jerker Moodysson	Lagerlöfsalen (1A 305)
13:20 - 13:30	Introduction RisCon26 (EN) Prof. Mikael Granberg	Lagerlöfsalen (1A 305)
13:30 - 14:00	Keynote by SRSK Kamal Kishore (EN) Cascading risks, emerging threats, and interdependencies	Lagerlöfsalen (1A 305)
14:00 - 14:30	Panel discussion (EN) Societal risk in an interconnected world: Reflections on cascading risks, emerging threats, and societal interdependencies Moderator: <i>Prof. Mikael Granberg</i> Panelists: Margareta Wahlström, Mette Lindahl Olsson, Finn Nilson, Ann Enander.	Lagerlöfsalen (1A 305)
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee break	Transformum
15:00 - 16:30	Parallel workshop sessions (EN) Workshop A. Exploring an AI-Mediated Crisis Training Exercise Facilitated by <i>Alexander Nieuwborg</i> , <i>Jasper van Kuijk</i> and <i>Pierre Sjöberg</i>	5C 337
15:00 - 16:30	Parallel workshop sessions (EN and SV) Workshop B. Droughtville – Come build a city resilient to drought! Facilitated by <i>Tove Bodland</i> & <i>Mathilde de Goër de Herve</i>	Transformum
15:00 - 16:30	Parallel workshop sessions (EN) Workshop C. Stop Disasters: A Game-Based Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction Facilitated by <i>Alexandros Louis Lazaros</i> <i>Erik Persson Pavlović</i>	RiskLab (21A 259)
16:30 - 16:40	Transition to plenary session	
16:40 - 17:40	Plenary (EN) The economics of Disaster Risk Reduction Moderator: <i>Margareta Wahlström</i> Panelists: Martin Hedberg, Hanna Langéen, and Anna Persson	Lagerlöfsalen (1A 305)
17:45 - 19:00	Social event: mingle, drinks and snacks Poster session: pitch and poster walk (EN and SV) Presenting authors: Eleni Georgali, Jennie Segerström, Jenny Friedl, Johanna Johansson, Johanna Westgard, Josefin Månefjord, Julia Gerster, Peter Bellström, Rafaela Campos, Shashank Ghai, Siri Jakobsson Störe, and Sofia Hallerbäck.	Transformum

Day 2 – October 8: Climate, Environment and Health

Time	Program	Room
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	Transformum
09:00 - 09:05	Opening (EN) Dr. Avit Bhowmik	Frödingssalen (1B 364)
09:05 - 09:30	Keynote by Prof. Takako Izumi (EN)	Frödingssalen
09:30 - 10:00	Panel discussion (EN) Cross-Sectoral and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on the Management of Climate Change and Imposed Social Risks Moderator: <i>Dr. Avit Bhowmik</i> Panelists: Caroline Bhowmik, Susanne Gustafsson, Han Soo Lee, Pierre Raoul de Wit, Karin Blad, Mikael Granberg, and Maria Falkevik.	Frödingssalen (1B 364)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break	Transformum
10:30 - 11:30	Parallel oral sessions (EN) Spot A. From analysis to action: Making climate adaptation happen <i>Chair: Assoc Prof. Magnus Johansson</i> 10:30 – 10:45 Jenny Friedl Decision-making under constraint: Heavy rainfall adaptation at the municipal sharp end 10:45- 11:00 <i>Peter Önnby</i> From flooding to climate adoption: A proven model for Cross-Sector Collaboration and Co-Financing that Accelerate Climate Adaptation in Urban areas 11:00 – 11:15 <i>Venkanna Babu Guthula</i> High-resolution automated mapping of potential Aedes larval container habitats using drone imagery and supervised machine learning in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 11:15 – 11:30 <i>Susanne Skyllerstedt</i> Risks in a changing climate – Results from the National Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment for Sweden	Frödingssalen (1B 364)
10:30 - 11:30	Parallel oral sessions (EN) Spot B. AI as solution and risk: The societal implications of digitalization <i>Chair: Assoc Prof. David Olsson</i> 10:30 – 10:45 <i>Magnus Moglia</i> From blind spots to sensing systems: AI-enabled observation of systemic climate risk pathways – applied to the June 2021 Victorian storms 10:45- 11:00 <i>Bjørn Tallak Bakken</i> Built to Optimize, Designed to Fail? Risk in the Age of AI 11:00 – 11:15 <i>Kristian Petrov</i> The (In)Security Paradox and the Colonization of the Lifeworld: A Critique of AI in Politics, Academia, Health Care and Suicide Prevention 11:15 – 11:30 <i>Åsa Davidsson and Eva Mittermaier</i> Riskbedömning av geodata vid tillgängliggörande som öppna data (SV)	5C 337
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch	Solsta In
11:30 - 13:00	Poster Walk	Transformum

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13:00 - 14:30	Parallel workshop sessions (SV) Workshop D. Pressat läge – Play together for a resilient and sustainable future Facilitated by <i>David Olsson</i> and <i>Tove Bodland</i>	RiskLab (21A 259)
13:00 - 14:30	Parallel workshop sessions (EN) Workshop E. Critical infrastructures and accessibility analysis under flood conditions Facilitated by <i>Sai Ganesh Veeravalli</i> and <i>Stefanos Georganos</i> and delivered by <i>Amalia Nikoleta Chantziara</i>	5C 329
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee break	Transformum
15:00 - 16:30	Parallel oral sessions (EN) Spot C. Living with Heat: Health, adaptation, and social vulnerability <i>Chair: Dr. Moniruzzaman Syed</i> 15:00 – 15:15 <i>Lovisa Rosenquist Ohlsson</i> Seventy-five years of temperature and precipitation extremes in the Middle East and its impacts on refugee settlements 15:15 – 15:30 <i>Dide Dijkers</i> Summertime thermal behavioural benchmarks and intra-seasonal adaptation among pedestrians in Karlstad, Sweden 15:30 – 15:45 <i>Moniruzzaman Syed</i> A narrative review of heatwave adaptation and mitigation strategies in school and preschool settings 15:45 – 16:00 <i>Abhishekh Barua</i> Localized Anticipatory Action to Reduce Heatwave Impacts in Dhaka 16:00 – 16:15 <i>Klara Petersson</i> Who carries the risk? Hazard-selective protection and structural vulnerability in Swedish extreme-weather adaptation 16:15 – 16:30 <i>Johanna Johansson</i> Navigating outdoor activities during heatwaves: Older adults' perspectives on heat adaptation	Frödingssalen (1B 364)
15:00 - 16:30	Parallel oral sessions (EN) Spot D. When water runs short: Drought, food, and societal preparedness <i>Chair: Dr. Mathilde de Goër de Herve</i> 15:00 – 15:15 <i>Mathilde de Goër de Herve</i> Nordic societal priorities in the face of droughts 15:15 – 15:30 <i>Felicia O. Akinyemi</i> Two decades of agricultural drought impacts assessment on vegetation productivity and phenological change in semi-arid context using Remote Sensing 15:30 – 15:45 <i>Claudia Canedo Rosso</i> Analyzing hydrological and land cover changes driving water scarcity in indigenous communities in Southern Bahia, Brazil 15:45 – 16:00 <i>Mahmood Fayazi</i> Strengthening Indigenous Civil Preparedness through Community-Led Floodproofing in Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation, Canada 16:00 – 16:15 <i>Jenni Koivisto</i> Navigating challenges and opportunities – Food producers in a crossroad	5C 337
19:00	Conference dinner, pre-registered only. Roof top bar open from 16:00.	Stadshotellet

Day 3 – October 9: Preparedness, response, and capacity building

Time	Program	Room
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	Transformum
09:00 - 09:05	Opening (SV) Prof. Lars Nyberg	Frödingssalen (1B 364)
09:05 - 09:30	Keynote by MSc. Helena Gullberg (SV) Societal resilience – building capacity in uncertain times	Frödingssalen
09:30 - 10:00	Panel discussion (SV) Who Builds Resilience? Sweden's Opportunities and the Local Level's Role in a Changing Security Environment Moderator: <i>Prof. Lars Nyberg</i> Panelists: Helena Gullberg, Alexander Cedergren, Mattias Larsson, Patrik Olsson	Frödingssalen (1B 364)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break	Transformum
10:30 - 11:45	Parallel oral sessions (EN) Spot E. Who owns the crisis? Complexity, responsibility, and collaboration <i>Chair: Assoc Prof. Jenni Koivisto</i> 10:30 – 10:45 <i>Sara Lindersson</i> , Unpacking the complexity of disaster risk reduction 10:45- 11:00 <i>Stefan Lundborg</i> , Brewing Storms: Crisis as a Continuum of Severity, Urgency, and Resilience 11:00 – 11:15 <i>Patrik Baard</i> , Responsibility during crises: Contradictions between Swedish & Norwegian principles for civil preparedness, and principles of disaster ethics 11:15 – 11:30 <i>Kenny Turesson</i> , Den mänskliga dimensionen av sårbarhet: En litteraturöversikt av nordisk forskning om faktorer för social sårbarhet för klimatrisker	5C 337
10:30 - 11:45	Parallel oral sessions (EN) Spot F. When peacetime planning meets the demands of war <i>Chair: Assoc Prof. Shashank Ghai</i> 10:30 – 10:45 <i>Carl Englund</i> , För ett fritt folk, i ett fritt land: Beredskap och film i kalla krigets Sverige 10:45- 11:00 <i>Alexander Cedergren</i> , Exploring urban planners' views on actions to address synergies and conflicts between climate-related and defense-related threats 11:00 – 11:15 <i>Henrik Hassel</i> , Methods to assess and design security of supply in the district heating sector – a review of the literature 11:15 – 11:30 <i>Johan Ingvarson/Alexander Cedergren</i> , Total defence in land-use planning: Future research based on insights from a Swedish case study	3A 340
10:30 - 11:45	Parallel oral sessions (EN) Spot G. Preparing for the unexpected: Games, simulation and learning <i>Chair: Dr. Erik Persson Pavlovic</i> 10:30 – 10:45 <i>David Olsson</i> , Collaborate or Collapse: Designing a Serious Game for Cross-Border Climate Resilience under Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous Conditions 10:45- 11:00 <i>Bjørn Tallak Bakken</i> , Serious Games as Tools for Crisis Preparedness Training Preliminary Results from INCREDILAB, a Swedish-Norwegian R&D Project 11:00 – 11:15 <i>Alexander Vestin</i> , Digitala kollaborativa skrivsystem i krisövningar: en studie av funktioner, utmaningar och potential för ökad krisberedskap 11:15 – 11:30 <i>Alexander Nieuwborg</i> , Operationalising resilience through wargaming 11:30 – 11:45 <i>Caroline Verena Bhowmik</i> , Thinking and Acting Future-Wise: The Potential of Future Visioning to Strengthen Students' Action Competence and Hope in Times of Planetary Crisis	Frödingssalen (1B 364)
11:45 - 12:15	Closing session (EN) Prof. Mikael Granberg	Frödingssalen (1B 364)