

Reading groups for course book II

Actors and Strategies for Change - Towards Global Sustainabilities

Module II: Actors and Strategies for Change | Spring 16

The purpose of the reading groups is to acquire a deeper understanding of your chosen book through reflection and discussion with your classmates. You will meet in your groups three times, and hand in a discussion summary after each meeting. (Read more about the books in the document entitled "Options for second course book" on the course website). This task focuses on the following course goals:

- *give an account of, and be able to evaluate, the strategies, room to maneuver and limitations of different societal actors in striving toward a sustainable society;*
- *be able to discuss individual/actors perspectives compared to structural/system perspectives on cultural change;*
- *have reflected on his/her own role in the causes and solutions of issues of sustainable development.*

Instructions:

Discuss the assigned chapters, using the following questions as support:

- What are the main points the author is trying to make? How does your book relate to the other course literature and lectures?
- Try to discern what the author's theory of change is (how s/he believes change happens), and give examples. What does the author say about actors working for change? What kinds of strategies for change does s/he discuss?
- Critically evaluate the chapters. Does the author make convincing arguments? Do you agree with the book's message? What are useful lessons that we can learn from the author?

You will meet in your groups during week **10**, 12 and 16. The discussion summary should provide a brief overview of your conversation. Send in the summary to asc@csduppsala.uu.se by 17.00 on the Friday of the given week. Be sure to include the names of everyone present, and which book you is discussed. If you are unable to attend a reading group meeting, send your own reflection on the assigned chapters of the book in approximately 300-500 words (also to be submitted at 17.00 on Friday of the week in question).