

Welcome to

Global Challenges & Sustainable Futures | 2017

CEMUS | Centre for Environment and Development Studies | Autumn Semester

*What is a sustainable world you would like to live in?
That would satisfy your deepest dreams and longings?...
It lives in me, a sustainable world that isn't a sacrifice or a bunch of different regulations,
a sustainable world that I would love to live in...
What would make this a world that would make you excited to get up in the morning and go to work with?*

- Donella Meadows
in *Creating a Sustainable and Desirable Future*

This year Global Challenges and Sustainable Futures (GCSF), an interdisciplinary course at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS), is given for the 12th time. The course is built on informative and engaging guest lectures on various global challenges of our time and sustainable futures concerning them. Using interactive workshops, in-class discussions, seminars, individual assignments and a final project we will take a closer look at sustainability issues and how they are interconnected, by looking at specific cases, regions and cities, both from global and local perspectives.

Sustainable development as a field of study and research has grown over the last few years and many universities now offer courses or programs on the subject. With 25 years of experience of creating and facilitating education for sustainable development, and with the broad competence of Uppsala's two universities, our aim is to offer you the knowledge, skills and tools that are needed to obtain a world that is desirable, fair and sustainable.

We at CEMUS welcome you to our creative and challenging education. We hope that you will find your time here exciting, fulfilling and inspiring.

Welcome to the course!

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Course Coordinators

Course Registration

1. If you have applied through www.antagning.se or www.universityadmissions.se

You need to complete your course registration online at <https://studentportalen.uu.se> by **August 20th by midnight** or you will lose your place in the course. Login details are found in an email from Uppsala University. If you are a new student at Uppsala University, apply for a student account at <https://konto.weblogin.uu.se>. Please check other important dates and information related to CEMUS courses at: <http://www.web.cemus.se/ht2017-reg-intro/>

2. International exchange students that did not apply through www.antagning.se

You have no online registration, so just come to the Mandatory Course Introduction.

Mandatory Course Introduction

Mandatory Course Introduction will take place during the first session on **Tuesday, August 29th at 17:15**. We will meet in the **room Småland at Geocentrum building (Address: Villavägen 16)** upstairs. Please see the map below for directions. You will have to attend in person (unless you have a valid reason) and remain active throughout the course, otherwise you will permanently lose your place.

We have more applicants for our courses this coming semester than we can accept. If you have decided not to take the course, please notify us by sending an e-mail to gcsf@csduppsala.uu.se, so we can accept someone from the waiting list.

Course Portal

The course schedule, list of course literature, instructions for assignments, and other course information will be posted on the course website and updated throughout the course. Please visit the course portal regularly for the latest information and updates: www.cemus.uu.se/gcsf

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail: gcsf@csduppsala.uu.se
We are looking forward to meeting all of you!

Practical Information

This course is for 7.5 credits (ECTS) and is given part-time (25% of full-time study workload) with class once a week on Tuesday evenings (17:15-20:00) throughout the whole autumn semester.

In the **CEMUS Library** (in Geocentrum, Villavägen 16, see map below) you will find literature related to environment and development issues, up-to-date magazines and journals. You can also have a cup of coffee from the nearby coffee shop, relax in the sofas and read the course literature. All the course literature for CEMUS courses is available there, but is only for reading inside the library, not taking home. Other books, that are not course literature, are available to borrow.

Inspirational Introductory Lectures

At CEMUS, we start every semester with open lectures for all courses and the public. Please join them if you can! This semester we have the following events:

Mon 28 th Aug 18:15-20:00 Room X, University Main Building	CEMUS Semester Kick-off Lecture Man against Nature, Man against Man – What on Earth has happened on Earth over the last 25 years? And what does it mean? + Mingle afterwards
Wed 30 th Aug 10.15-12.00 TBA	Open Lecture Why Sustainability is for Everyone Alan Atkisson, writer, consultant, musician
Thu, 7 th Sep 15:00-17:00 CEMUS Library, Geocentrum	CEMUS Project Café + Start-up Party Start-up and join various CEMUS student projects Students, CEMUS staff, faculty and the interested public



The room Småland (Dm 235) is on the first floor (= Plan 2) of Geocentrum.
The room Norrland (Gm 116 / Gm 118) is also in Geocentrum, on the ground floor close to the main entrance.

Kollaboratoriet is in downtown Uppsala by the river, close to Gotlands nation. The address is Östra Ågatan 19.

CEMUS Library is down the corridor to the right from the Entrance Hall of Geocentrum (Geo Centre on map above). Note that there is another library called Geo-biblioteket (Earth Sciences Library) but CEMUS Library is further down the corridor with couches!