



Actors and Strategies for Change

– Towards Global Sustainabilities, 7.5 hp

Dear Student,

Welcome to the course ‘Actors and Strategies for Change – Towards Global Sustainabilities’, where you will have the opportunity to find your place as an agent of change.

With a growing number of unsustainable environmental and social trends, how can different actors work for sustainable alternatives? To achieve a more vibrant, participatory and sustainable development there is a need for great changes, both on the structural and individual level. Who has the capacity and possibility to make these changes and what strategies are most efficient? In this course, different actors – representing e.g. civil society, corporations, governments – and their strategies for change - on global, regional, national and local levels - are analysed and scrutinised. During the course, we are going to delve into many aspects of social change, ranging from the theory of social movements to individual stories and experiences from real-life actors for change.

Registration & Roll-Call

- International and Swedish students who applied through antagning.se and want to take the course need to reply ‘YES’ by **Tuesday, December 19th**.
- Then, international and Swedish students who applied through antagning.se need to register for the course online on studentportalen.uu.se by **Wednesday, January 10th**, the latest, otherwise you will lose your spot in the course. Registration will open from Friday, December 29th.
- International and exchange students who have not applied through antagning.se will be registered at the mandatory course introduction. It is essential that you show up in person in order to keep your spot.
- If you are on the reserve list and want to take the course, you need to show up to the course introduction as well, so we can sign you up in case there are any free spots.

The registration will take place at the first session of the course, on **Monday, January 15th**, 17:15-18.00 in room Småland, Geocentrum. From 18.15 the CEMUS opening lecture will take place in the room Hambergsalen, Geocentrum. **You must attend the roll call** in person and remain active throughout the course, otherwise you will permanently lose your place. If you absolutely cannot make it, you can send another person in your place to register for you.

We usually have more applicants than we can accept for this course, so if you do not plan to register for the course please let us know as soon as possible at asc@cemus.uu.se so that we can accept someone from the waiting list.

Introductory Open Lecture

The introductory open lecture, *Remember how to organise – a reflection in times of turmoil*, will be held between **18:15-20 on Monday, January 15th**, by Anneli Ekblom in Hambergsalen, Geocentrum (map at bottom of document). Anneli is the director of CEMUS and also a senior lecturer at the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History. All CEMUS students are invited to attend the lecture and discussion. Please note that role call for Actors & Strategies will take place beforehand at 17:15 in the same building.

About the Course

This is an interdisciplinary course building around the active participation of students from a variety of academic and geographic backgrounds and consists of an interview-based lecture series where guests from different sectors of the society give their perspectives on actors and strategies for change.

The course is worth 7.5 credits and starts Monday, January 15th, continuing through until Monday, May 28th. Classes will be held on Monday evenings and will usually take place in the Geocentrum building (see map) between 17.15 and 19.30/20.00. Any location or schedule changes can be found on the [Course Portal](#). Note that the attached schedule is preliminary and subject to change. The course consists of informative and engaging guest speakers, workshops, seminars, a group project and written assignments, but a big emphasis will be placed on out-of-class preparation since the course very much follows the idea of a flipped classroom. All course material will be uploaded on the Course Portal, however, all assignments will be handed in on the Student Portal, which you will also need to [get access](#) to. On top of this we will frequently be using [Padlet](#), to share research and information with each other.

Literature

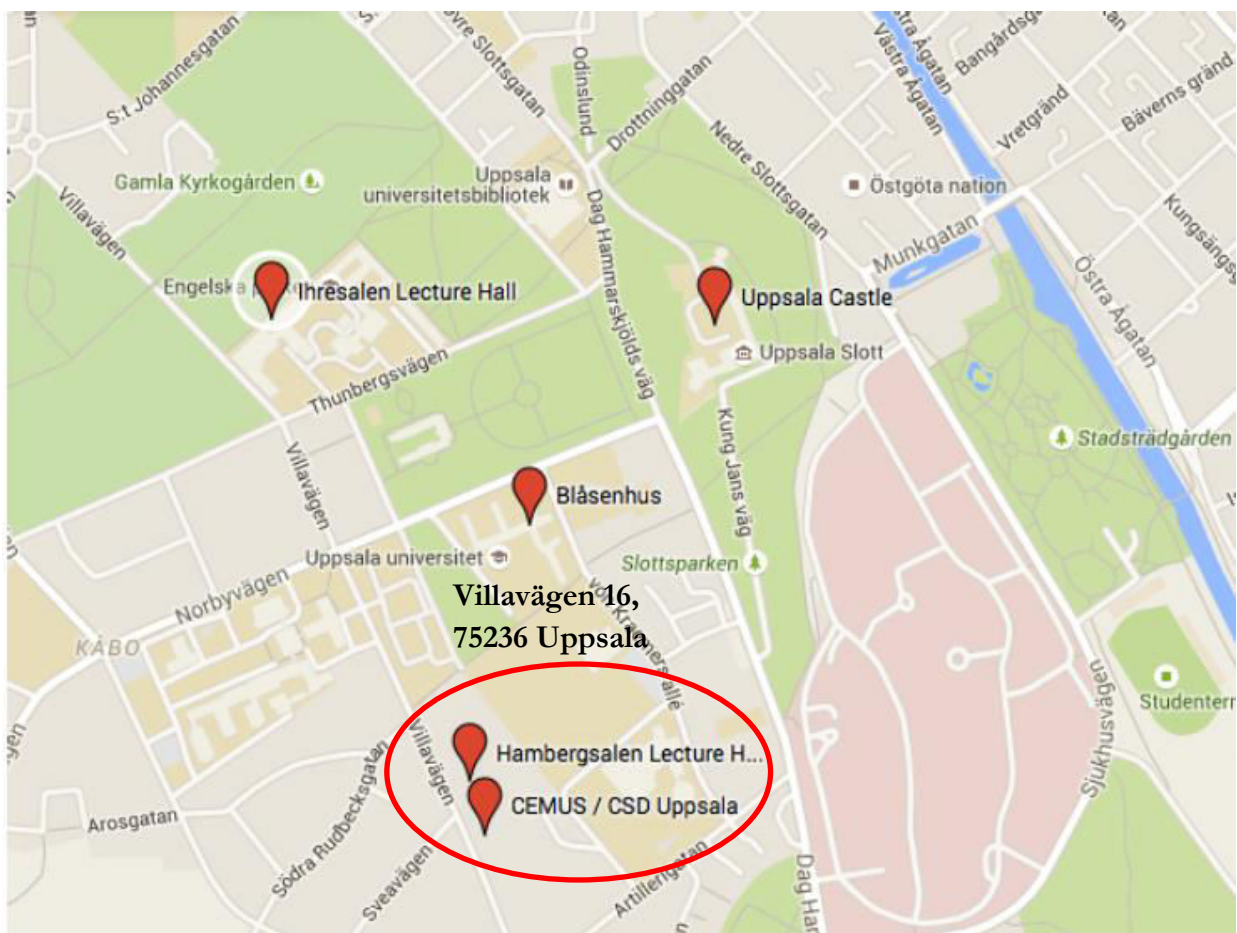
The course literature is an integral part of the course. Each week there will be articles and videos provided on the Course Portal connected to the theme of the coming session. To guarantee a clear communication with guest speakers and classmates, it is essential that this material is read/viewed in advance, keeping the guiding questions provided for each week in mind.

The book *‘Ways of Social Change: Making Sense of Modern Times’* will be the backbone of the course and the accompanying literature seminar.

- [Massey, Garth. 2015. *Ways of Social Change: Making Sense of Modern Times*, 2nd Edition. Pine Forge Press.](#)

One copy of the book will be available in the CEMUS Library (to read there, not to take home), it can be borrowed from the Geocentrum library, or can be bought at Studentbokhandeln or online.

Map with relevant locations



Contact Information

Feel free to contact us regarding any aspect of the course, preferably by e-mail. Our office is Dk125 (first office on the left from the CEMUS Library), you will have the biggest chance of finding us there on Mondays before class. If you want to reach us by phone the number is: 018 – 471 27 89.

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Join the Facebook Group: [Actors and Strategies for Change – Spring 2018](#)

We're looking forward to meeting you soon and an exciting semester ahead!

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