

Sustainable Urban Futures SEMINAR

January 15, 2025 – Starts 11:00 – 15:00 GMT+1 (Doors open 10:15 with refreshments!)

Location: Vitenparken Campus Ås (Høgskoleveien 1, 1430) & Virtual

Admission: Free (includes refreshments). [Registration ticket required.](#)

Program:

Welcome | 11:00 – 11:15

- 11:00 – 11:10 Welcome
– **Siri Fjellheim**, NMBU Rector
- 11:10 – 11:15 Program Check-in
– **Andrew P. Kroglund**, Conferansier

Circular Cities & Sustainable Economics | 11:15 – 12:00

- 11:15 – 11:25 “Building the Circular City: Foundations for a Sustainable Urban Future”
– **Aasmund Bunkholt**, Chairman SRAS and Assistant Professor NTNU
- 11:25 – 11:40 “Barking up the wrong tree: Urban sustainability is an incomplete response to our future sustainability challenges”
– **Eirik Romstad**, Professor, NMBU School of Economics and Business
- 11:40 – 12:00 “Sirkulær Ressursentral: Innovation and Challenges on the Path to a Circular Construction Industry”
– **Emil Rygh**, CEO Sirkulær Ressursentral

Break | 12:00 – 12:15

From Waste to Resource | 12:15 – 13:00

- 12:15 – 12:30 *“Circular use of wood for increased sustainability and innovation”*
– **Lone Ross**, Head of Research NIBIO
- 12:30 – 12:45 *“Designing regulatory systems for end-of-waste”*
– **Einar Bratteng**, PhD Candidate, UiO, EarthresQue (SFI)
- 12:45 – 13:00 *“Upgrading Wastewater for the Production of Bio-Based Chemicals”*
– **Dr. Suvidha Gupta**, Marie Curie Individual Fellow

Just Cities for All | 13:00 – 13:35

Panel Moderator: **Roberta Cucca**, Associate Professor NMBU, Urban and Regional Planning

- 13:00 – 13:35 **Panel Discussion:** Urban Justice in our Green Transition
“Pressing challenges, opportunities and urgent recommendations”
- **Helene Figari**, Researcher, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research
 - **Thomas Berman**, Board member, Pådriv Trondheim
 - **Hege Hofstad**, Researcher, Oslo Metropolitan University

Break | 13:35 – 14:00

Nutrient Recycling and Urban Agriculture | 14:00 – 14:35

- 14:00 – 14:15 *“Circular Solutions for Sustainable Cities”*
– **Petter Jenssen**, Professor Emeritus NMBU
- 14:15 – 14:25 *“Norwegian Strategy for Urban Agriculture – National and Local Effects”*
– **Guri Tveito**, Special Advisor Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- 14:25 – 14:35 *“Sustainability in visions of urban community gardens”*
– **Vebjørn Egner Stafseng**, PhD Candidate

Creating Change Makers for Sustainable Cities | 14:35 – 15:00

- 14:35 – 14:55 *Keynote Speaker*
“A blueprint for democratic change making”
– **Thomas Berman**, CEO SoCentral
- 14:55 – 15:00 *“Transdisciplinary Urban Futures”*
– **Trine Hvoslef-Eide**, Professor NMBU & Leader GreenSmart Sustainability Arena