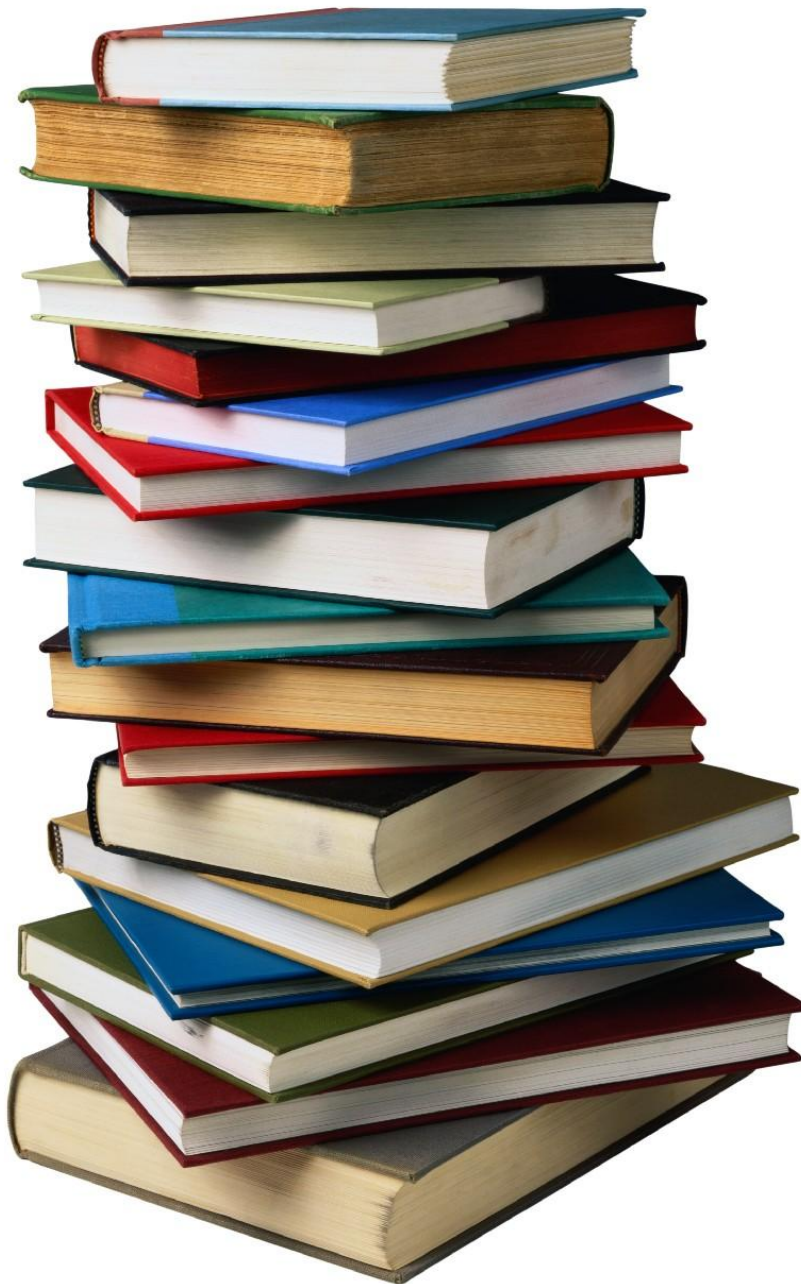




Course information folder

Worldviews and Visions – A seminar series



Course Information (only for the seminar series!)

My name is Malin Östman and I am the coordinator for the seminar series. I'm very happy to welcome you all to the course this fall, and I'm confident you will contribute to very interesting discussions!

If you want to reach me, the easiest way to do so is via e-mail: malin.ostman@csduppsala.uu.se. On the CEMUS webpage you can find information about the course: www.cemusstudent.se/msd

The course Sustainable Development – Worldviews and Visions – A Seminar Series, 5 ECTS, critically examines the concept and idea of Sustainable Development. The Seminar Series is part of the Master Programme in Sustainable Development at Uppsala University and The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

The course consists of several different seminars (September-December) during which we will discuss a variety of topics together. We will also be visited by guest lecturers from different academic fields.

From the syllabus;

After finishing the course the student shall;

- be able to understand different dimensions of Sustainable Development on a local, regional and global level.
- be able to critically relate to and analyze the history and development of the concept of Sustainable Development.
- be able to critically relate to and value different definitions and indicators of Sustainable Development.
- be able to critically relate to and value different actor's visions of a Sustainable Future and different strategies to attain a Sustainable Society.

Examination

The examination consists of the following:

- Attendance and participation
- Assignment 1 + peer reading
- Assignment 2 + presentation
- Art-project

The different seminars are all part of a context, and therefore it is crucial for the discussions and the understanding of the course (thus the completion of the examination) that you attend and come well prepared. The seminars are mandatory and if you miss a seminar you will need to complete an extra assignment. Contact Malin if you know you will be absent.

It is not possible to attain any grade higher than PASS (C in ECTS) on this course.

Literature

You will read the following literature during the Seminar Series:

Atakilte Beyene , Havnevik Kjell, Matondi Prosper Bvumiranayi. ***Biofuels, land grabbing and food security in Africa***

London : Zed Books, cop. 2011

Birkenstein Cathy., Durst Russel K., Graff Gerald ***They say/I say: the moves that matter in academic writing*** : with readings 2. ed.

New York : W.W. Norton & Co., 2011

Higgins Polly.***Earth is our business*** : changing the rules of the game

London : Shephard-Walwyn, 2012

Additional literature and articles will be provided. These are also mandatory course literature. List of literature will be posted online.

Presentation of the Course Work Group

Malin Östman has worked at CEMUS CSD UPPSALA since 2005 in different capacities. Currently she is working as an educational coordinator at the centre.

Daniel Mossberg is the Director of Studies at CEMUS CSD UPPSALA. Daniel has worked at CEMUS since 2004.

Carl Lindberg works with ESD – Education for Sustainable Development. Carl works both within the University as well as in politics. He has a background both as a maths teacher and as Secretary within the Ministry of Education and Research.

Isak Stoddard works as an educational coordinator at Cemus.

Helene Albinus Sjøgaard – Helene is a second year student at the Master Programme for Sustainable Development. She has always been interested in the field of Education for Sustainable Development and her main working experience is education on climate change related issues at various educational levels in Danish schools. She is happy to contribute as a member of this work group for the course Worldviews and Visions at CEMUS.

Sebastian Welling is study counsellor at the Department for Earth Sciences. He holds a masters

degree in Sustainable Development with a focus on sustainability reporting within the energy sector. He has a background in Business Administration and has worked with education and social action for Sustainable development within CEMUS.

Likoko Eunice is a master's student studying Sustainable Development at the Uppsala University. She has a background in social sciences and has worked as a social advocate in Kenya. Her focus is on social justice, sound policy development and implementation.

ABOUT CEMUS

CEMUS, the Center for Environment and Development Studies, has as its goal to advance and inspire education and knowledge within the field of environment and development studies, as well as other vital boundary crossing issues connected to the compelling topic of sustainable development.

CEMUS' unique beginnings was a successful initiative by students in the early 90's and CEMUS courses are, in large part, still run by students today. Since January 2007, CEMUS joined the Uppsala Center for Sustainable Development in conjunction with Uppsala University and SLU, Sweden's agricultural university, with a focus on interdisciplinary environment and development studies.

CEMUS is led by an advisory group of representatives from SLU, Uppsala University faculties, as well as students. The administrative supervision of CEMUS is held by a program director and a board of directors. CEMUS has around 25 employees, most of whom are students hired as course coordinators. These coordinators help create and run CEMUS courses, both entry and advanced levels, and they work in close collaboration with well-respected teachers and researchers from both universities while striving to maintain high pedagogical ambitions.

CEMUS EDUCATION

CEMUS has since the beginning focused its university studies on a comprehensive understanding of our current world's most pertinent survival issues. This demands innovative teaching methods and an interdisciplinary approach. From its very inception, CEMUS courses have been run by students with the continual support of work groups.

CEMUS' primary launching point and approach is based on what is today usually called "education for sustainable development". Through democratic, realistic and extensive work modes, this teaching method strives to motivate students to heighten their critical thinking skills, as well as encouraging responsibility taking and engagement in the issues of sustainable development.

Besides the Seminar Series, CEMUS also organizes the following courses:

Fall semester 2014

- Global Sustainability Science Course Package, 30 ECTS
- Critical Perspectives on Sustainable Development in Sweden, 7.5 ECTS
- The Global Economy – Environment, Development and Globalization, 15 ECTS
- Sustainable Development - Project Management and Communication, 15 ECTS
- Hållbar Utveckling A, 30 ECTS

- Människan och naturen, 7.5 ECTS
- Global miljöhistoria, 7.5 ECTS
- Klimatet, energin och det moderna samhället, 7.5 ECTS

Spring semester 2015

- Applied Sustainability Science Course Package, 30 ECTS
- Actors and Strategies for Change – Towards Global Sustainabilities, 7.5 ECTS
- Sustainable Design – Ecology, Culture and Human Built Worlds, 7.5 ECTS
- Climate Change Leadership – Power, Politics and Culture, 15 ECTS
- Sustainable Development - Project Management and Communication, 15 ECTS
- Hållbar utveckling B, 30 ECTS
- Livsfilosofi och det moderna samhället, 7.5 ECTS
- Teknik, makt och mänsklighetens framtid, 7.5 ECTS
- Hållbar utveckling – värderingar, världsbilder och visioner, 15 ECTS
- Current Themes and Debates in Global Environmental History (part of the Master program in Global Environmental History – only open to students from the program), 7.5 ECTS

Summer 2015

- Urban Agriculture – Permaculture and Local Food Systems, 7.5 ECTS

CEMUS' FORUM

CEMUS is also a meeting place, or arena, for students, organizations, researchers, the private sector and others with an interest in questions concerning sustainable development. CEMUS offers a place for a wide spectrum of different kinds of meetings and activities. If you want to know more about CEMUS' Arena you can talk to Sara Andersson or go to <http://www.csduppsala.uu.se/forum/CEMUS/>

CEMUS FORUM FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Since a few years, CEMUS has developed an inter-disciplinary research forum, Cefo, for the doctoral students at Uppsala University and SLU. Cefo's activities are centered round the doctoral seminar and its main focal point is, like in the rest of CEMUS' activities, environment and development issues. Besides the doctoral seminar, Cefo works with organizing courses at doctoral level, offer assisting thesis tutors, organize international field trips and offers a possibility of financing research trips. Cefo is also developing international networks for doctoral students and researchers and is working on widening its operations to include bigger research areas and projects.

CEMUS' ROOTS

CEMUS' Roots is the name of CEMUS' student organization. By being involved in CEMUS' Roots and the student council - the board of CEMUS' Roots - you represent the interest of students in CEMUS' different work groups and the board of CSD Uppsala. CEMUS' Roots brings up issues concerning the future of CEMUS' activities, organize seminars, and more.



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

CEMUS is open between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm, Mondays to Fridays. If you want to use the computers located in the Geocentrum library or study in the library during other hours of the day or during weekends, you can easily get a keycard. To get a keycard, go to the janitors' office next door to the library in Geocentrum.