

**How do we  
create change  
for a more  
sustainable  
world?**

**Elaborate and exemplify.**

## INSTRUCTIONS

Your task is to *discuss* how change can be created for a more sustainable world. You may, for example, focus on certain actors, strategies or larger change processes. A good topic is relevant, well defined and sufficiently narrow to discuss within the given time frame and with the information at hand. Remember that it's always easier to write about a well defined topic, rather than try to discuss a very broad (albeit interesting) one. Use the examples, literature, frameworks and theories we have encountered in the course to help you in writing this paper. Revisit chapter two and three in Massey for inspiration on asking questions about and recognizing social change.

Please remember to focus your discussion on *change* - only discussing possible desirable futures, societal goals, or limitations and problems with existing development paths is not the aim of this assignment. We assess your analysis and discussion, how you build and back up your arguments with sources – not what the authors of your course literature say (so, simply summarizing course literature is not enough).

Good luck!

### Formal requirements:

- Answer the question in 1500-2000 words – respect the word limit.
- Size: 12. Spacing: 1.5. Font: Times New Roman. Margins: 25mm
- Use references from at least five resources in the online compendium or course books. (Of course, we encourage you to refer to literature from outside the course as well).
- Write your name on top of every page
- Name the file in the following way: firstname.lastname4 (ex : john.galt4.doc)
- Upload the file on the *File Area* entitled *Understanding Change* on Studentportalen
- **DEADLINE: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 23.59**

## REFERENCES

- Use the course literature and lectures to support your argument. Feel free to refer to other sources in addition to this.
- Make sure to make it very clear to the reader when you express your own ideas and opinions, and when you refer to sources and other people's opinions or research.
- Use the Harvard or Oxford Referencing System and include page numbers. Include a reference list at the end of your paper. Be sure to be consistent with which reference system you use!

## COURSE GOALS:

This assignment focuses on the following course goals:

- *have an up-to-date, interdisciplinary understanding of the issues of sustainable development;*
- *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*

## GRADING CRITERIA:

Your paper will be judged on the following:

1. **Argumentation and critical discussion;** the arguments must be relevant and well-supported by sources. Discussion should be convincing, focused and easy to follow.
2. **Connection to relevant theory and literature;** the paper should include relevant connections to theory and literature. A breadth of perspectives and viewpoints should be presented and discussed in relation to each other. Critical and independent approach to theory, literature and other sources.
3. **Independence and creativity;** The author's own analysis and voice should be distinct and drive the discussion forward. Independent, creative and relevant interpretations and connections between perspectives and ideas.
4. **Clarity and formal requirements;** the language must be clear, understandable and at a sufficiently high university standard. References must be properly used and done according to the instructions above throughout the paper. All formal requirements must be met.