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## Welcome to Worldviews and Visions - Autumn 2020

Welcome to Worldviews and Visions (1MV552) at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS)! Below is some practical information about the course; please read through it and contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you next semester!

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*Course Coordinators*

### Registration Information

If you have applied through [www.antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se) or [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se), registrations will take place on Studentportalen, opening on July 30th and closing on August 30th. Please contact [jenny.thor@geo.uu.se](mailto:jenny.thor@geo.uu.se) if you have any questions about how to register. Information about registration can be found using this [link](#).

If you will not accept your place on the course, please email the Course Coordinators at [derek.garfield@cemus.uu.se](mailto:derek.garfield@cemus.uu.se) & [hanna.wernerson@cemus.uu.se](mailto:hanna.wernerson@cemus.uu.se) ahead of time so that they can offer places to reserve students.

### Course Learning Outcomes

This seminar series builds on the Introduction to Sustainable Development course and goes deeper conceptually and methodologically into the question of sustainable development.

As stated in the [syllabus](#), upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- critically analyse the conceptual and practical dimensions of sustainable development at the local, regional and global level;
- critically evaluate ethical questions with relevance for sustainable development;
- critically relate to and value different actors' visions of a sustainable future.

### Course Overview

The course is worth 5 credits and runs every Friday from the 25<sup>th</sup> of September to the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. There is a **DRAFT** schedule for the course attached. A final schedule will be provided on Studium one week before the start of the course on Studium, the online education management



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system used by Uppsala University, and the course website (<http://www.cemus.uu.se/msd/>).

The first session of the course will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00-12:00 AM in Hambergsalen, Geocentrum. Maps for the building location and room are found [here](#) under “Geo Center.”

Online attendance to sessions will be through Zoom and/or Studium. You can find the Zoom links in Studium under the course calendar.

The teaching consists of lectures, given by guest lecturers from different academic disciplines and other relevant societal sectors, and seminars run by the course coordinators. The teaching method is based on active student participation and peer-to-peer learning.

**This course is being conducted in a hybrid in-person/online format due to the ongoing pandemic.** While we hope that all students will have the opportunity to safely attend in person this fall, we know that this may not be possible for various reasons. Therefore, all of the content will be made available online in order to ensure that students who are unable to attend in-person have access to the same material. All graded assignments/seminars will be conducted in an online format.

## Course Examination

As stated in the syllabus:

*The student is examined through written preparation for (1 credit) and active participation in seminars and workshops (1 credit), and through written documentation (2.5 credits) and oral presentation (0.5 credits) of a project.*

*If there are special reasons for doing so, an examiner may make an exception from the method of assessment indicated and allow a student to be assessed by another method. An example of special reasons might be a certificate regarding special pedagogical support from the University’s disability coordinator.*

The course is examined through the following mandatory assignments:

- Written Documentation of Individual Project due **Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 23:59**
- Student Presentations: Student Conference Seminar *Pluriverse* on **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- Student Presentations: Student Conference Seminar *Pluriverse* on **Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- Workshop on Academic Writing **Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- Literature Seminar conducted on **Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



Please review attached **Examination Overview** for further details.

## Course Literature

The course has the following course books, which are required reading:

- **McCloskey, D. and Ziliak, S. (2019). *Economical Writing*. 3rd ed. University of Chicago Press.**

and ONE of the following Climate Fiction anthologies:

- **Adams, J. (ed.), (2015). *Loosed Upon the World*. 1st ed. New York: Saga Press.**  
or
- **De Vries, J. (ed.), (2020). *Shine: An Anthology Of Optimistic Science Fiction*. 3rd ed. [ebook] Solaris.**  
or
- **Martin, M. (ed.), (2011). *I'm With the Bears: Short Stories From A Damaged Planet*. 1st ed. Verso.**  
or
- **Robinson, K. (ed.), (1994). *Future Primitives: The New Ecotopias*. New York: Tom Doherty Associates, Inc.**  
or
- **Wagner, P. and Wieland, B. (eds), (2017). *Sunvault: Stories of Solarpunk and Eco-Speculation*. Upper Rubber Boot Books.**

*If you have another title you would like to choose instead, you may discuss it with the course coordinators.*

There is only one copy of *Economical Writing* available in the Uppsala University Library System. All the books are widely available through online retailers. Almost all of them are also available in a digital format through Amazon.

The course coordinators will make available a course compendium one week before the course starts that will consist of 3-4 texts, videos, audio files and/or other learning material per week, available through Studium, that are related to the course learning outcomes. You will be expected to read more than these required articles in preparation for participating in seminars/workshops and your written project work. Additional recommended articles from guest lecturers may be uploaded to Studium during the course. Make sure to come prepared for all lectures, workshops, and seminars.

**Please be sure to review the other attached documents as well.**

## Course Team



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