

Transition Impossible?

Two Public Lectures and Debates

Ambiguous Transformation: Governance, Democracy and Sweden's Transition toward the first fossil-free Welfare State in the World

September 19, 2018, 7:00 pm

Karin Bäckstrand, Professor in Environmental Social Science at Stockholm University will talk about the tensions and synergies between democracy and climate politics in the Swedish context. Discussants:

- James Meadowcroft, *Carleton University, Ottawa*
- Sigrid Stagl, *Institute for Ecological Economics, WU Vienna*
- Michael Deflorian, *Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna*

Moderation: Fred Luks, *Competence Centre for Sustainability, WU Vienna*

The Resilience of Unsustainability: Cultural Backlash, Authoritarian Reflex and the Great Regression

September 20, 2018, 7:00 pm

Ingolfur Blühdorn, Professor for Social Sustainability and Head of the WU-Institute for Social Change and Sustainability (IGN), will talk about the populist revolution and the politics of unsustainability. Discussants:

- Karin Bäckstrand, *Stockholm University*
- Christoph Görg, *Institute for Social Ecology, BOKU Vienna*
- Manuel Arias-Maldonado, *University of Málaga*

Moderation: Margaret Haderer, *Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna*

Both events take place at
**Sigmund Freud University, 1st Floor, Festsaal
Freudplatz 1, 1020 Wien**

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