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Sustainable Development: Project Management and Communication

1MV074 | Spring 2020

Welcome Letter

Do you want to do a sustainability project, reach others and change the world? Then this is a course for you!

The students carry out a local project in international and interdisciplinary groups that in one way or another aims to contribute to sustainable development. The students come up with a project idea that is shaped in lectures, workshops and seminars and is further developed through peer review and feedback sessions. When the project plan has been accepted, the students run their project with the support of the course coordinators and CEMUS as a resource base. The project is ultimately presented in a project report, and in an outreach context at CEMUS. The project should combine theoretical and practical skills with method knowledge - all of which are practiced throughout the course. Focus is put on critically discussing and presenting the project results in both writing and speech. While there are some individual assignments, the main focus is on group work and assignments.

Welcome to Sustainable Development: Project Management and Communication (1MV074) at CEMUS, Uppsala University! Below is some practical information about the course. Please read through it and contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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Course Coordinators



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Registration Information

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

To admitted students:

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.

The registration is the only action needed (the course doesn't have a roll-call).

Students admitted with conditions:

Bring documents that confirms that you have fulfilled the requirements at the start of the course. If you do not fulfil the requirements at the start of the course and want to discuss this, contact the Director of Studies CEMUS, Alexis Engström - alexis.engstrom@cemus.uu.se.

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

You have no online registration for the course. Contact erik.rosenberg@geo.uu.se if you have any questions.

Course Introduction

The introduction for the course is on **Tuesday, 21 January at 09:15** in **Kollaboratoriet, Gamla Torget (Östra Ågatan 19)**. Please see the below map.

There will also be a number of start up events early in the semester for students studying at CEMUS:

- Opening lecture on Monday 20th January 18:15-20. Timothée Parrique will speak of '[Of Textbooks and Barricades](#)' in **Room X in the University Main Building**.

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



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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.

- The semesterly [Project Cafe](#) will be held on the 28th January 28, 17-19, in the CEMUS Library. The Project Cafe is a great way to learn about different projects and initiatives going on at CEMUS, join-in or start up something new.

Course Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Thoroughly describe a delimited part of the sustainability challenge;
- Plan, carry out and present a project work that applies theoretical knowledge and contributes to a sustainable development;
- Demonstrate good ability to work independently;
- Account for and evaluate the practical problems that can arise when working with projects;
- Account for and critically relate to the practical and ethical dilemmas that can arise when working for a sustainable development.

Course Schedule

The course is worth 15 ECTS credits and runs from early September to mid January. There is a schedule now uploaded. The sessions will be held during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. You can also find this schedule on Studentportalen and the course website here <http://www.cemus.uu.se/sdpmc/>.

The teaching consists of lectures, workshops and seminars. The lectures are given by guest lecturers from different academic disciplines and other relevant societal sectors. The teaching method is based on active student participation and critical thinking.

Course Examination

The examination is broken down into the following components. Specific instructions for each task will be issued during the course.



- Written documentation (**8 credits**) and oral presentation (**1 credit**) of an applied project work
- Written preparation for (**3 credits**) and active participation in seminars and workshops (**3 credits**).

More detail can be found in the **SDPMC Examination document**.

A large focus of this course is a sustainability project conducted by students. To see examples of **past projects** visit the course webpage here :

<http://www.web.cemus.se/sdpmc-project-short-films/>

Course Literature

During the course you are required to read the following books, as well as articles from an online course reader. You will also read project specific material that you gather yourselves. Make sure to come prepared to all lectures, workshops and seminars having completed the associated reading. The online course reader acts as a guide for what should be read, when. It also indicates what is required reading and what is recommended for further learning.

The course literature includes the following **books**:

- Holmes et al. (2011), *The Common Cause Handbook*, PIRC [pdf available]
- Lilliesköld and Eriksson (2009), *Handbook for Small Projects*, Liber [available in cemus library]
- Stibbe, A (2009), *The Handbook of Sustainability Literacy: Skills for a changing world*, Green Books

You will have to read **one** of the following books, choosing between

- Chouinard, Yvon (2006), *Let My People Go Surfing: The Education of a Reluctant Businessman*, Penguin Books
- Gladwell, Malcolm (2011), *Outliers: The Story of Success*, Little Brown and Company
- Taylor, Keeanda-Tamahtta (2017). *How We Get Free : Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective*. Haymarket Books.

Copies of course books will be available to read in the CEMUS library and a few copies will be available to borrow from the Geosciences library, Villavägen 16. In addition, literature can be purchased online at adlibris.se, bokus.se, lycknis.se etc.



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The **online course reader** containing articles and videos relating to specific lectures, workshops and seminars will be published online on *Studentportalen* at the start of the course. This online compendium will contain 3-4 texts, videos, audio files and/or other learning material per week.

About CEMUS

CEMUS' aim is to advance and inspire education and knowledge within the field of environment and development studies, as well as other boundary-transcending issues connected to sustainable development. CEMUS began as an initiative by students in the early 1990's and CEMUS courses have continued since with a student led learning model. The courses at CEMUS are built in collaboration between students, course coordinators, teachers, researchers, university administrators and societal actors.

CEMUS' primary point of departure and approach is based on what has become known as Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Through democratic, realistic and extensive work modes, this teaching method strives to motivate students to heighten their critical thinking skills, as well as encourage responsibility and engagement in the issues of sustainable development.

See the CEMUS website for more information on current and upcoming events at www.cemus.uu.se

Practical Information

Information Flow

The main communication portal for the course will be Studentportalen available at www.studentportalen.uu.se

You will need to visit Studentportalen regularly to make sure you have not missed any important information. You will need an account for Studentportalen, so please arrange one as soon as possible. You can find out how you get your account and other information at www.uu.se/en/student

Information about the course can also be found on the website <http://www.cemus.uu.se/sdpmc/>



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Course Location

The majority of classes will be held at **Kollaboratoriet**, with some classes being held in room within **Geocentrum**, **Blåsenhus** and **EBC** (see below map). Please check the schedule regularly to be aware of room changes.

Access to CEMUS and other facilities

CEMUS is open between 09:00 and 15:30, Mondays to Fridays. If you want to study in the library outside these hours or during weekends, you need a **key card**. The key card also gives access to the main Geocentrum entrance, which is locked after 17.00 and before 08.00. As a **new student** you need to have a current course registration to obtain a campus card. You also need to activate your user account beforehand, to be able to receive the email containing campus card instructions.

Information on how to activate your user account can be found at <https://konto.weblogin.uu.se/index.html>. The instruction message is usually sent out 24 hours after activation, but sometimes it can be delayed a further day. Instructions on how to obtain your campus card will be sent to the email address registered to you in the student database. Once you have ordered the card according to the instructions, you will be notified via email when your card is available for pickup at your campus reception desk. When you collect the campus card you will need to show an approved identification (driver's licence, passport, etc).

In the CEMUS library you will find literature related to environment and development issues, magazines, journals and other publications, such as master's and doctoral theses. You can also have a cup of coffee from library self-service "café", slouch in the sofas and read the course literature. The library is a shared space for staff, coordinators and students – please respect the guidelines posted in the library to ensure a pleasant work and study environment for all. It is possible to book the library for CEMUS-related activities, however, educational activities such as seminars have precedence. All the course literature for CEMUS courses is available there, including several shelves of reference books. These may **only be read inside the library**, and are not to be taken home. There are also books that can be borrowed through the Geocentrum Library, located down the hall from CEMUS.



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Course Team

Katie Markcrow (Course Coordinator) grew up near Byron Bay on the central east coast of Australia. She has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology and a Masters in Sustainable Development from UU.

Isabel Baudish (Course Coordinator) grew up in Sydney, Australia and studied a combined Bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering and Development Studies. After an exchange in Uppsala she decided to return to study a Masters in Entrepreneurship at UU.

Sara Andersson (Educational Coordinator) will be supporting the course.

If you have any questions, please contact us through email at sdproject@cemus.uu.se

You're also very welcome to drop by at our office next to the CEMUS library at Geocentrum, Villavägen 16. We're looking forward to meeting you!

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Map of Key Course Locations

