

Literature seminar – Drivers of change

Actors and Strategies for Change - Towards Global Sustainabilities

Module II: Actors and Strategies for Change | Spring 16

How does the literature explain how change happens? What are the drivers of change?

During this seminar we will explore how the literature relates to and explains different drivers of change. The discussion will be based around the five different drivers that Massey has identified: social movements; the state; corporations; technology, science and innovation; and war and revolution.

As preparation for the seminar answer these three questions:

1. In Massey, pick one quote related to each of the five different drivers and briefly explain why you have chosen each quote. In addition, pick two quotes related to drivers of change from the course reader and / or your optional book. Pick quotes that say something useful about what drives change (seven quotes in total).
2. Ways of social change is written from a sociological perspective. It's the dominant academic approach in explaining social change but also has its limitations. What do you think is missing in Massey's book?
3. What do you think has been the most interesting message through out the literature so far in the course? Pick a quote and briefly explain why you chose it. Choose freely from all the articles, TED-talks and books.

Send your preparation to asc@csduppsala.uu.se , no later than 12:00pm on Monday, April 4th.