

Welcome to the course

Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Development in Sweden

CEMUS | Centre for Environment and Development Studies | Autumn Semester 2019

A warm welcome to CEMUS and the course “Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Development in Sweden”. What does it mean to be sustainable and why has Sweden often been praised as the pinnacle of sustainability and green innovation? In this course we take a step into our own environment and critically reflect on these perceptions compared to Sweden’s history, present issues and actions. The course encourages critical discussion and reflection concerning Swedish initiatives towards sustainable development. The course outline consists of a mixture of guest lectures given by different people from various science fields and seminars/workshops that are run by us, your course coordinators. Through discussions with your peers and guest lecturers, you will develop your framework for sustainable development, which can then be applied to other contexts.

We at CEMUS welcome you to our creative and challenging education. We hope that you will find your time here exciting, fulfilling, and inspiring.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us!

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Course Registration Information

1. If you have applied through www.antagning.se or www.universityadmissions.se

Friday, July 26: Last day to reply to your admissions notice at www.antagning.se before midnight (23:59). You must answer on [antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se) to guarantee your spot (not applicable to [exchange students](#)).

Registrations will take place on Studentportalen, opening on the 1st of August and closing on the 1st of September (Sunday before the first week of courses). After this day, we can still manually register admitted students during the course introduction session, and students can do late registrations through [antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se).

2. International exchange students that did not apply through www.antagning.se

You have no online registration for the course.

Course Introduction

Course Introduction will take place during the first session on **Wednesday, September 4th, at 17:15**. We will meet in **room 12:010 at campus Blåsenhus (Address: Von Kraemers Allé 5)**. Please see the map below for directions.

We have more applicants for our courses this coming semester than we can accept. If you have decided not to take the course, please notify us by sending an e-mail (see the end of the letter for contact details) to so we can accept someone from the waiting list.

Course Portal

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The course schedule, list of course literature, instructions for assignments, and other course information will be posted and updated Uppsala University's service Studentportalen. Please visit the Studentportalen regularly for the latest information and updates and keep your student email account updated and read it often.

Studentportalen: www.studentportalen.uu.se

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail.

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Practical Information About the Course

This course is 7.5 credits (ECTS) and is given part-time (25% of full-time study workload) with the class once a week on Wednesdays evenings (17:15-19:30, sometimes 20:00) throughout the whole Autumn semester. The course starts with the course introduction on September 4th and ends with the last session on December 18th. The preliminary schedule is attached to this letter, and a definite schedule is posted one week before the course starts.

Regarding course literature:

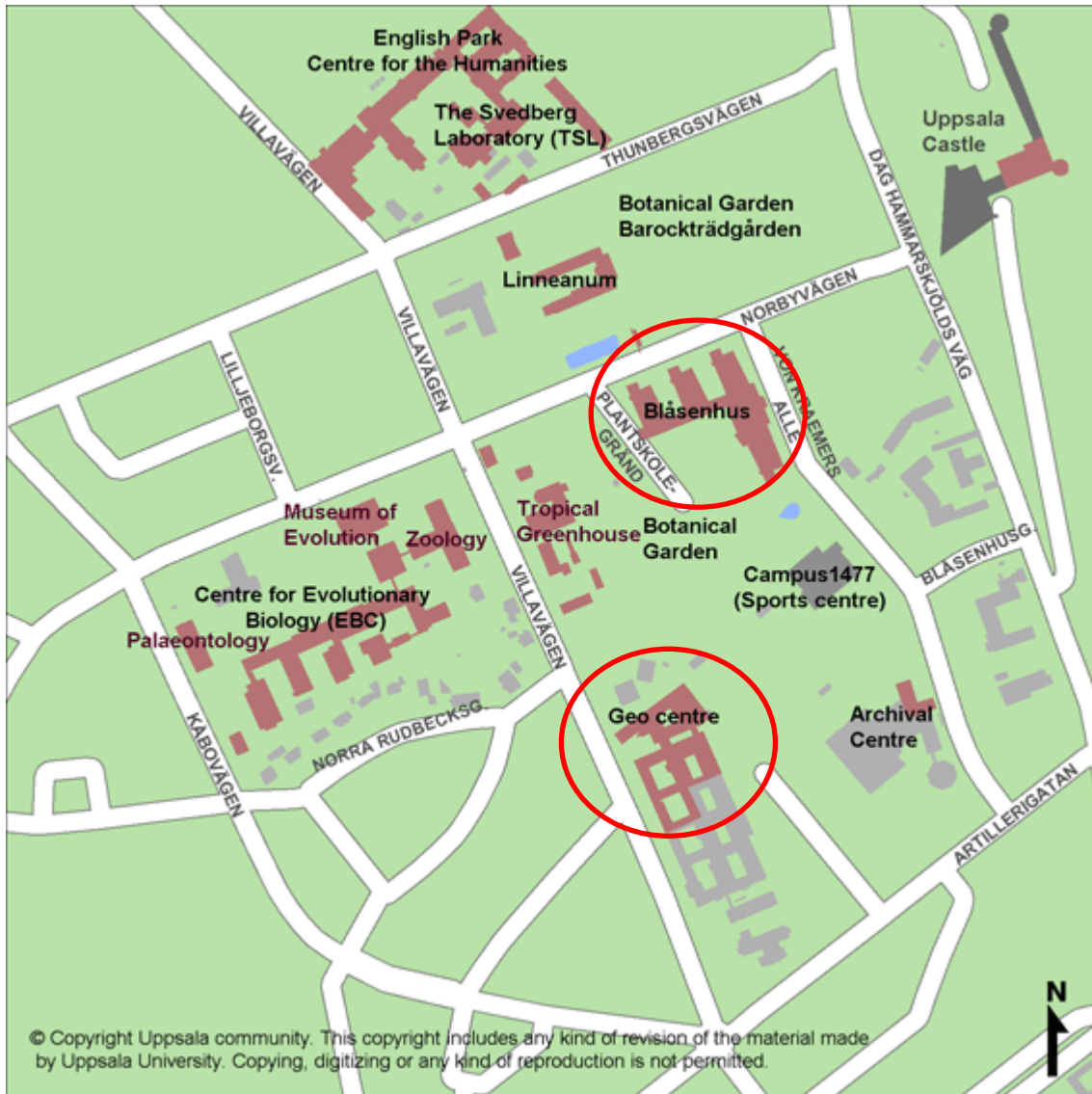
In the course, we will use two course books listed below. These books build the foundation of the course content, and we recommend that you find the books before the course starts to assure stability in the course flow and to help you plan your studies. In addition to the course books, other material and sources (such as articles, video links, and other online material) will be made available for weekly readings on Studentportalen.

- Bernes, C. & Lundgren, L.J., 2009, "Use and Misuse of Nature's Resources. An Environmental History of Sweden", Swedish Environmental protection Agency.
A few copies will be available at the CEMUS Library, and a digital version is being finalised.
- Witoszek, N. & Midtunn, A., 2018, "Sustainable Modernity: The Nordic Model and Beyond", Routledge.
Open access: <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9781351765633>

In the **CEMUS Library** (in Geocentrum, Villavägen 16, see map below) you will find literature related to environment and development issues, up-to-date magazines and journals. In the library, you can also relax in the sofas, study with your friends, or take part in the many open meetings and initiatives taking place at CEMUS. All the course literature for CEMUS courses is available here but is only for reading inside the library, not taking home. Other books, that are not course literature, are available to borrow.

Inspirational Introductory Lectures

At CEMUS, we start every semester with open lectures for all courses and the public. The official opening lecture "**Rights of Nature as a tool for Transformational Change**" by Pella Thiel is on **Monday 2nd of September at 18:15-20:00**. Please join if you can! This semester we have exciting events, lectures, and other activities that will soon be released. Keep an eye opened and follow the info at <http://www.cemus.uu.se/>.



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CEMUS Library is down the corridor to the right from the Entrance Hall of Geocentrum. Note that there is another library called Geo-biblioteket (Earth Sciences Library) but CEMUS Library is further down the corridor with couches!

We are looking forward to meeting you all!

Your Course Coordinators,

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