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Welcome to Introduction to Sustainable Development - Autumn 2021

Welcome to Introduction to Sustainable Development (1MV550) at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS)! CEMUS is a student-initiated, transdisciplinary centre at Uppsala University and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences with the explicit ambition to contribute to a more just and sustainable world.

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

Course Learning Outcomes

This course is meant to introduce you the concept of Sustainable Development and to the master's program. The goal is to equip you with methodological, conceptual, personal, and interpersonal skills necessary to critically and constructively engage with the quest of sustainability transformation.

As stated in the syllabus, upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- critically relate to disciplinary and interdisciplinary traditions and work methods;
- critically relate to and analyse the history and development of the concept of Sustainable development;
- problematise complexity and sustainable development through a critical analysis of different actors' norms and perspectives

Course Overview

This course will be held primarily in-person, though there will be some online elements. (If the situation with Coronavirus changes, we may move to all online teaching. In this case we will



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communicate via Studium and your student email.)

The course is worth 5 credits and runs for three weeks from Monday 30th August until Friday 17th September. There is a **DRAFT** schedule for the course attached. A final schedule will be provided one week before the start of the course on Studium, the online education management system used by Uppsala University, and the course website (<http://www.cemus.uu.se/msd/>).

The Autumn semester 2021 begins on Monday 30th August with an introduction session for the program at 9:00- 10:00 PM, followed by an introduction to the course from 10:15 – 12:00 PM in Hambergsalen, Geocentrum. Maps for the building location and room are found [here](#) under “Geo Center.”

There is also a CEMUS opening lecture Stefania Barca, Zennström Professor in Climate Change Leadership, Uppsala University, titled “Climate, Covid and the global care crisis: new pathways for a Just Transition.” Attendance is optional but encouraged! It will be held August 30 at 18.15-20.00 in Lecture hall X (ten) / Sal X (tio), University Main Building / Universitetshuset, Biskopsgatan 3, 753 10 Uppsala. (See map here: <https://link.mazemap.com/5LUoKL5z> and below.) There will also be a zoom option. Updated information at <http://www.cemus.uu.se/aug-30-semester-start-lecture-barca-2021/>

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

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.

The course is examined through the following mandatory assignments:

- Active Participation Seminar conducted on **Friday 3th September 2021**
- Equal Opportunities Seminar Conducted on **TBD September 2021**
- Literature Seminar conducted during **Friday 10th September 2021**
- Written Documentation of individual project due **Friday 17th September 2021, 23:59**



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- Student Presentations of individual project on **Friday 17th September 2021**

Course Literature

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

- Franklin, A. & Blyton, P. (Eds.) (2011), *Researching sustainability: a guide to social science methods, practice, and engagement*, Earthscan, Washington, DC.
- Redclift, M. & Springett, Delyse (2017), *Routledge International Handbook of Sustainable Development*. Routledge.

The course books are available in an online format through Uppsala University Library.

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 for additional information.

Course Coordinator Team

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