

## Welcome to the course

# Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Development in Sweden

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

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A warm welcome to CEMUS and the course “Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Development in Sweden”. What does it mean to be sustainable and why has Sweden often been praised as the pinnacle of sustainability and green innovation? In this course we take a step into our own environment and critically reflect on these perceptions compared to Sweden’s history, present issues and actions. The course encourages critical discussion and reflection concerning Swedish initiatives towards sustainable development. The course outline consists of a mixture of guest lectures given by different people from various science fields and seminars/workshops that are run by us, your course coordinators. Through discussions with your peers and guest lecturers, you will develop your framework for sustainable development, which can then be applied to other contexts.

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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## Course Registration Information

All information will be sent out to all students from the university centrally/university admissions. Please refer to your acceptance letters for information on how to register.

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## Course Introduction

Course Introduction will take place during the first session on **Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 17:15**. We will meet in **room 12:010 at campus Blåsenhus (address: Von Kraemers Allé 5)**. Please see the map below for directions. The whole course is planned to be on campus, but further information regarding the pandemic situation and classes will be communicated through Canvas/Studium.

## Course Portal

The course schedule, list of course literature, instructions for assignments, and other course information will be posted and updated Uppsala University’s service **Studium**. Please visit the Studium regularly for the latest information and updates and keep your student email account updated and read it often.

**Studium:** <https://login.studium.uu.se/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail.

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## Practical Information About the Course



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This course is 7.5 credits (ECTS) and is given part-time (25% of full-time study workload) with the class once a week on Monday evenings (17:15-20:00) throughout the whole Autumn semester. The course starts with the course introduction on **August 30<sup>th</sup> and ends with the last session on December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### Course literature:

In the course, we will use three course books listed below. These books build the foundation of the course content, and we recommend that you find the books before the course starts to assure stability in the course flow and to help you plan your studies. In addition to the course books, other material and sources (such as articles, video links, and other online material) will be made available for weekly readings on Studium, in a compendium of suggested literature. This document will be available one week before the semester starts. Further suggested materials coming from the invited lecturers can be presented up to one week before the lecture, but they will be suggested materials to enrich your experience during the lectures.

- Witoszek, N. & Midtunn, A., 2018, "Sustainable Modernity: The Nordic Model and Beyond", Routledge.  
Open access: <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9781351765633>
- Arora-Jonsson, S., 2013, "Gender, Development and Environmental Governance Theorizing Connection".  
Open access: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/uu/detail.action?docID=1039281> (student login required)
- Elder, L. & Paul, R., 2008, "The Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking: Concepts & Tools".  
Open access: [https://www.criticalthinking.org/files/Concepts\\_Tools.pdf](https://www.criticalthinking.org/files/Concepts_Tools.pdf)

We hope to re-open the CEMUS library during the Fall, and we will let the students know when it happens. In the **CEMUS Library** (at Geocentrum, Villavägen 16, see map below) you will find literature related to environment and development issues, up-to-date magazines and journals. In the library, you can also relax in the sofas, study with your friends, or take part in the many open meetings and initiatives taking place at CEMUS. All the course literature for CEMUS courses is available here but is only for reading inside the library, not taking home. Other books, that are not course literature, are available to borrow.

### Inspirational Introductory Lecture

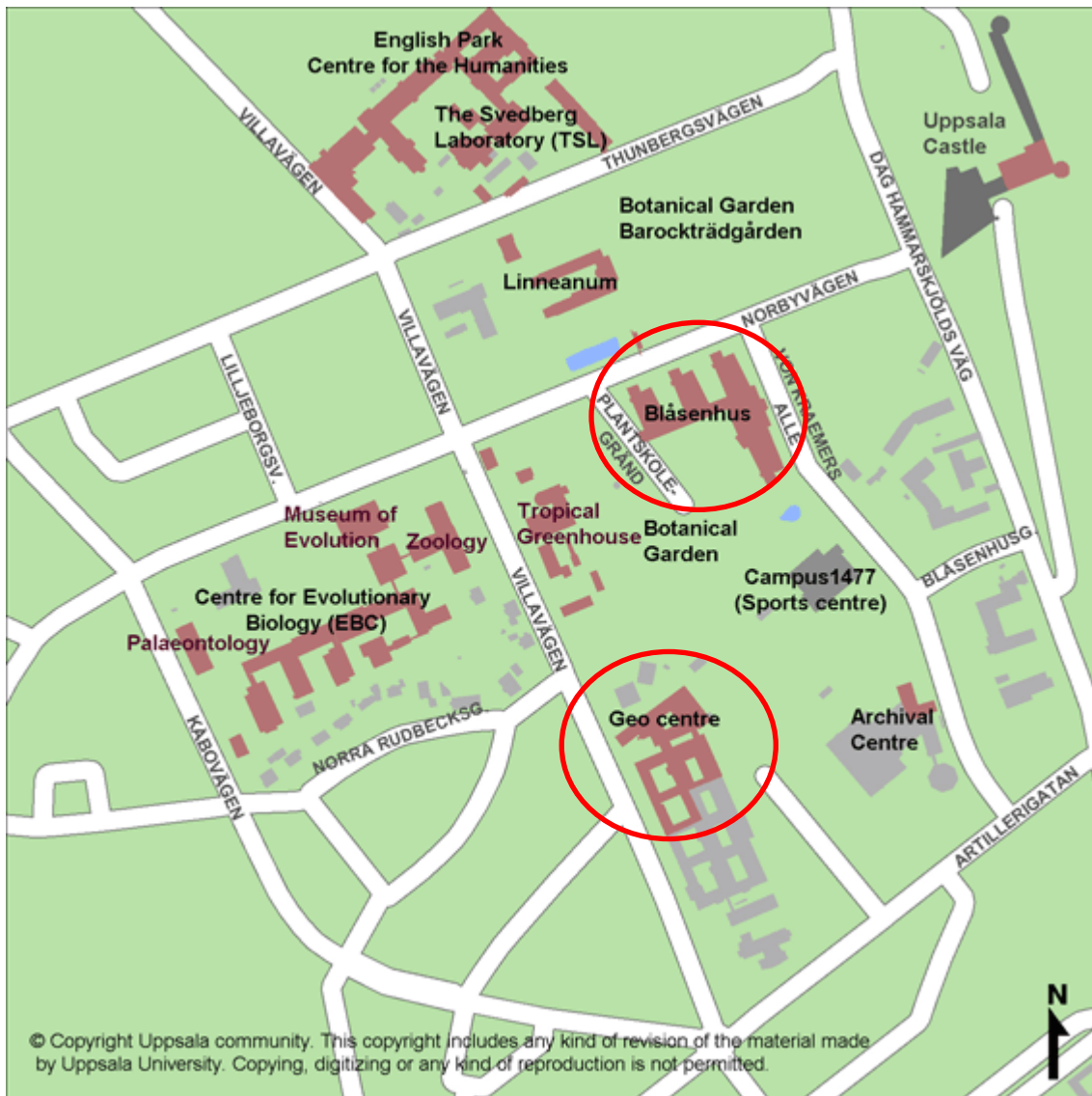
At CEMUS, we start every semester with open lectures for all courses and the public. The official opening lecture will have **Stefania Barca, Zennström Professor in Climate Change Leadership, Uppsala University**, titled "**Climate, Covid and the global care crisis: new pathways for a Just Transition**" August 30 at 18.15-20.00. Please join if you can! This semester we have exciting events, lectures, and other activities that will soon be released. Keep an eye opened and follow the info at <http://www.cemus.uu.se/>.



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*CEMUS Library is down the corridor to the right from the Entrance Hall of Geocentrum. Note that there is another library called Geo-biblioteket (Earth Sciences Library) but CEMUS Library is further down the corridor with couches!*

**We are looking forward to meeting you all!**

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