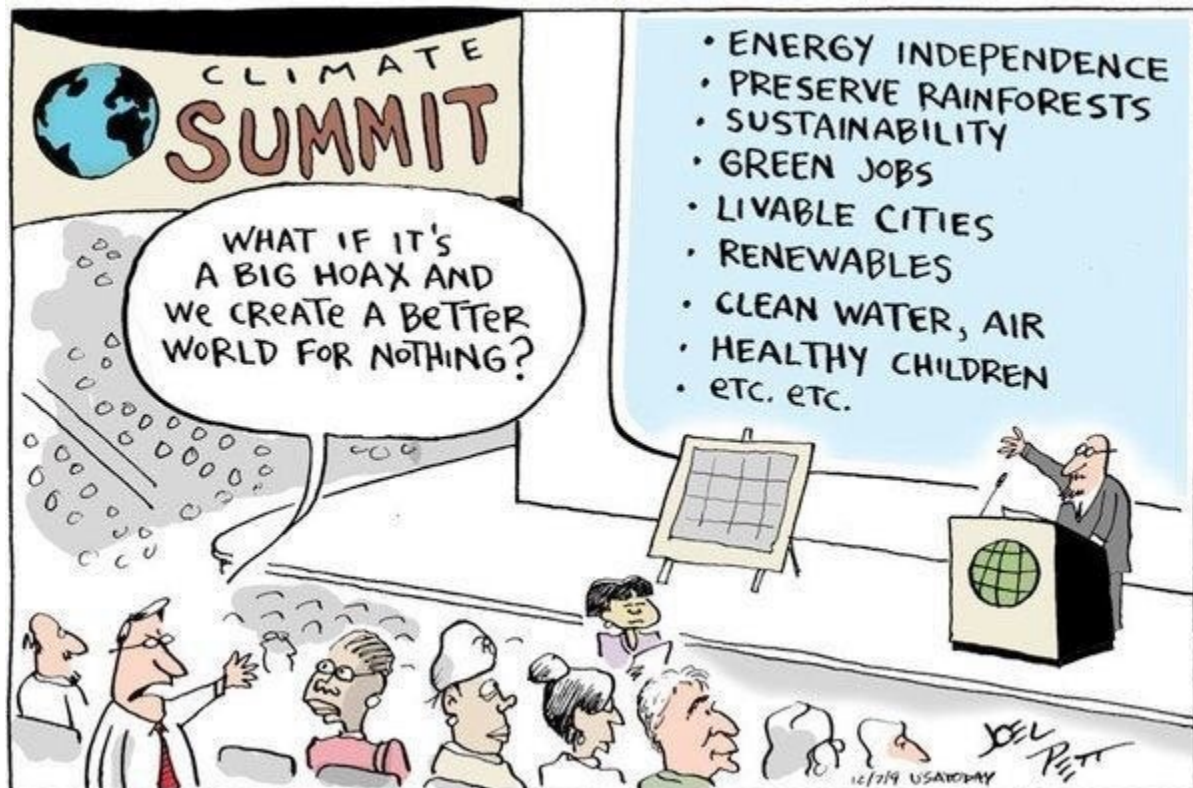




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GLOBAL CHALLENGES and SUSTAINABLE FUTURES





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We warmly welcome you to 'Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures' 2021.

What are the challenges facing humanity today and in the future? How might the ways we think about the future affect how we live with one another, with concerns for justice and sustainability? How might we interact with these questions to enact transformations for sustainability?

During the course we will meet weekly to describe and analyse current global issues, imagine alternative futures and explore strategies for transformational change towards a better future. We hope that you are able to fully immerse yourselves in these issues with us, as we seek to explore and enact change for sustainable futures at differing scales, from the individual, through to the global. Throughout the semester, different perspectives and approaches are analysed and discussed in sessions with 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, we will reflect critically on global challenges that the world is facing in order to imagine alternative sustainable futures. Along the way, we will explore our 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: <https://forms.office.com/r/fF2PhecFjT>. It would be great if you could answer the form **before Monday, August 31st**.

Registration

Please remember to register for the course. You have received information about how to register in your admission letter.

First Class and COVID-19

The first session of the course will take place on **Tuesday, August 31st, at 17.15 in the room "Laborativa Lärosalen" in the building Blåsenhus**. You can find this room and other university locations by searching at www.uu.se/map.

As advised by the university, we are planning for this course to take place on campus. We will comply with university guidance on this, and we're very excited that this is the predicted situation. The sessions will be built around collective engagement and collaborative work, so we hope that we are able to meet in person in a safe and comfortable way.



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[Recommendations on coronavirus](#) are continuously updated by the university. We will follow these instructions and make necessary adjustments to the course where required.

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** with the visiting Zennström professor, Stephania Barca. You can read more about Stephania's work [here](#).

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. 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 in in the room "Laborativa Lärosalen" at Blåsenhus.

Our offices are located at the CEMUS department at Geocentrum. However, as we only work part time it is best to email us rather than drop-in.

The course is divided into four modules: Global Challenges (Module I), Scales of Change (Module II), Alternative Futures (Module III) and Sustainable Transformations (Module IV). More information on course content, assignments and assessment, will be provided on Studium

Latest Updates & Questions

On www.cemus.uu.se/gcsf you can find the latest information and updates. If you have any questions regarding the course, please contact us at matthew.tuggey@cemus.uu.se and emmy.pater@cemus.uu.se. To ensure quicker responses, please include both of us in emails.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you!

Warmly,

Emmy Pater and Matt Tuggey

Course Coordinators GCSF 2021