

Make Up Task - Workshop 3

Global Challenges & Sustainable Futures

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If you were absent on the third workshop (Nov. 15th), you will have to complete the following make-up task. Since they are a crucial component for your learning, attendance and active participation during “Seminars”, “Workshops” and presentations 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.

Workshop 1 included, among other things:

1. Preparation and presentation of a 1-minute speech about your Vision of Managua 2056
2. Discussion about each other's values and visions of Managua 2056.
3. Presentation of Part III: Backcasting

If you missed it, the following extra task is given to you, which must be completed by the latest, **2nd of December** and submitted through **Studentportalen** in the specific Hand-In area.

The task has two parts:

- 1) Select 2 other groups/topics that you are interested in and read their Visions (Part II) that you will find on Studentportalen. After reading their assignments, compare with your own submission of the Part II and answer the following questions:
 - What are your general reflections after reading each other's visions? Is there anything that you would like to know more about? What was particularly interesting? Anything you don't agree with? Anything missing?
 - How do the different visions you read and your group's vision connect to each other? Do the vision fit together? Does anything contradict?
 - What are the common values of the three visions? What do you think should be included in Managua's common vision of a sustainable and desirable future?

Use **approximately 800 words** to answer the questions.

- 2) Use the articles from the course reader (Nov 15 and Nov 22) and other resources to answer the following questions.
 - After reading the week's articles “Why we need visions of a sustainable and desirable world” by R. Costanza and I. Kubiszewski, and “Why everyone should be a futurist?” by W.S. Becker, reflect and discuss about why do you think it is important (or not) to have visions of the future.
 - Watching the video [“Backcasting. Sustainability Plan”](https://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv=DeDm-HTFuiY) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv=DeDm-HTFuiY>) and reading the article “An exploration of backcasting and related approaches” by Quist (included in the readings for Nov 22), reflect and discuss critically when it is useful to use backcasting in relation to sustainability issues.

Use **approximately 600 words** and minimum of **4 references to the week's literature** (mentioned above) to answer both questions.

The paper should be **maximum 1400 words in total**. Use Harvard System Referencing.