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Welcome to the 7th Nordic Development Research Conference

21-23 August 2023

The [Nordic Development Research Conference](#) (NorDev2023) is co-organized by [Uppsala University](#) and the [Swedish Development Research Network \(SweDev\)](#). The conference will be held on site from 21st of August 12.00 am until 23rd of August 13.00 pm (CEST) in Uppsala. The conference theme is *Co-creation for a just transition towards a sustainable society*.

The NorDev2023 conference welcomes topics related to co-creation¹ between researchers and other stakeholders such as beneficiaries, decision-makers and development practitioners, across the global North and South. The conference also welcomes critical and cross-disciplinary academic perspectives on sustainability and global development.

Call for panel proposals and co-creation workshop themes

Despite achievements in global development, authoritarianism, shrinking civil spaces, environmental degradation, climate change and growing inequality are on the rise. As we face continuous, and often inter-related, political, environmental and social challenges, we recognize a need for new and accelerated global development approaches and processes. As sustainability and development challenges are complex, solutions will require innovative co-creation and coordination of different actors, regions and disciplines, which is why the conference theme is co-creation.

This conference ambitiously aims to provide a space for a state-of-the-art academic discussion and co-creation on just transitions and sustainability. We invite academic contributions from contexts across the globe and provide a platform for extended co-creation where scholars and practitioners can meet and explore meaningful and impactful collaborations to both better understand our challenges and find sustainable solutions.

The 7th Nordic Development Research Conference 2023 welcomes two kinds of contributions: panel proposals and themes for co-creation workshops. All contributions are expected to have a solid and well-founded theoretical and methodological approach.

Timeline for submissions of abstracts, themes and papers

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- 8 January 2023:** Deadline for Panel proposals and themes for co-creation workshop
- 15 January 2023:** Decision on accepted panel proposals and themes for co-creation workshops will be communicated².
- 20 January 2023:** Call for abstract submissions and sub-themes for co-creation workshops is opened.
- 1 March 2023:** Deadline for abstract submissions and sub-themes for co-creation workshops
- 13 March 2023:** Decision on accepted abstracts and sub-themes for co-creation is communicated.
- 10 August 2023:** Deadline conference papers

All proposals should be submitted through the [conference system](#) (email proposals will not be accepted).

Welcome!

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¹ We understand co-creation as collaboration processes between stakeholders to produce something new, that is, a participatory process where new ideas can be born and the participants can leave their traditional trails and widen their perspectives. Relevant themes for co-creation workshops can be how to use the potential of collaboration to jointly chisel out new research questions and methods, for collaborative knowledge creation or to identify how research can be applied. It can also be about co-creation processes itself; for example how to conduct co-creation between scientific disciplines or with different stakeholders outside the academia such as politicians, multilateral organizations, civil society and citizens of different communities.

² Submitted proposals for co-creation workshop themes will be organized into overarching co-creation themes by the NorDev organizing committee.