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Welcome to Worldviews and Visions- Autumn 2022

Welcome to Worldviews and Visions (1MV552) at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS). 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,
Lillian Weaver & Oscar Martín
Course Coordinators

Course Learning Outcomes

Worldviews and Visions examines how conceptual and practical dimensions of sustainable development intersect with ethical questions surrounding different actors' visions of a sustainable future. These visions also suggest the need for change and transformation from current unsustainable practice to sustainability. Therefore, we will also explore transitions and transformations for sustainable development that will be required to achieve such visions.

As stated in the [syllabus](#), upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- critically analyse the conceptual and practical dimensions of sustainable development at the local, regional and global level;
- critically evaluate ethical questions with relevance for sustainable development;
- critically relate to and value different actors' visions of a sustainable future.

Course Overview

The course is a seminar series worth 5 credits and runs every Friday from the 23th of September to the 13th of January. There is a **DRAFT** schedule for the course attached. A final schedule will be provided on Studium one week before the start of the course. You can also find this schedule on Studium, the online education management system used by Uppsala University, and the course website (<http://www.web.cemus.se/msd/>).

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.



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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:

- Literature Seminar on **Friday, October 28th, 2022**
- Oral Presentations on **November 4th, 2022**
- Academic Writing Workshop conducted on **Friday, December 16th, 2022**
- Written Documentation of Individual Project due **Friday, January 13th, 2023, 23:59**

Course Literature

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

- **Kothari, A., et al., 2019. *Pluriverse: A Postdevelopment Dictionary*. Tulika Books.**
- **Grin, J., et al., 2010. *Transitions to Sustainable Development*. Routledge.**

The course coordinators will make available a course compendium one week before the course start date that will list a further **2-4 articles** you are expected to read each week that are related to the course learning outcomes. You will be expected to read more than these required articles in preparation for your written project work. Additional recommended articles from guest lecturers will be uploaded to Studium during the course.

Course Team

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