

Welcome to the course
Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures
7,5 ECTS Autumn semester 2014

“Sustainable communities will not come easily – they require significant change in our structures, attitudes, and values. ... The key to a sustainable future lies not in making us more competitive, but rather in making us more perceptive, more able to realize what we have, what we need, and what are the long term consequences of the short term choices we are making.”

(Mark Roseland in *Toward Sustainable Communities* 2007:222)

This year Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures (GCSF), an interdisciplinary course at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS), is given for the tenth time. The course is built on informative and engaging guest lectures on various global challenges of our time. Using interactive workshops, seminars, individual assignments and a group project we will take a closer look at sustainability issues and how they are interconnected, by looking at specific regions and cities, both from global and local perspectives.

We at CEMUS welcome you to our creative and challenging education. We hope that you will find your time here exciting, productive and inspiring. Sustainable development as a field of study and research has grown over the last few years and many universities now offer courses or programs on the subject. With over twenty years of experience of creating and facilitating education for sustainable development, and with the broad competence of Uppsala's two universities, our aim is to offer you the knowledge, skills and tools that are needed to obtain a world that is desirable, fair and sustainable.

Welcome to the course!

Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures Introduction Lecture & Roll Call

Course registration will take place during the first lecture for Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures on **Tuesday, the 2nd of September**. We will meet in Geocentrum, Villavägen 16 in Hambergsalen from 17.15 to 19.30. Please see the map below for directions. You will have to attend in person and remain active throughout the course, otherwise you will permanently lose your place in the course. If you cannot attend in person (with a valid reason) you will have to send a stand-in to course registration.

We have more applicants for our courses this coming semester than we can accept. If you have decided not to take the course, please notify us by sending an e-mail to gcsf@csduppsala.uu.se so we can accept someone from the waiting list.

CEMUS Open Lecture Series

We start every semester with common, inspirational and introductory lectures for all students from all courses. This autumn semester we will have the following events:

- **Monday, 1st September:** A Storm Blowing from Paradise
Dougald Hine, educator, writer, activist scholar
18.15-20.00 in Eva Netzelius Salen, Blåsenhus, Von Kraemers Allé 1
- **Wednesday, 3rd September: Sustainability**
Alan AtKisson, writer, consultant, musician
10.15-12.00 in Ekman Lecture Hall, EBC
- **Thursday, 4th September: CEMUS Student & Staff Mingle**
15.15-17.00 in CEMUS Library, Geocentrum
- **Monday, 8th September: The Future of the University and the Purposes of Higher Education**
Arm Chair Debate between Sharon Rider, Professor in philosophy UU and Daniel Mossberg, Director of Studies CSD/CEMUS
10.15-12.00 in Hamberg Lecture Hall, Geocentrum
- **Thursday, 11th September: Cemus Project Café**
In collaboration with CEMUS Roots
16.15-18.00 in CEMUS Library/Lab/Lounge, Geocentrum
- **Monday, 15th September: Live report from the Balaton Meeting**
Isak Stoddard, Acting Programme Director CEMUS,
15.15-17.00 in Hamberg Lecture Hall, Geocentrum

Course Portal and Preliminary Schedule

A *preliminary* schedule has been posted on the course portal, here we will post all other relevant information before and during the course. Visit the portal at <http://cemusstudent.se/gcsf/> to find the schedule and other news.

Practical Information

The course is worth 7.5 credits and starts on Tuesday the 2nd September through the 16th of December. Classes will usually be held on Tuesday evenings from 17.15 to 19.30.

In the *CEMUS Library* you will find literature related to environment and development issues, up-to-date magazines and journals. You can also have a cup of coffee from the nearby coffee shop, slouch in the sofas and read the course literature. All the course literature for CEMUS courses is available there, but is only for reading inside the library, not taking home. Other books, that are not course literature, are available to borrow.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail: gcsf@csduppsala.uu.se

We are looking forward to meeting all of you!

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Map with important locations:

