

Actors and Strategies for Change - Towards Global Sustainabilities

CEMUS | Centre for Environment and Development Studies | Spring Semester 2021

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” - William James

Hello! Welcome to CEMUS and the course “Actors and Strategies for Change: Towards Global Sustainabilities”

We are your new course coordinators for the upcoming Actors and Strategies course, and we are looking forward to engaging with you through a thought provoking, and inclusive course. Throughout this course it will be filled with questions as to How change happens?, What makes you as an individual an actor of change?, Why do some movements work and others don't?", How can we develop capacities, strategies, and tactics that achieve lasting and real changes in the local and global world? Such questions are discussed from different perspectives in the literature chosen for the course, which we will also explore with you and offer a wide view of different forms of knowledge.

The structure of the course consists of the three following modules:

1. Theory of Change

The main focus will be on Theory of Change, while bringing in more perspectives on how change happens. Including economic theories such as degrowth and radical transformational leadership.

2. Actors and Strategies

This module will consist of numerous guest lectures, presenting themselves as different societal actors of change.

3. Leading the Change

The final module will include the missing perspectives aspect and focus on the final assignment entitled “Actor in Action” which will be done individually and include the final presentation.

At the end of the first two modules there will be seminars/workshops to discuss the themes of that module, including the topics of the guest lectures and the literature suggested for their lectures. While the final seminar of the third module will focus on the literature from the course in group discussions and a recap of the final assignment for the course.

Start of the course and COVID19

Due to the situation with COVID19, all of the institution's courses are currently scheduled to be held online instead of in its regular format for the entirety of the spring semester. Sessions are therefore currently planned to be held through zoom instead of in a physical classroom.

The first course session will take place on Monday January the 18th (17:15 - 18:00) with an introduction to the course from the course coordinators and then the CEMUS Semester Start-up with

Cristian Alarcon and Sachiko Ishihara as a kick-off to the semester (18:15 - 20:00), read more and submit your questions here: <http://www.cemus.uu.se/jan-18-semester-start-up/>

Course platforms and how to register:

The course uses multiple platforms. General information can be found on the CEMUS's webpage at <http://www.cemus.uu.se/asc/>

During the course we will be using Studium, which you'll be able to login to once you are registered on the course at <https://login.studium.uu.se/>

Registration is done through studentportalen at <https://studentportalen.uu.se/> - registration opens approximately one month before the start of the course and it is necessary to register to hold on to your spot. More information on the matter can be found here:

<https://www.uu.se/en/students/new-students/registration/>

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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See you soon!

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