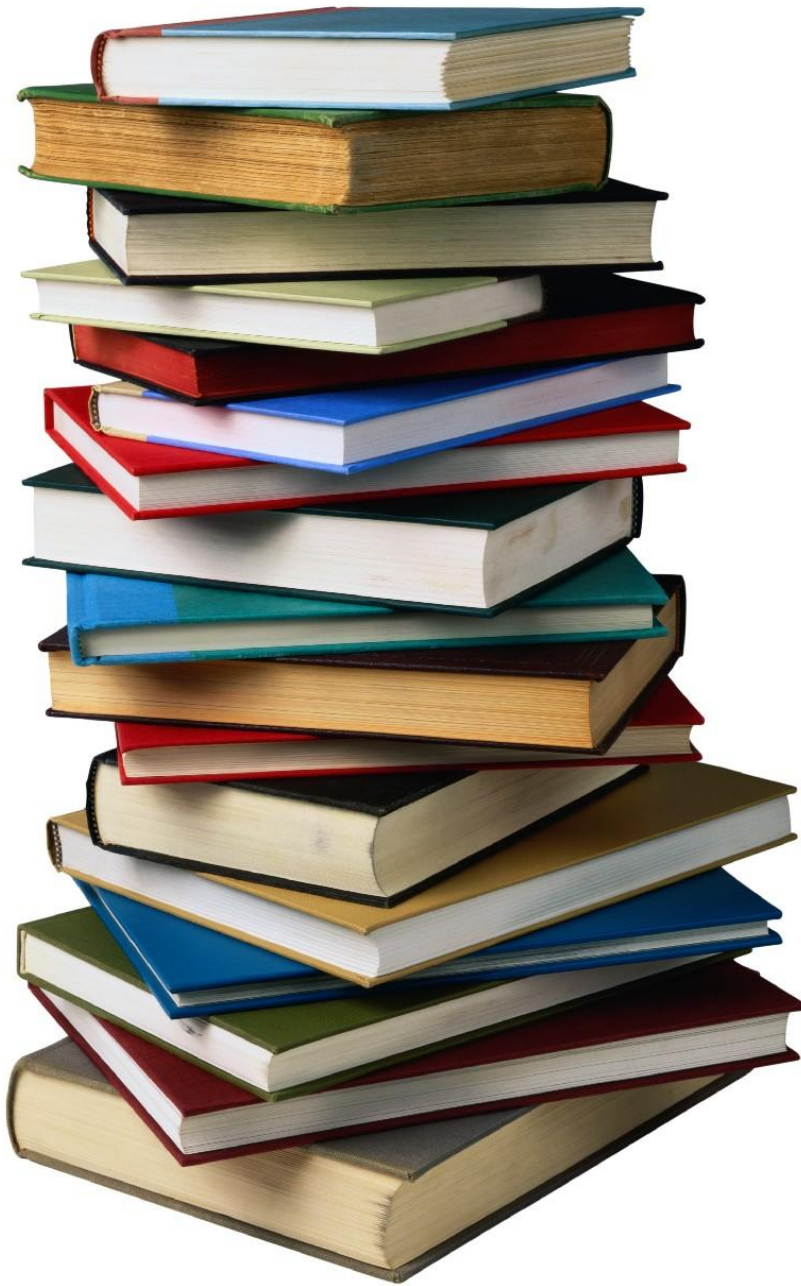


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Worldviews and Visions – A seminar series



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-November) 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:

- Written papers and assignments
- Active Attendance

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. If you know you are going to miss a seminar, contact me. If you miss more than one seminar you need to complete extra tasks.

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:

Sachs, Wolfgang *Planet Dialectics: Explorations in Environment and Development* (2000)
Randers, Jorgen *2052 – A global forecast for the next forty years*

The books are available at Akademibokhandeln (LundeQ), Dragarbrunnsgatan 43-45. They are also available online (on sites such as adlibris.se, bokus.se etc.). There will also be a few copies available in the CEMUS Library (to read here only!).

More literature will be handed out during the course and in that case you will be informed in time.

Presentation of the Course Work Group

Malin Östman has studied philosophy, American studies, history of art, aesthetics, environment and development studies as well as anthropology. She has worked at CEMUS since 2005.

Likoko Eunice is a former master's student studying Sustainable Development at the Uppsala University (the same programme as you). 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.

Petra Hansson is currently a PhD Candidate and researcher at the Department of Curriculum Studies at Uppsala University. Hansson's main research interest concerns the role of literature, especially nature writing, and the arts in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Her thesis investigates learning processes in relation to reading of such environmental classics as Thoreau's *Walden*. She is affiliated with CEMUS Research Forum (CEFO) at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS).

Daniel Mossberg is the Director of Studies at CEMUS CSD UPPSALA. Daniel has worked at CEMUS since 2004 and has a background in Cultural Anthropology, Practical Philosophy, and Sustainable Development.

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.

Johan Älvgren has a master's degree in biology. His thesis is about an elephant population in Botswana based on a Minor Field Study conducted in 2004. Johan has been working as a course coordinator at Cemus since fall 2004 and has been responsible for this course 2007-2008.

Isak Stoddard is educational coordinator at Cemus. He holds a Masters degree in Engineering Physics with a focus on systems technology and renewable energy. For his Masters thesis, Isak travelled to West Java in Indonesia, to develop small scale biogas systems in close cooperation with local organizations. He has also worked with various civil society organizations in Asia, North America and Europe on issues related to children's rights, human trafficking and social transformation processes.

CEMUS education

The education at CEMUS focuses on a comprehensive understanding of the challenges of sustainable development. This demands innovative teaching methods and an interdisciplinary approach. Since its inception, CEMUS courses have been run by students with the continual support of work groups and educational staff, whose members include professors and researchers from Uppsala's two universities.

CEMUS' primary point of departure and approach is based on what has become known as "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 encourage responsibility and engagement in the issues of sustainable development.

The courses at CEMUS also function as a complement to the universities' specialized and disciplinary education. CEMUS is constantly widening its scope to address the most current debates in our society, as well as requests from students. Around 800 students per year take part in one of the many different courses offered at CEMUS.

About CEMUS

CEMUS has as its goal to advance and inspire education and knowledge within the field of environment and development studies, as well as other boundary transcending issues connected to the compelling topic of sustainable development.

CEMUS began as an 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 (CSD Uppsala) in conjunction with Uppsala University and SLU, Sweden's agricultural university.

The coordinators at CEMUS help create and run CEMUS courses, at both entry and advanced levels, and they work in close collaboration with well-respected teachers and researchers from both universities.

More information about us can be found at www.csduppsala.uu.se/cemus or www.cemusstudent.se

CEMUS is also active via Facebook and twitter:

<http://www.facebook.com/cemuscsduppsala>

<http://twitter.com/CEMUSCSDUPPSALA>

Currently CEMUS offers the following courses

Fall semester 2013

- Global Sustainability Science Course Package, 30 ECTS
- Global Challenges & Sustainable Futures, 7.5 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
- Worldviews and Visions, a Seminar Series (part of the Master program for Sustainable Development – only open to students from the program) , 5 ECTS
- Introduction to Interdisciplinary Science (part of the Master program for Sustainable Development – only open to students from the program), 5 ECTS

Spring semester 2014

- 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
- Worldviews and Discourses, a Seminar Series (part of the Master program for Sustainable Development – only open to students from the program) , 5 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 2014

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

CEMUS FORUM

CEMUS is also a meeting place, or forum, 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 the Forum coordinator, Sara Andersson, or go to www.cemus.uu.se/motesplats

CEMUS Forum for Doctoral Students

Since a few years back, CEMUS has created an interdisciplinary research forum, Cefo, for the doctoral students at Uppsala University and SLU. Cefo's activities are centered round the doctoral seminar and its main focus is, as is the rest of CEMUS' activities, environment and development issues. Besides the doctoral seminar, Cefo works with organizing courses at the doctoral level, offering thesis tutorials, organizing international field trips and offering 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, organizes seminars and more.

Practical Information

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

In CEMUS' library you will find literature related to environment and development issues, up-to-date magazines and journals and computers. These computers are supposed to be used by students and personnel at CSD Uppsala only. You can also have a cup of coffee from the nearby coffee shop, hang out in the sofas and read the course literature. All the course literature for CEMUS' courses is available there, but only for reading inside the library, not taking home. Other books, that are not course literature, are available to borrow. You can use our facilities for organizing open meetings, conferences, seminars, movie shows, lectures, et cetera. Send an e-mail to info@cemus.uu.se for more information and help.