



## PROGRAM

# Umeå Transformation Research Initiative (UTRI) digital kick-off

## Monday 30 November

**10.30–12.00**

### **UTRI is Umeå University**

**Introduction by Vice Chancellor**  
Hans Adolfsson

**The UTRI concept and what UTRI aims and offers**  
Joacim Rocklöv, Carina Keskitalo and Kristina Lindblom

**How can UTRI help researchers raise money?**  
Johanna Gardeström

**Comments on the UTRI role within the Umeå University structure**  
Katrine Riklund, Dieter Müller and Hans Wiklund

#### **DISCUSSION**

**What do we want from UTRI as a network for research on transformation towards sustainability at Umeå University?**

**13.00–13.50**

### **What is transformation – why and for whom?**

**The complexity of change**  
Jon Moen

**What concepts do we use to understand transformation?**  
Carina Keskitalo

**How do we understand transformation in energy use and infrastructure?**  
Thomas Olofsson

**Nature and humans in the future**  
Kalle Grill and Lars Samuelsson

#### **DISCUSSION**

**What is transformation, why and for whom – and how do we understand it?**

**14.00–14.50**

### **How do we develop transformation?**

**Technology as solution?  
How do we create sustainable towns?**  
Frank Dignum and Ana Betancour

**Health transformation and healthy cities**  
Bertil Forsberg, Christoffer Boman and Magnus Evander

**Instruments for steering – within and beyond economics**  
Runar Brännlund, Tommy Lundgren, Thomas Broberg and Göran Bostedt

**Cultural transformation**  
Janina Priebe

#### **DISCUSSION**

**How do we develop transformation?**

**15.10–16.00**

### **How do we organise problem based interdisciplinary research for transformation?**

**The Lund Pufendorf example**  
Ann-Katrin Bäcklund

**What can we learn from the previous Umeå University environmental college initiative?**  
Christer Nordlund

**How can UTRI and UmU researchers work together with the municipality, international projects and other actors in Umeå?**  
Lisa Redin and Albert Edman

#### **DISCUSSION**

**The UTRI role?**



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## Tuesday 1 December

**10.30-12.00**

### Keynotes from honorary doctors at Umeå University – economic, ecological and social transformation in different areas

**Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
Director-General of the WHO

**Michael Hall**  
Professor at University of Canterbury, New Zealand

**John Anderson**  
Professor at Loughborough University, UK

**Nancy Langton**  
Distinguished Professor at Michigan Technological University, USA

**13.00-13.50**

### Parallel seminars and workshops

**Discussing environmental issues at multiple scales in  
space and time: contributions from archaeology and  
ecology**

Navinder Singh and Philip Buckland

**Communication for Sustainable Societies in the  
Anthropocene**

Annika Egan Sjölander, Emma Weitkamp, Anna Roosvall and  
Victoria Wibeck

**Is sustainable transformation about the simple life?**  
Marco Eimermann, Mari Nuga and Charlotta Hedberg

**Exploring (new) pathways in education for sustainability  
and transformation**

Annika Manni and Helena Näs

**AI and Transformation**  
Virginia Dignum

**Transition to circular and resource efficient cities**  
Mats Tysklind, Runar Brännlund, Krishna Upadhyayula, Thomas  
Broberg and Sef Eriksson

**Health benefits associated with changes in the urban car  
fleet**  
Bertil Forsberg, Anders Blomberg and Hedi Kriit

**14.00-14.50**

### Young researcher network – towards new innovative transformation research!

Christoffer Boman and Eleonora Borén

**15.10-16.00**

### UTRI has started!

Summary of the kick-off and reflections on developing UTRI  
from the different Umeå University faculty steering groups

Read more at: [www.umu.se/utri](http://www.umu.se/utri)



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