



The role of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry is to promote agriculture and forestry and related activities for the benefit of society, with the support of science and practical experience. The Academy was founded in 1811 at the initiative of Karl XIV Johan and started its work on 28 January 1813.

Seminar – 8 November, 2023

Production, Food Security and Sustainability – Challenges and opportunities for EU's and Sweden's agriculture



The Covid pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine have placed food security high on the agenda both globally and in the EU and in Sweden. It has also made it clear that the EU has an important role to play in the global food security. Against this background, the question of balancing objectives and find synergies becomes important. The tradeoffs and synergies can relate to environment and competitiveness, environmental impact globally and within the EU, or short- and long-term measures.

In recent years, the EU has developed strategies and proposals, including the Green Deal and the EU's Farm to Fork strategy, which will affect the conditions for agricultural production. Several of the initiatives aim to increase the environmental sustainability of the production and consumption of agricultural food. Some of the initiatives will primarily affect EU production, while others also affect production regardless of where it takes place.

The first part of the seminar will take its starting point from the EU policies on sustainable agriculture, agriculture competitiveness and food security. Reflections on EU policies will be made from different perspectives, partly subject-wise, partly geographical.

Part two of the seminar will be about how agriculture and the food industry in Sweden are affected by the EU's policies and the global environment, but also about what strategies exist to meet the challenges.

Welcome!

Peter Normark
Academy Secretary General, Managing Director

The seminar is financed by the AW Bergsten Foundation

Time & venue

Wednesday, 8 November, at 12 until 4 pm in KSLA, Drottninggatan 95B, Stockholm and on Zoom.

The Zoom, link will be e-mailed out the day before.

Lunch will be served for preregistered.

Registration

No later than 6 Nov [in this link](#)

Questions

Content:

Per Eriksson 08-5454 7717
per.eriksson@ksla.se

Misc:

Agneta D Ohlson
08-5454 7712
agneta.ohlson@ksla.se



Programme – 8 November, 2023

Production, Food Security and Sustainability – Challenges and opportunities for EU's and Sweden's agriculture

Moderator: Cecilia Nordin van Gansberghe*

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 **Introduction**

Cecilia Nordin van Gansberghe*

Part I Geopolitics, climate, environmental policy – scene and impact (in English)

13.10 **Keynote: Reflections on EU agricultural production and trade in the light of geopolitical tensions and environmental challenge**

Mr Gijs Schilthuis, Head of Unit Policy Perspectives, European Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development

13.40 **Global reflections on the EU policy on sustainable production, competitiveness, and food security**

Robert L Thompson*, Professor emeritus, University of Illinois

14.00 **EU policy on sustainable agricultural production, competitiveness of production and food security from a geopolitical perspective**

Charlotta Rodhe, Acting Deputy Director and Analyst at Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies (SCEEUS) at UI

14.15 **EU policy on sustainable agricultural production, competitiveness of production and food security from a sustainability perspective**

Linda Bell, Head of Department, Formas

14.30 **Reflections and questions**

Cecilia Nordin van Gansberghe*, Chairperson

14.40 **Coffe break**

Part 2 (på svenska) Hur påverkas svenskt jordbruk och livsmedelsindustri av utvecklingen? (What's the impact on Swedish agriculture och food industry?)

15.10 Lars-Erik Lundkvist, Lantbrukarnas Riksförbund, LRF (Federation of Swedish Farmers)

15.25 Patrik Strömer, Livsmedelsföretagen (Swedish Food Industry Federation)

15.55 **Reflektioner från KSLA:s CAP-arbetsgrupp**, Harald Svensson*

Closing remarks

*) KSLA Fellow