



**CEMUS**



UPPSALA  
UNIVERSITET



SLU

# GLOBAL CHALLENGES and SUSTAINABLE FUTURES





# CEMUS



UPPSALA  
UNIVERSITET



SLU

## Dear Student,

Warmly welcome to 'Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures'!

What are the challenges facing humanity today and in the future? How can we create and rediscover sustainable ways of living on this planet?

During the course we will focus on current global issues, imagine alternative futures and explore strategies for transformational change towards a better future. Throughout the semester, different perspectives and approaches are analysed and discussed in sessions with knowledgeable and inspiring guest lecturers, in order to offer a multidisciplinary understanding of current sustainability issues and different trajectories into the future. Embarking on this journey of discovery, international and Swedish students will be asked to reflect critically on global challenges that the world is facing in order to imagine alternative sustainable futures. Along the way, students will explore their own role in the causes and solutions of these sustainability challenges.

### Pre-course Form

To get to know you better, and to help you reflect on what you bring to this course, we would like you to fill out this form before Monday, August 31st: <https://forms.gle/jTVFVPTm54v4SgxYA>

### Registration

*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 close on August 30th. Contact [jenny.thor@geo.uu.se](mailto:jenny.thor@geo.uu.se) if you have any questions.

*International exchange students that did not apply through [www.antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se):*

You have no online registration for the course. Contact [exchange.students@geo.uu.se](mailto:exchange.students@geo.uu.se) if you have any questions.

### Classes

The first class of the course will take place on **Tuesday, September 1, at 17.15, online.**

Classes run weekly on Tuesdays from 17:15 to 20:00 (CEST), feel free to drop in from 17:00 onward. We will use **this Zoom link for all sessions:**

<https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/69988196867?pwd=a1BwVFdLaWNJYm92S1FtejJKcHZzZz09>, the **password is "CEMUS"**. You can also find the recurring Zoom link under "Zoom Classroom" in the menu in Studium, and in the "Course information" module on Studium. To help your classmates get to know you during the course, please ensure you have a working camera and a stable internet connection.



# CEMUS



UPPSALA  
UNIVERSITET



SLU

## **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. This year's **introductory lecture** will take place on **August 31st, 18:15-20:00**: "Zoom in/Zoom out with guests from around the world". For more information, see <http://www.cemus.uu.se/aug-31-semester-start-up-2020/> .

In addition, on **September 10th, from 16.15-18.00**, the **CEMUS Project Café** will take place, online and outside. Students, CEMUS staff, faculty and the interested public are warmly welcome to an inspiring and creative afternoon. You can bring your own ideas and projects or just come and listen (and get involved) in what's going on this autumn semester at CEMUS and beyond. For more information, see <http://www.cemus.uu.se/sep-10-project-cafe-autumn-2020/>

Please keep visiting the [CEMUS website](#) for further information and more open events.

## **Course Structure**

The course is worth 7,5 credits (ECTS) and is thus given at 25% of a full-time study workload, which equals around 10 hours per week. Class is on Tuesday evenings from 17:15 to 20:00, for the entire autumn semester. All classes will be held online due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The course is divided into three themes: Global Challenges (Part I), Alternative Futures (Part II) and Sustainable Transformations (Part III). More information on course content, assignments and assessment, is available in the 'Course Information' document for 2020. This document, along with the schedule, can be found in [Studium](#) and on the [CEMUS course website](#).

## **Online Environment**

The course page in [Studium](#) will be the online environment, where we will post all information and updates, share resources, post assignments and assign groups. Please visit Studium regularly to make sure you have not missed any important information. You will need an account for Studium, so please arrange one as soon as possible. You can find out how to get your account and other information at <https://www.uu.se/en/students/new-students/> .

Information about this course can also be found on the CEMUS website, at <http://www.cemus.uu.se/gcsf/> . If you have any questions regarding the course, please contact us at [arturo.vidal@cemus.uu.se](mailto:arturo.vidal@cemus.uu.se) and [emmy.pater@cemus.uu.se](mailto:emmy.pater@cemus.uu.se) .

We are looking forward to meeting all of you!

*Arturo Vidal & Emmy Pater*