Within the European Union, we also experience a change taking place with ever-increasing xenophobia, nationalism and restrictions of democratic rights – especially for women and LGBTQI persons.

How can the EU bring forth a united Europe, where all countries in cooperation stand up for democracy, human rights and the rule of law?

SEMINAR 1 // The EU’s civil protection and response to disasters

By: EU Commission

Extreme weather conditions and emerging threats, such as the coronavirus, have overwhelmed the ability of Member States to aid each other, especially when several countries face the same type of disaster simultaneously. How is the EU helping its Members States? What is the role of Sweden and how does Sweden benefit from the support? What can the pandemic teach us of prevention and preparedness?

Speaker: Janez Lenarčič, EU Commissioner for Crisis Management

Moderator: Catarina Rolfsdotter-Jansson
SEMINAR 2 // Europe’s Digital Future
By: DigIT Hub
How can digitalisation be used as an engine to develop better tailored services – that are accessible, efficient, and sustainable in the long-run?
In this program track, led by Digit Hub (https://digithub.se/), we invite you to explore possibilities within The Digital Europe - where decision-makers, citizens, businesses and academia benefit from digital tools and processes that serve to increase cooperation and dialogue between sectors.
During this hour, we are guested by three prominent speakers in the field, who will discuss, share and inspire in the following areas:

- **Technology: GovTech and eGovernance**
  Liza-Maria Norlin, Process Manager at GovTech Sweden
- **Knowledge: Digital Skills and Inclusion**
  Helena Lovegrove, Director of Operations and Projects at DIGITALEUROPE
- **Policy: Digitalisation in Europe - The Digital Europe Program**
  Anne-Marie Sassen, Acting Head of Unit of the “Digital Transformation of industrial ecosystems” unit at DG CONNECT, European Commission
Moderator: Yasemin Arhan Modéer

SEMINAR 3 // European competitiveness and global geopolitics
By: Lund University, Centre for European Studies
European competitiveness and global geopolitics by Lund University, The Centre for European Studies. This seminar raises the question if the necessary geopoliticisation of EU competition policy can avoid the development of a new form of European protectionism, such as facilitating European champions through relaxed state aid and merger control. In the light of this the European Commission’s flagship initiative, the New Industrial Strategy for Europe, will be discussed.
Speakers: Cecilia Malmström, former European Commissioner for Trade, Anna Stellinger, Deputy Director-General at the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, Head of International and EU Affairs.
Moderator: Jörgen Hettne

Lunch AF-Borgen
12:00-13:15
SESSION 2
AF-Borgen / University Hall
13:15-14:15

SEMINAR 1 // Rule of Law in the EU – future prospects and challenges
By: EU Commission
Rule of law is a very topical issue in today’s EU. It is one of the EU’s most fundamental values that EU Member States have committed themselves to respect through their membership. The principle means that all public powers must always act within the constraints set out by law and under the control of independent and impartial courts without interference from, for example, politicians.
This seminar aims to discuss how we can ensure the respect of the rule of law principles across the EU? What can we do when they are increasingly being put into question by Member States? Can the EU do more about the political interference on the justice system and judges? The seminar will also raise rule of law in the context of the Covid-19-pandemic and attacks on LGBTIQ and women’s rights.
Speaker: Didier Reynders, EU Commissioner for Justice
Moderator: Willy Silberstein

SEMINAR 2 // European semiconductor initiatives and their Lund perspective
By: Lund University, NanoLund
To provide a secure and stable digital infrastructure is central to the function of our society, and critical for the transition towards a climate neutral economy. However, our vulnerability is now on full display as large industrial sectors are hit by shortage of semiconductor components for computer chips.
Speakers: Colette Maloney, Head of Unit Competitive Electronics Industry at DG CONNECT, European Commission, Anders Mikkelsen, NanoLund and Lars-Erik Wernersson, NanoLund
Moderator: Yasemin Arhan Modéer

SEMINAR 3 // Climate neutrality 2050 – what does the EU climate policy mean for Sweden?
By: EU Commission
The EU has decided to become the first climate neutral continent by 2050. Sweden has set its national target for climate neutrality to 2045. What do the EU’s climate targets mean for Sweden? How do they influence the view on renewable energy and energy sources, recovery measures after the pandemic and the industry’s possibilities to be in the forefront?
Moderator: Catarina Rolfsdotter-Jansson

Networking Coffeebreak
SEMINAR 1 // Space Node South and European space programmes  
By: City of Lund & European Space Agency  
Space Node South take off from the idea that the extreme conditions that space entails can serve as a key to innovative solutions for a sustainable society on Earth. With inspiration from, and the support of space research, we can create smart and sustainable innovations for the entire society. In addition to functioning as a competence and network hub, Space Node South wants to enable an innovation platform and test bed for development projects at the interface between the space industry, public service, research and academia.  
Moderator: Maria Lindblom, ESA Bic/Ideon Innovation & Anders Bengtsson

SEMINAR 2 // Cyber Security  
By: Mobile Heights  
Cyber security is a key technology area for a strong Digital Europe. The EU Commission has presented a proposal for a revised Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems. The goal of the new proposal is a safe and open global internet, focusing on the protection of European values and fundamental rights. What does this mean for research and for the implementation of cyber security technology for companies and organizations in Europe?  
Speakers: Shahid Raza, RISE and Eva Fogelström, ERICSSON  
Moderator: Yasemin Arhan Modéer

SEMINAR 3 // Lund asks about Mission: 100 Climate Neutral Cities  
By: City of Lund  
As part of the European Green Deal the EU has launched a mission for 100 Climate Neutral Cities by 2030. The mission is part of the Horizon Europe programme and aims to support the creation of climate-neutral cities that will contribute to the overarching goal of a climate-neutral continent. Lund is one of the hundreds of European cities that have expressed support for the mission. At this seminar the City of Lund twists the popular Swedish television show “Fråga Lund” (Eng: Ask Lund) concept. Instead of Lund answering the questions it will be Lund that asks the questions to a panel of representatives from the EU-commission, Lund University, Vinnova and Viable cities. The panellists include Anders Wijkman, Vice-chairman Viable cities and chairman Climate-KIC, Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director-General of DG MOVE and Manager of the mission for 100 Climate Neutral Cities 2030. Per Mickwitz, Pro Vice-Chancellor for research, sustainability and campus development at Lund University. TBC Vinnova and Viable Cities.  
Moderator: Catarina Rolfsdotter-Jansson

Closing reflections and mingle