Sustainable Development -
Project Management and Communication
Fall 2018

Individual Assignment I

The aim of this assignment is for you to critically reflect upon your understanding of sustainable development and systems thinking, and apply this thinking to potential projects for the semester ahead.

Instructions

- The assignment should be **800 words** (have your word count visible on your submission)
- Put your name on the top of each page. For the file name of the document, use your name plus assignment number (e.g. 'Name_Individual Assignment 1').
- Submit your assignment as a **PDF** on Studentportalen. The deadline is **Sunday 16th September, 23.59.**
- This assignment is graded as **Pass/Fail**

We will use the outcomes of this assignment in a **seminar** the following week, thus it is essential that you hand this assignment in on time.

Grading

This assignment is graded **pass/fail**.
The grading criteria can be found on the course website under Course Essentials.

The Assignment

Part 1: Sustainable Development

Re-read the original 1987 Brundtland Commission definition of Sustainable Development. Compare this with **three** other definitions of Sustainable Development. How have these definitions of sustainable development evolved over time? In your response critically compare the strengths and limitations of these definitions.

Part 2: Defining a Project

What are the key criteria for a project that works towards a sustainable development? Refer to relevant course literature and sources of your own choosing.

Part 3:

This coursebook **The Handbook of Sustainability Literacy** presents a number of topics and skills associated with sustainability challenges and possibilities. Pick one chapter that you are interested in. Read this chapter thoroughly, so that you are familiar with the key points.

Once you've read this chapter, find and read at least two other texts that offer alternative perspectives to the chapter you read.

How could you apply these perspectives to a potential project this semester?

References

Refer to relevant course literature throughout your assignment, as well as academic articles, lectures, videos, course books or other appropriate material. 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.

Be sure to
- Use either footnotes, i.e. the **Oxford system** or include the references in the text, i.e. the **Harvard System**
- Include a reference list at the end of the document
- Be consistent with your referencing

You can find extensive guidelines on Studentportalen and online.