

Welcome to the course package

Global Sustainability Studies

30 credits, Fall Semester 2013

Institutions of higher education – indeed, all schools – must aim to create an ecologically competent citizenry, one that knows how Earth works as a physical system and why that knowledge is vitally important to them personally and to the larger human prospect. [...] The scientific evidence suggests that the years ahead will test coming generations in extraordinary ways. Educators are obliged to tell the truth about such things but then to convert the anxiety that often accompanies increased awareness of danger to positive energy that can generate constructive changes. (David Orr, 2010)

This course package, offered by the *Centre for Environment and Development Studies* (CEMUS), gives you the opportunity to study and discuss the greatest challenges of our times in a truly creative and inspiring setting.

Mandatory Roll-Call and Course Package Introduction – Monday, September 2nd
Roll-call will be taken and a general introduction to the course package and the courses within the package will be held on **Monday, September 2nd starting at 9.15 AM in CEMUS Multispace, Villavägen 16.**

IMPORTANT! If you can't attend the course package introduction or roll-call and still would like to keep your spot in the course package you will need to send someone in your place to reserve a spot for you.

The roll-call and Introduction will be followed by an International Welcome Reception and Introduction to CEMUS at 10–12 and CEMUS Open House between 14 and 17 (with further Information on Autumn Semester Courses and Student Activities). For the full welcome programme to CEMUS during September please visit: <http://www.csduppsala.uu.se/2013/cemus-open-house/>

Inspirational and introductory lectures

We start every semester with inspirational and introductory lectures for all of our courses. These lectures introduce sustainable development and education for sustainable development, both in thematic and theoretical ways and from more



practical and personal points of view. This year we will have three common lectures:

- Monday September 2nd
Our future, Our task, Our Movement – From UN to Ojnare and beyond
Alva Snis Sigtrysson, Swedish Environmental Hero 2012
18.15–20.30 in Eva Netzelius Salen, Blåsenhus, Von Kraemers Allé 1
- Tuesday September 3rd
Proving Cassandra Wrong – How to be an optimist in a pessimist's world
Alan AtKisson, Author and Sustainability Consultant
9.15–12.00 in Hambergssalen, Geocentrum, Villavägen 16
- Monday September 9th
Denying our Planetary Boundaries – How do we Avoid Bankrupting Nature?
Johan Rockström, Stockholm Resilience Centre & Anders Wijkman, Co-president of the Club of Rome
18.15–20.30 in Ekonomikum, Hörsal 4, Kyrkogårdsgatan 10

General Information and Selecting Courses within the Package

This fall semester course package of 30 credits offers you the choice of the following courses: *Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures*, 7.5 credits, *Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Development in Sweden*, 7.5 credits, *The Global Economy – Environment, Development and Globalization*, 15 credits, *Sustainable Development: Project management and communication*, 15 credits

Please consider which courses you would like to take before the introduction on Monday the 2nd.

You will receive more information about the individual courses, such as general course information, definitive schedule and literature, at the course package introduction and CEMUS Open House. Preliminary schedules and other information about the individual courses can also be found on our course portal:

<http://cemusstudent.se>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to drop by CEMUS or send me an e-mail at isak.stoddard@csduppsala.uu.se



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We look forward to seeing you soon!

Best Wishes,

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