

## ***Actors and Strategies for Change: Toward Global Sustainabilities Spring 2013***

### **MAKE UP ASSIGNMENT**

The purpose of this assignment is not to penalize you, but to make sure you can engage the course materials in accordance to the course goals:

- have an up-to-date, interdisciplinary understanding of the issues of sustainable development;
- give an account of, and be able to evaluate, the strategies, room to maneuver and limitations of different societal actors in striving toward a sustainable society;
- be able to discuss individual/actors perspectives compared to structural/system perspectives on cultural change;
- have reflected on his/her own role in the causes and solutions of issues of sustainable development.

Furthermore, this task is designed to help you learn possible ways to structure and present your final assignment.

For this make-up task you have two options. Choose A or B from below.

First, read and watch the presentation in [http://prezi.com/cmanqfgrlwlu/actors-and-strategies-for-change/?auth\\_key=45c3ed478678defbc2e3e5113b576bc30a53768d&kw=view-cmanqfgrlwlu&rc=ref-2793547](http://prezi.com/cmanqfgrlwlu/actors-and-strategies-for-change/?auth_key=45c3ed478678defbc2e3e5113b576bc30a53768d&kw=view-cmanqfgrlwlu&rc=ref-2793547)

**A)** Pick 4 *actions-case studies*<sup>1</sup> from the book *Worldchanging*. Fill in the ACTOR STRATEGY ANALYSIS FORM located in the studentportal. Also fill the form for yourself in 2050, today or in the past, (in the case of 2050, imagine what kind of things might motivate you to take an action in a realistic future). An action consists of at least one actor with particular characteristics aiming to change a problem (re-organize a system).

- The form should be filled in digitally (paste the text into the required sections) and submitted to the studentportal under the MAKEUP TASK SUBMISSION folder. In case of technical problems with acrobat, use a word processor with the headers from the form.

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<sup>1</sup> A case study of an action from the book would be for example on page 502. Under "Benefits of Bioengineered Crops", GMOs don't occur in a vacuum, your job is to find the information needed to fill the worksheet. This information is not in the book. For section A, for example, you are supposed to tell us who are the parties involved, for and against GMO.

- Put your name in the file name and inside of the pdf under the top header.
- Use APA referencing style, see: <http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/apa>

**B)** Write a 3000 word small thesis on what you consider a proper way to analyze actors and their strategies. Explicitly criticize the ACTOR STRATEGY ANALYSIS FORM (located in the studentportal) in a constructive manner.

- Use 4 cases from the book to build your argument.
- Use at least 5 academic (peer reviewed) articles as references.
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**You have until May 27 to submit this makeup assignment.**

*Happy reading and writing!*

TYPES OF ACTIONS from Jensen 2011 “Deep Green Resistance”

