

Sustainable Development - Project Management and Communication

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**Hello! Welcome to CEMUS and the course “Sustainable
Development - Project Management and Communication”
(SDPMC)**

We are the new course coordinators for the upcoming SDPMC course and we are excited to see you and to engage with you through an interdisciplinary and thought-provoking course. A course that gives you the opportunity to do a sustainability project, reach others and give you the possibility to help change the world. Throughout the course you will learn about team dynamics, leadership in teams, communication skills, the use of various methods in conducting a project such as systems thinking and design thinking and gain a critical perspective towards sustainability.

We look forward to seeing you at the introduction on **Tuesday, August 31st at 09:15 in Norrlands II (Gm116, Geocentrum)** and taking on this exciting course together. You can find a map of Geocentrum at the following link:

<https://use.mazemap.com/#v=1&config=uu&zlevel=1¢er=17.629201,59.848625&zoom=18&campusid=49&sharepoi=poi&sharepoi=400723>

Below is some practical information about the course. Please read through it and contact us if you have any questions:

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We look forward to meeting you soon!

Nicola Donohoe and Felicitas Paul
Course Coordinators

Course Schedule

The course runs from the end of August/early September to mid-January. The sessions will be held during Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, from either 9-12 or 10-12. A preliminary schedule and further information will be available on Studium and on the course page:

<http://www.cemus.uu.se/sdpmc/>

The course schedule will be divided into four modules based on the design thinking method; each module will be introduced in detail throughout the course with a clear introduction at the beginning:

Module 1 – Discover.

Module 2 – Define.

Module 3 – Develop.

Module 4 – Deliver.

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 Overview document**, which is uploaded on Studium.

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 available on Studium. You will also read project specific material that you gather yourselves. Make sure to come prepared to all classes, having completed the associated reading. The online course reader acts as a guide for what should be read and by when. It also indicates what is required reading and what is recommended for further learning.

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

- Chouinard, Y., (2006) Let My People Go Surfing, Penguin Books. London, England.
- Cross, N., (2011) Design Thinking, understanding how designers think and work, Berg Publishers.
- Edited by Stibbe, A. (2009) The Handbook of Sustainability Literacy, Skills for a changing world, Green Books. Cambridge England.

Registration

Please refer to your acceptance letters for information on how to register. If you have any further questions in relation to registration you can contact Jenny Thor at the following email:

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