



NEWSLETTER #1 - 2026



Invitation to Master students: Sustainable Finance Lab Award for Best Industry Master Thesis Pitch 2026

Master students are invited to submit their theses pitches. Short-listed candidates will have the unique opportunity to present their projects to a distinguished panel of researchers and industry leaders, gaining valuable insights and potential support for project execution.

The Industry Project Pitch should focus on one of the following key topics:

- Assessing societal and environmental impact
- Reconceptualizing risk in an interconnected world
- Shifting norms to overcome inertia and accelerate action

The top three submissions will be awarded and granted the opportunity to present at the Sustainable Finance Lab's annual Partner Day in May 2026 in Stockholm (exact date to



be determined). Prizes of SEK 20 000, SEK 10 000, and SEK 5 000 will be awarded for first, second, and third places, respectively.

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Research seminar:

The Climate Impact of Investments

Welcome to a SFL research seminar with speaker Mattias Gunnemyr at the University of Gothenburg. Mattias' research focuses on ethical issues related to collective harm in finance.

Date: February 13, 2026

Time: 13.00-14.00

Venue: Teams

[Read more and sign up >](#)

Research seminar:

The Moral Implications of Brownspinning

Companies sometimes respond to pressure from regulators and stakeholders by divesting their most polluting assets—a practice known as “brownspinning.” This allows sellers to appear more environmentally responsible even though overall emissions remain unchanged or rise. In this SFL research seminar, Simon Rosenqvist at the University of Gothenburg will present his ongoing research on brownspinning.

Date: March 19, 2026

Time: 13.00-14.00

Venue: Teams

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Hållbarhetsregelverkens påverkan på privat sektors finansiering och investering avseende Sveriges klimatmål – Nulägesanalys och Rekommendationer

New report from SFL

SFL has produced the report '**Hållbarhetsregelverkens påverkan på privat sektors finansiering och investering avseende Sveriges klimatmål – Nulägesanalys och Rekommendationer**' (The Impact of Sustainability Regulations on Private Sector Financing and Investment in Relation to Sweden's Climate Goals – Current State Analysis and Recommendations).

The report is in Swedish and commissioned by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, with support from the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth.

[Download the report >](#)

Join the Sustainable Finance Lab for the next period 2026-2031

We would like to invite organizations in the financial industry to become members of the Sustainable Finance Lab.

Involvement with SFL offers significant advantages for industry stakeholders. Through your contribution to SFL, you get access to cutting-edge research, enabling you to stay informed about the latest advancements in sustainable finance research and actively shape future research agendas. SFL also facilitates valuable networking opportunities, connecting you with a diverse network of industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers. Lastly, you can contribute to science-based policy recommendations, driving the sustainable finance agenda forward, as well as showcasing a strong commitment to sustainability.

We offer three membership options for industry organizations: Partner, Sponsor, and Supporter.

To get involved or learn more, please contact Kent Eriksson, SFL Management Team, at kent.eriksson@abe.kth.se or +46 8 7907309.

Masterclass: Environmental Data in Sustainable Finance

How confident are you in the environmental data behind your financial risk and opportunity assessments?

Environmental data are increasingly embedded in financial institutions' analytics, ratings, and scores. Yet much of this data was not originally collected or modeled for financial decision-making. That matters. Used without a clear understanding of methodological limitations and uncertainties, it can undermine the reliability of assessments of dependencies, risks, and opportunities.

If you want a crash course on both the pitfalls and the opportunities of using environmental data in finance — and a practical appreciation of the trade-offs between data relevance and data reliability — you have a golden opportunity.

Enroll in the “Masterclass on Environmental Data in Sustainable Finance”, curated under [P3SA: Public and Third Sector Academy for Sustainable Finance](#), which is directed by Beatrice Crona and Christophe Christiaen.

[More details and registration information here >](#)

New article in Sociology Compass: Structures of Labor Exploitation

A new study explores why forced labor and precarious working condition seem to be increasing in Sweden. Especially third country nationals are vulnerable as forced labor is an emergent outcome of interlocking market, state, and institutional logics are reinforced by restrictive migration regimes.

[Access the article >](#)

Newly published journal articles from SFL-affiliated researchers

[Inequality traps detected in sustainable development goals data](#), Juan C. Rocha et al, **arXiv (preprint)**

[How well are corporate sustainability goals designed? A global assessment of corporate commitments to water, ecosystems, climate, and materials and waste management](#), Sebastian Theis, Flavio Affinito, Marie-Josée Fortin, Isobel Hawkins, Martine Maron, Emmy Wassénus, Peter S. Rodriguez, Jonathan L. W. Ruppert, Andrew Gonzalez, **PLOS Sustainability and Transformation**

[How to navigate the EU's CBAM trilemma: A review of policy objectives and possible designs](#), Corvino, F., **Open Research Europe**

[Cultivating the Next Generation: How Teacher Leadership Identity Shapes Aspirational Engagement with Students in Compulsory School](#), Anna Öqvist & Malin Malmström, **Education Sciences**

[Attention to detail: exploring effects of model resolution and complexity in geospatial electrification modelling](#), Andreas Sahlberg, Alexandros Korkovelos, Christian Kabongo, Cristian Trujillo, Babak Khavari & Francesco Fuso Nerini, **Discov Energy**

[Should centimillionaires bear \(most of\) the burden of international climate finance?](#) Corvino, F., **Climatic Change 179**

[Join the dots on planetary boundary interactions](#), D Gerten, B Almeida, SJ Lade, A Norberg, **EGUsphere (preprint)**

[Structures of Labor Exploitation: Sociology, Management, and Modern Slavery in the Global North](#), Lin Lerpold, Örjan Sjöberg, Sven-Anders Stegare, **Sociology Compass**

[Explore more articles by SFL-affiliated researchers published in peer-reviewed publications >](#)

What happens when biodiversity becomes part of our economic system?

On March 25, Kungl. Skogs- och Lantbruksakademien and Mistra FinBio invite you to the seminar **“Biological Diversity as a Source of Income – Research and Practice”** in Stockholm and online (in Swedish).

The event explores how research from Mistra FinBio and partner programmes can help integrate biodiversity into financial models – creating new opportunities for landowners, investors, and businesses.

[Learn more >](#)

About us

Sustainable Finance Lab SWEDEN is a transdisciplinary research center established to transform financial markets and to enhance the sustainable development of society. Our aim is to deliver scientific insights that strengthen practice.

The SFL Consortium consists of KTH Royal Institute of Technology, University of Gothenburg, IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute, Stockholm School of Economics, Luleå University of Technology, Stockholm Resilience Centre at Stockholm University, and Global Economic Dynamics and the Biosphere at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

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