

Make Up Task - Workshop 2

Global Challenges & Sustainable Futures

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If you were absent on the second workshop (Sept. 29th), you will have to complete the following make-up task. Attendance and active participation during the sessions named “Seminars” and “Workshops” are mandatory and part of the overall examination of the course. Therefore, this make-up task must be completed in order to meet all the requirements to pass the course.

For those that were absent, the following extra task must be completed by **October 8th** and submitted through **Studentportalen** in the specific Hand-In area.

Workshop 2 included, among other things:

1. Sharing and discussing the challenges that different regions face
2. Discussion based on the book *Collapse of the Western Civilization*

1. Submit the preparation task that was assigned for this workshop (original description [here](#)), following the guiding questions below.

Bring a challenge from where you're from. Briefly describe what the challenge is, and why it matters. Why did you choose to share this challenge? Who will it affect and/or whom is it affecting? How are you affected or connected to this challenge personally? In addition, insert a small picture related to the challenge.

The “challenge” can be anything you think that is relevant to this class. Think of something you have experienced or you have seen back home. You can choose a challenge that your home country faces at the national level, or something that is experienced at the city or local community level. The point is that you choose something that has a local perspective, compared to the global perspective.

Discuss in approximately **400 words**, including at least **2 references**.

2. Choose and discuss 2 of the questions below, reflecting on the book *Collapse of the Western Civilization*.

Discuss in approximately **400 words**, including at least **2 references from the book**.

- Is their view of the world today (around the year 2000s) accurate?
- What do you think about the key actions that were taken that led to a more stable climate? (Geoengineering, centralized government, carbon absorbing fungus, international (in)action, etc.)
- Is the future they describe realistic? How could the future they describe change into a more positive one?