

Global environmental history-distance

## Online seminar instructions

### When?

- **Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00-12:00 am** *Personal environmental history*: online seminar in groups (via Adobe connect).
- **Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 18:00-20:00** online seminar: *Sustainable Development and Environmental History* (via Adobe connect, in discussion groups).
- **Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup> 18:00-20:00** online seminar: *History, Culture and Nature* (via Adobe connect, in discussion groups).
- **Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> 16:00-18:00** online seminar: *Humanity, Nature and Power* (via Adobe connect, in discussion groups).

**Don't forget to submit the seminar assignments before each seminar. See the separate documents for all the assignments and deadlines on the course website!**

**In the separate document including reading instructions on the course website you can find instructions on what to read before each seminar.**

### How?

We will use the program **Adobe Connect** for the online seminars. Please note that if you want to participate in the audio seminars you need to have a **headset with a microphone** in order for it to work! This is very important, if you try to use the built in speakers and microphone you will cause problems for the others in the same seminar room. If you want to participate in the chat based seminars (based on writing only) you do not need a headset.

**Important:** In order to make the remaining seminars run smoother, everyone will from now on (Friday, Sep 28th) have the possibility to choose whether they want to use the audio format in Adobe connect for the seminar discussions, or if they want to use the Adobe connect chat function (by writing only). The dates and times for the remaining seminars are still accurate.

The course coordinators will start out with creating two different rooms in adobe connect, one for all of you who want to use audio or audio+video, and one for all of you who want to chat (by writing only). From there the course coordinators will divide everyone into smaller discussion groups. For the remaining seminars the course coordinators will be present and they will skip around between different seminar rooms in order to listen in on the discussions and/or read from the chat history to see how the discussions are going (just as they did at the seminar on Friday, Sep 28th).

The course coordinators will send out the instructions and open the seminar rooms a bit earlier from now on, so you can come in and try out your equipment. Please enter the seminar room at least ten minutes before the seminar starts, so the course coordinators have time to sort out the groups without taking time from the discussion.

**For the remaining seminars**, the course coordinators will send out links to the seminar rooms (just like they did for the seminar on Friday, Sep 28th). The difference will be that you will have the opportunity to choose which room you want to start with (depending on whether you like to write/chat or talk/use audio, during the seminar). You will be given two rooms (two different links) to choose between. From then, the course coordinators will divide everyone into smaller groups and give everyone new links to new seminar rooms.

It is important that you **check your e-mail** before the seminar is about to start so that you can get the two links (URL). If you haven't yet received any e-mails from the course coordinators they might have the wrong e-mail address to you. Contact us about this as soon as possible at: [geh@csduppsala.uu.se](mailto:geh@csduppsala.uu.se)

During the seminars you will engage in discussions based on different topics linked to the different themes in the course content from each part of the course. It is therefore very important that you have seen the video lectures, listened to the audio lectures and read the online articles on the website before the seminars (the online course information). Make shore to also follow the reading instructions for the course books. The reading instructions are posted on the course website. Follow the timeline and deadlines for the course online material, you can find the online material posted on a week-by-week format. Make shore you follow this schedule.

The course coordinators will prepare discussion questions and post these on the course website before each seminar start (click on the link "Online seminars"). The discussions will be in groups of 3-5 students.

## Why?

The reason we're using Adobe Connect, is because we're hoping that it will prove to be a stable meeting platform. The participants don't need to download a program, which simplifies things. Adobe Connect is also free of charge, which is a major advantage. It is the distance seminar platform recommended by Uppsala University.

The reason we have seminars in this course is among other things, to develop the participants' insights into the course material, as well as reasoning and arguing for your ideas. In addition to this, another purpose of the seminar format is an exchange of new ideas and thoughts between participants.