

# Smart Cities in the Anthropocene

Information and communication technology (ICT) increasingly runs our daily affairs as we have entered the Anthropocene era, and more recently it is claimed that digitalization will make our cities “smarter”; hence the term “smart city” has quickly become a present-day buzzword for building more sustainable cities. However, no one actually knows where the future technologies will lead us and this seminar will be devoted to lifting up some critical perspectives on smart-city development and what potential ICT and the Internet of Things have in making our cities healthier and greater to live in.

The up-coming seminar **Smart Cities in the Anthropocene** is soon approaching and we are therefore utterly proud to welcome You to the wonderful city of Gävle on the 25th and 26th of October 2018. The seminar is co-organized by the University of Gävle, and the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. In the following we present the tentative schedule of the seminar with the idea to have open session presentations for a wider scholarly audience. The seminar has the following four headlines: The Politics of the smart city, Smart tools in urban design, Smart cities and shifting world views, and The slow smartness of the city. Each presentation is scheduled to 20 minutes followed by questions and discussion.

## PROGRAM

25th of October, 10.30 - 15.00

### Welcoming

Associate Professor Johan Colding  
University of Gävle and Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Sweden  
Associate Professor Stephan Barthel  
University of Gävle and Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University, Sweden

### Session 1. Politics of the Smart City

Associate Professor Johan Colding  
University of Gävle and Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Sweden  
Dr. Jenni Cauvain  
University of Nottingham, United Kingdom  
Amar Causevic  
Global Economic Dynamics and the Biosphere Programme, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Sweden

### Session 2. Smart tools in urban design

Professor Clive E. Sabel  
Aarhus University, Roskilde, Denmark  
Ph.D. candidate Karl Samuelsson  
University of Gävle, Sweden  
Dr. Maarit Kahila-Tani  
Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland

26th of October, 9.00 - 12.30

### Session 3. Smart cities and shifting worldviews

Professor Uno Svedin  
Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University, Sweden  
Professor Patrik Sörqvist  
University of Gävle, Sweden  
Dr. Therese Lindahl  
Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Sweden  
Professor Peder Thalén  
University of Gävle, Sweden

### Session 4. The slow smartness of the city

Dr. Marita Wallhagen  
University of Gävle, Sweden  
Dr. Åsa Gren  
Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Sweden  
Dr. Daniel Koch  
KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden