

Sustainable Economic Futures

Nature, Equity and Community

15 credits



Dear Student,

Welcome to 'Sustainable Economic Futures – Nature, Equity and Community' !

Throughout the course we will discuss how could new sustainable economic systems be developed and how would they work? How could different local sustainable economic initiatives from around the world serve as inspiration for the future? How could different economic transactions and activities be remade to improve human and natural communities and mitigate climate change emissions?

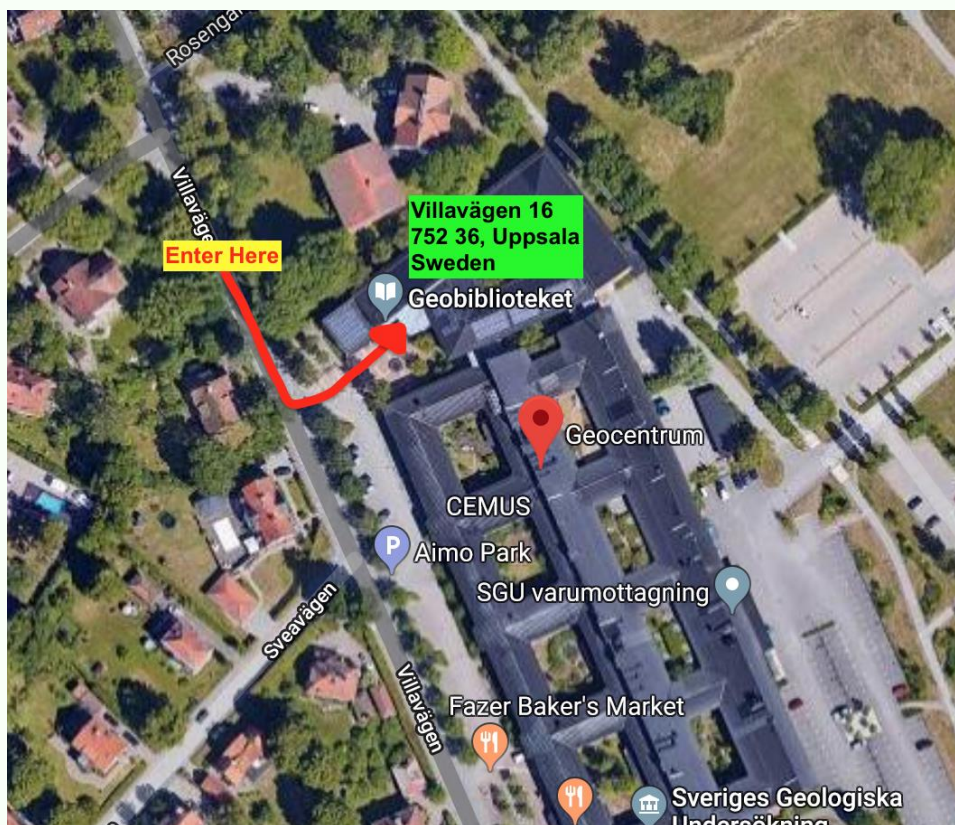
The course starts off in a broad theoretical, definitions and conceptual orientation where different interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research areas within ecological economics and environmental economics, and theoretical specializations such as degrowth, steady-state economics, post-growth, aims to clarify and inspire how different sustainable economic systems on different levels can be shaped and implemented by different actors. This orientation also links questions concerning future economic systems with the sustainable development goals and other frameworks for sustainable development.

After this introductory part the course moves on to deepen the discussion and illustrate the ecological, resource, social and cultural conditions and foundations for a sustainable and just future economic system. This process combines systems thinking and an interdisciplinary understanding concerning how these conditions and foundations are connected and interact. The consequences of different future, sustainable economic systems are also investigated and analysed. The many perspectives, questions and discussions in the course give you a long list of areas to focus on in the project work that leads to a practical project.

Registration and Roll Call

- If you have applied through www.antagning.se or www.universityadmissions.se. Registrations will take place on Studentportalen, opening on December 30th, and closing on January 12th. Contact jenny.thor@geo.uu.se if you have any questions.
- **International and exchange students that did not apply through www.antagning.se.** You have no online registration for the course. It is **essential** that you show up in person in order to keep your spot. Contact erik.rosenberg@geo.uu.se if you have any questions.
- If you are on the reserve list and want to take the course you need to show up to the course introduction as well, so we can sign you up in case there are any free spots.

The **first course introduction and roll call** will take place on **Tuesday 21st January @ 13-14**. This will be followed by the first class on “*The past, present and future of economics education*” by Timothée Parrique. Both will take place in Norrland I, Geocentrum at Villavägen 16, 752 36, Uppsala (please see map below). You should attend in person and please send us an email if you cannot make it and wish to remain in the course (prior to this class).



We usually have more applicants than we can accept for this course, so if you do not plan to register for the course please let us know as soon as possible at nicholas.fitzpatrick@cemus.uu.se or aaron.tuckey@cemus.uu.se or so we can accept someone from the waiting list.



CEMUS Introductory Lecture and Open Events

At CEMUS we start every semester with open, inspirational and introductory lectures for all courses and to a public audience. These lectures introduce sustainable development and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), both in thematic and theoretical ways and from more practical and personal points of view. Since these lectures are open for all CEMUS courses, they are a good opportunity to meet fellow students. This year's introductory lecture will immediately follow our course registration.

CEMUS Introduction Spring 2020 Lecture

Monday 20th January

Time: 18-20:00

**Address: Room X @ Main University Building
(Universitetshuset, Biskopsgatan 3, 753 10 Uppsala)**

**Timothée Parrique
“Of Barricades and Textbooks”**

Introduction: As we earn our degrees in the comfort of universities, the climate earns degrees too. Realising this, more and more students are deserting classrooms to take the streets in the name of social-ecological justice. This leaves us with a choice: Should we sit and listen or should we walk out and shout? This might be the most important choice we ever make, but these are not the only two options. The story I will tell is one of sitting and shouting. This is a story of revolution where one throws arguments rather than cobblestones. And this is a story that involves all of you.

Course Structure

The course is worth 15 credits (ECTS) and is thus given at 50% of a full-time study workload, which equals around 20 hours per week. Class is most often two afternoons per week, Tuesday and Thursday, for the entire spring semester.

Lectures and seminars will generally be held at Norrland 1, Geocentrum. Workshops will generally be held at Kollaboratoriet (Östra Ågatan 19), Gamla Torget. HOWEVER, there are exceptions to this. Please check the course schedule to make sure you know where each class is! Our offices are located at CEMUS headquarters at Geocentrum. However, as we only work park time it is best to email us rather than drop-in.

Expect a considerable workload for this course. The backbone of the course schedule is the lecture series, with guest lecturers from universities, government agencies and organisations from civil society. Lectures are complemented by seminars, workshops and other activities in which we will discuss and analyse course literature and subjects brought up in lectures. More information on course content, assignments and assessment, will be available in the ‘Sustainable Economic Futures Course Information Booklet’ for 2020, which you will receive shortly before the beginning of the course.

Research Opportunities

This course will also be followed by the research project “Using drama in re-imagining economy” conducted by a PhD-student from Stockholm University, Julia Fries. The research explores drama pedagogy as a resource in learning about and imagining paths towards sustainable economies. All students enrolled in the course will get the opportunity to inform the research if they wish to. You will get more information about this shortly before the course and on the first session of the course Julia will meet you in person. You can ask questions then, but if you have any on beforehand please send an email to julia.fries@hsd.su.se.



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Course Homepage

Please visit the course's page on studentportalen and the [CEMUS website](#) regularly to see the latest information and updates. If you have any questions regarding the course, please contact us at nicholas.fitzpatrick@cemus.uu.se or aaron.tuckey@cemus.uu.se.

Let's start building a Sustainable Economic Future!

Aaron Tuckey and Nick Fitzpatrick

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