

# Welcome to Actors and Strategies for Change – Towards Global Sustainabilities, 2016!

*With a growing number of unsustainable environmental, economic, and social trends, how can different actors work for sustainable alternatives? How can we develop capacities and strategies that achieve lasting and real changes in the local and global world?*

**Roll-call (upprop) for the course is Monday January 18th at 17.15 in Blåsenhus, room 12:004 (see map below). You must attend in person at the roll call otherwise you will permanently lose your place. Web registration at [www.studentportalen.uu.se](http://www.studentportalen.uu.se) will open in January, but attendance at the roll-call is still required.**

**Important!** If you can't attend the registration, you must send a person to register for you. In that case, please notify us by sending an email to [asc@csduppsala.uu.se](mailto:asc@csduppsala.uu.se). If you do not show up for the roll-call we will give your spot to a student on the reserve list.

## **Introductory Lecture**

All CEMUS courses kick off together with an inspiring and thought-provoking introductory lecture. This spring we have the pleasure to have **Doreen Stabinsky**, Zennström Visiting Professor in Climate Change Leadership speaking to us about **Education, Sustainable Development and the Challenges of Climate Change**. The lecture will take place directly after the course introduction, on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 18.15-20.00 in Hambergsalen in Geocentrum.

## **Preparatory task – hand in January 14<sup>th</sup>!**

This short preparatory task will give you an opportunity to start thinking about what you would like to take from the course. It also helps us as course coordinators gain a better understanding of who you are, your expectations and prior knowledge, so that we together can create the best course possible. Scroll down to find the instructions for the task!

## **Literature**

The following books will be read during the spring semester:

Massey, G. (2016). *Ways of Social Change: making sense of modern times*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

A second book will be chosen from a selection of thematic books that will deepen the understanding of a more specific strategy for change. More information about this can be found on the course website at [www.cemus.uu.se/asc](http://www.cemus.uu.se/asc). The books will be available to read in the CEMUS Library, and can be bought at Studentbokhandeln or at adlibris.se.

There will also be a selection of articles and other resources compiled in a course reader, which will be available online.



### Practical Information

The course is worth 7.5 credits and starts January 18<sup>th</sup>, continuing until May 25<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held on Monday evenings and usually take place in the Blåsenhus building (see map) between 17:15 and 20:00. There will also be a few extra sessions taking place at other times during the semester. A preliminary course schedule is included in this e-mail, updated versions can be found on our course portal.

Visit our course portal regularly for the latest updates. You'll find us at [www.cemus.uu.se/asc](http://www.cemus.uu.se/asc)  
If you have questions please contact us – the course coordinators – via email: [asc@csduppsala.uu.se](mailto:asc@csduppsala.uu.se). You can also contact us via our email addresses, [ingrid.moum.rieser@csduppsala.uu.se](mailto:ingrid.moum.rieser@csduppsala.uu.se) and [alexis.engstrom@csduppsala.uu.se](mailto:alexis.engstrom@csduppsala.uu.se).

Looking forward to meeting you all!

*Alexis Engström and Ingrid Moum Rieser*  
/ Course Coordinators

### Map of Venues:





# Expectations, experience and my role

## Preparation task

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**Instructions:** Keep your answers brief – the paper should not exceed 1,5 pages (Times New Roman in size 12 with 1.5 spacing and 25mm margins). You won't be judged by the content of this task – be honest in your answers!

**DEADLINE:** Email your task to [asc@csduppsala.uu.se](mailto:asc@csduppsala.uu.se) by **Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 23.59.**

a) Why have you chosen to take this course?

b) What are your expectations on this course? Is there anything you are particularly eager to learn about?

c) What is your previous academic experience? Feel free also to mention other experiences, work or prior knowledge that you feel are relevant for this course! (max 4-5 sentences)

d) One of the course goals is for students to “have reflected on her/his own role in the causes and solutions of issues of sustainable development”. What do you see as the most pressing sustainability issues? How do you view your own role with regards to these issues of sustainable development?