

Actors and Strategies for Change Towards Global Sustainable

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“All that you touch

You Change.

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Changes you.”

- Octavia Butler -

Hello and welcome to CEMUS and the course *Actors and Strategies for Change: Towards Global Sustainable*!

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 some movements work and others don't, and how we can 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 to offer diverse forms of knowledge.

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

1. Theories of Change: We will begin by understanding different theories for how change happens, and situating ourselves as actors in relation to sustainability issues.
2. Actors and Strategies: This module will consist of numerous guest lectures, presenting themselves or others as societal actors of change.
3. Leading the Change: The final module will focus on the final assignment entitled “Actors in Action” which will be carried out individually, supported by a group presentation.

At the end of the first two modules there will be workshops to discuss the themes of that module, including the topics of the guest lectures and the literature suggested for their lectures.



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Course platforms and how to register:

The course uses multiple platforms. You can find general information about the course and its content on the CEMUS course page - www.cemus.uu.se/asc. The main platform you will use as a student is Studium - www.studium.uu.se - where you will find lecture information, reading lists, course material, assignments and updates from us. Before you take the course you need to register. For information about how and when to register, and more information about your studies, visit www.uu.se/student.

Start of the course

The first course session will take place on Monday January the 17th (17:15 - 18:00) with an introduction to the ASC course with us, and then the CEMUS Semester Start-up with Alan AtKisson as a kick-off to the semester (18:15 - 20:00). Read more here: <http://www.cemus.uu.se/jan-17-alan-atkisson-2022/>.

Course Information

The course is worth 7.5 credits (ECTS) and runs at 25% of a full-time study workload. Classes are generally on Monday evenings.

We follow the guidelines from Uppsala University and the Department of Earth Sciences on how to conduct education for the spring semester. Currently, the course is set to take place in person on campus. Throughout the course we will have classes in different classrooms, so always check the schedule for the location for a specific date. Most classes we will be at 12:004 in Blåsenhus. You can use Uppsala University MazeMap - <https://use.mazemap.com/#v=1&config=uu> - to find the classrooms. Uppsala University follows the 'academic quarter', so all sessions start 15 minutes after the hour (e.g. a lecture at 17 will start at 17.15).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at lwanga.egbewatt_arrey@cemus.uu.se or francis.rogers@cemus.uu.se. We are excited to meet you all!

See you soon,

Lwanga and Francis

