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Welcome to Sustainable Development: Project Management and Communication Spring 2019

Welcome Letter

Do you want do a sustainability project, reach others and change the world? Then this is a course for you!

The students carry out a local project in international and interdisciplinary groups that in one way or another aims to contribute to sustainable development. The students come up with a project idea that is shaped in lectures, workshops and seminars and is further developed through peer review and feedback sessions. When the project proposal has been accepted, the students run their project with the support of the course coordinators and CEMUS as a resource base. The project is ultimately presented in a project report, and in an outreach context at CEMUS. The project should combine theoretical and practical skills with method knowledge - all of which are practiced throughout the course. Focus is put on critically discussing and presenting the project results in both writing and speech. While there are some individual assignments, the main focus is on group work and assignments.

Welcome to Sustainable Development: Project Management and Communication (1MV074) at CEMUS, Uppsala University! Below is some practical information about the course. Please read through it and contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Katie Markcrow and Isabel Baudish
Course Coordinators

Registration Information

To admitted students:



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If you want to take the course register at www.studentportalen.uu.se, which you can do from December 31, 2018 until January 20, 2019. The registration is the only action needed (the course doesn't have a roll-call).

Students admitted with conditions:

Bring documents that confirms that you have fulfilled the requirements at the start of the course. If you don't fulfil requirements at the start of the course and want to discuss this contact Director of Studies CEMUS.

Course Introduction

The introduction for the course is on **Tuesday, 22nd January at 09:15** in **Kollaboratoriet, Gamla Torget (Östra Ågatan 19)**.

Course Overview

The course is worth 15 ECTS credits and runs from late January to early June. There is a **PRELIMINARY** schedule for the course attached. The sessions will be held during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. You can also find this schedule on Studentportalen and the course website here www.web.cemus.se/sdpm_c . A final schedule will be uploaded to Studentportalen one week before the course start.

The teaching consists of lectures, workshops and seminars. The lectures are given by guest lecturers from different academic disciplines and other relevant societal sectors. The teaching method is based on active student participation and critical thinking.

A large focus of this course is a sustainability project conducted by students. To see examples of past projects visit the course webpage here: <http://www.web.cemus.se/sdpmc-project-short-films/>

Course Examination

The examination consists of two main parts. The first part consists of the writing a project report, presentation of the project and a written evaluation of the work process (10 credits), part two is



examined continually through written preparation before and active participation in seminars (5 credits).

This can be found in the course syllabus: <http://www.uu.se/en/admissions/master/selma/kursplan/?kpid=32085&lasar=18%2F19&typ=1>

The examination is broken down into the following:

Writing a **project report, presentation of the project** and a **written evaluation of the work process** (10 credits)

	Examination Name	Grade	Deadline
Project Report	Project Plan	(F/G)	8 March 17.00
Project Presentation	Project Pitch	(F/G)	5 March 17.00 (slides) 6 March 09-12 (pitch)
	Project Short Film	(F/G)	24 May 17.00
Written Evaluation	Individual Assignment	(F,3,4,5)	7 June 17.00

Written preparation before and active participation in seminars (5 credits). Graded (P/F)

- 6/2 09-12** Literature Seminar I : Challenges and Opportunities
- 13/3 09-12** Literature Seminar II : Ethics and Values in Projects
- 27/3 09-12** Literature Seminar III : Projects for Change
- 13/5 09-12** Literature Seminar IV : Missing Perspectives

The examination will contribute to the following learning goals:

- *thoroughly describe a delimited part of the sustainability challenge;*
- *plan, carry out and present a project work that applies theoretical knowledge and contributes to a sustainable development;*
- *demonstrate good ability to work independently;*



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- *account for and evaluate the practical problems that can arise when working with projects;*
- *account for and critically relate to the practical and ethical dilemmas that can arise when working for a sustainable development.*

Course Literature

During the course you are required to read the following books, articles from a course reader, as well as project specific material that you gather yourselves. Make sure to come prepared to all lectures, workshops and seminars with reading. The online course reader acts as a guide for what should be read, when. It also indicates what is required and what is recommended.

The course literature will also be available to read in the CEMUS library and a few copies will be available to borrow from the Geosciences library, Villavägen 16. In addition, literature can be bought at Studentbokhandeln (Syslomagatan 7), or online at adlibris.se, bokus.se, lycknis.se etc.

Mandatory course literature includes the following books:

- Holmes et al. (2011), *The Common Cause Handbook* , PIRC [pdf available]
- Lilliesköld and Eriksson (2009), *Handbook for Small Projects*, Liber [available in cemus library]
- Stibbe, A (2009), *The Handbook of Sustainability Literacy: Skills for a changing world*, Green Books

You will have to read one of the following books, choosing between:

- Chouinard, Yvon (2006), *Let My People Go Surfing: The Education of a Reluctant Businessman*, Penguin Books
- Gladwell, Malcolm (2011), *Outliers: The Story of Success*, Little Brown and Company
- Taylor, Keeanda-Tamahtta (2017). *How We Get Free : Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective*. Haymarket Books.



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The course reader containing articles and videos relating to specific lectures, workshops and seminars will be published online on *Studentportalen* at the start of the course. There is also a preliminary guide for the course readings available on the course website here www.web.cemus.se/sdpmccoursereader.

About CEMUS

CEMUS' aim is to advance and inspire education and knowledge within the field of environment and development studies, as well as other boundary-transcending issues connected to sustainable development. CEMUS began as an initiative by students in the early 1990's and CEMUS courses have continued since with a student led learning model. The courses at CEMUS are built in collaboration between students, course coordinators, teachers, researchers, university administrators and societal actors.

CEMUS' primary point of departure and approach is based on what has become known as Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Through democratic, realistic and extensive work modes, this teaching method strives to motivate students to heighten their critical thinking skills, as well as encourage responsibility and engagement in the issues of sustainable development.

This Spring, CEMUS Education kicks off with an inspiring opening talk with Jan van Boeckel, from **18.15-20 on Monday 21st January** in *Hambergsalen, Geocentrum*. All are welcome to attend.

See the CEMUS website for more information on current and upcoming events at www.web.cemus.se

Practical Information

Information Flow

The main communication portal for the course will be Studentportalen available at www.studentportalen.uu.se

You will need to visit Studentportalen regularly to make sure you have not missed any important information. You will need an account for Studentportalen, so please arrange one as soon as



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possible. You can find out how you get your account and other information at www.uu.se/en/student

Information about the course can also be found on the website <http://www.web.cemus.se/sdpmc/>

Course Location

The majority of classes will be held in rooms at **Geocentrum**, with some classes being held in **Kollaboratoriet**, **EBC** and **Blåsenhus** (see below map). Please check the schedule regularly to be aware of room changes.

Access to CEMUS and other facilities

CEMUS is open between 09:00 and 15:30, Mondays to Fridays. If you want to study in the library outside these hours or during weekends, you need a **key card**. The key card also gives access to the main Geocentrum entrance, which is locked after 17.00 and before 08.00. As a **new student** you need to have a current course registration to obtain a campus card. You also need to activate your user account beforehand, to be able to receive the email containing campus card instructions.

Information on how to activate your user account can be found at <https://konto.weblogin.uu.se/index.html>. The instruction message is usually sent out 24 hours after the activation, but sometimes it can be a delayed a further day. Instructions on how to obtain your campus card will be sent to the email address registered to you in the student database. Once you have ordered the card according to the instructions, you will be notified via email when your card is available for pickup at your campus reception desk. When you collect the campus card you will need to show an approved identification (driver's licence, passport etc).

In the CEMUS library you will find literature related to environment and development issues, magazines, journals and other publications, such as master and doctoral theses. You can also have a cup of coffee from library self-service “café”, slouch in the sofas and read the course literature. The library is a shared space for staff, coordinators and students – please respect the guidelines posted in the library to ensure a pleasant work and study environment for all. It is possible to book the library for CEMUS-related activities, however, educational activities such as seminars have precedence. All the course literature for CEMUS courses is available there, including several shelves of reference books. These may **only be read inside the library**, and are not to be taken home. There



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are also books that can be borrowed through the Geocentrum Library, located down the hall from CEMUS.

Course Team

Katie Markcrow (Course Coordinator) grew up near Byron Bay on the central east coast of Australia. She has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology and a Masters in Sustainable Development from UU.

Isabel Baudish (Course Coordinator) grew up in Sydney, Australia and studied a combined Bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering and Development Studies. After an exchange in Uppsala she decided to return for her masters, studying Entrepreneurship at UU.

Andrew Gallagher (Course Resource Person) will be supporting the course.

If you have any questions, please contact us through email at sdproject@cemus.uu.se

You're also very welcome to drop by at our office next to the CEMUS library at Geocentrum, Villavägen 16. We're looking forward to meeting you!

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Map of Central Uppsala and location of CEMUS and Blåsenhus:



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