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Digital Lunch Talk – 23 October, 2026

Decoding the Social Aspects of Forest Debate



New for this autumn is the Academy arranging digital lunch lectures with the aim of presenting our newest elected international members and their activities. In this lunch talk Heidi Tuhkanen, Senior Expert at the Stockholm Environment Institute, will discuss the evaluation of the social impacts of Nature-based Solutions (NbS).

Heidi Tuhkanen will begin the seminar with an introduction to Nature-based Solutions and their multifunctionality, highlighting not only their role in climate adaptation but also their broader impacts on society. Heidi will present initial results from the evaluation of social impacts in the Biodiversa+ funded NbSPLUS project's global case studies in Malmö, Sweden, and the North River area near Montreal, Canada. She will then be joined by KSLA fellow and Professor Thomas B. Randrup at SLU for a conversation and discussion of NbS in contemporary planning and management.

Welcome,
Peter Normark, Academy Secretary General and Managing Director

Participants

Lecturer: Senior Expert [Heidi Tuhkanen*](#), the Stockholm Environment Institute, Tallin, Estonia

Introduction and moderator: Professor [Thomas Randrup*](#), Department of Landscape Architecture, Planning and Management, SLU, Sweden (*) Fellow of KSLA)

Programme

11:15	Zoom Link opens
11:30	Introduction & Presentation
11.35	Evaluating social impact of Nature-based Solutions
12:05	Dialogue & Discussion
12:30	Closing remarks

The lunch talks are financed with the support of the Foundations of A.W. Bergsten och C.F. von Horn

Time & Place

23 October 2026, 11.30-12.30
on Zoom.

Registration

Please register [in this link](#).

Academy Lunch Talks

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