

Welcome to the course

# **Actors and Strategies for Change**

## *Towards Global Sustainabilities*

CEMUS | Centre for Environment and Development Studies | Spring Semester 2020

*“It’s only after you’ve stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow and transform” - Roy T. Bennett*

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Hello and welcome to CEMUS and the course “Actors & Strategies for Change: Towards Global Sustainabilities”. Throughout this course, we will be faced with different questions. What do we need to do to achieve change? Who are key actors working towards a sustainable future? How can we develop capacities, strategies and tactics that achieve lasting and real changes in the local and global world? What responsibilities do we have as individuals in creating change? During the course we will look at and discuss the many faces of change, from theories of change to how to achieve change from different perspectives and reflect on your abilities as a change maker.

The course outline consists of a mixture of guest lectures given by change actors from various fields and seminars/workshops that are run by us, your course coordinators. It builds around active participation of students and follows the idea of a flipped classroom. Through discussions with your peers and guest lecturers, we encourage you to develop and share your experiences and thoughts in order to find your role as a change maker.

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

**If you have any questions, feel free to email us:**

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## Course Registration Information

1. If you have applied through [www.antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se) or [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se)

Registrations will take place on Studentportalen, opening on December 30th, and closing on January 12th. For any questions, contact [jenny.thor@geo.uu.se](mailto:jenny.thor@geo.uu.se)

2. International exchange students that did not apply through [www.antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se)

You have no online registration for the course. Contact [erik.rosenberg@geo.uu.se](mailto:erik.rosenberg@geo.uu.se) if you have any questions.

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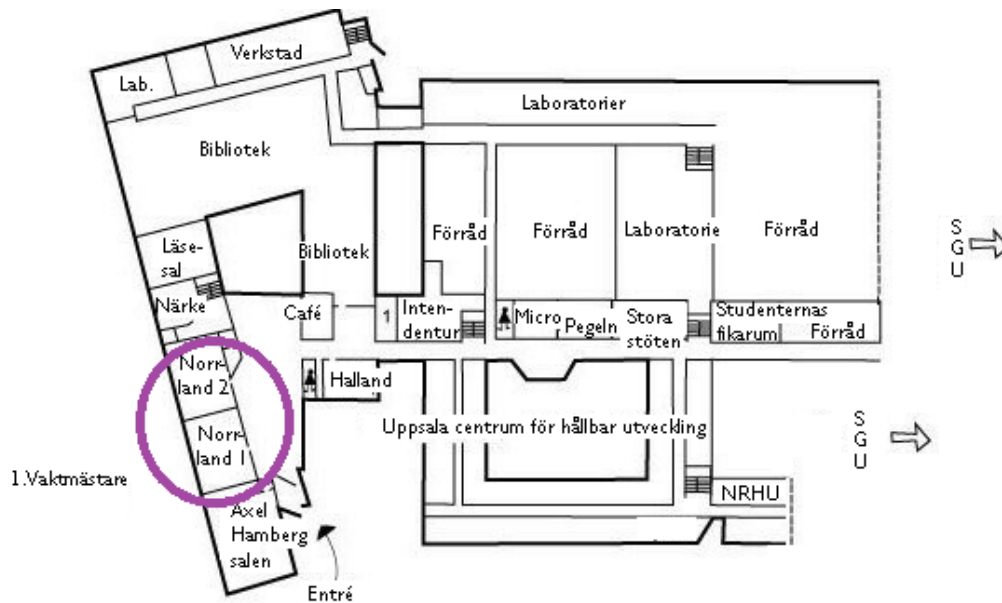
We have more applicants for our courses this coming semester than we can accept. If you have decided not to take the course, please notify us and [erik.rosenberg@geo.uu.se](mailto:erik.rosenberg@geo.uu.se) and [jenny.thor@geo.uu.se](mailto:jenny.thor@geo.uu.se) by sending an e-mail so we can accept someone from the waiting list.

## Course Introduction

The first session of the course is the course introduction, which takes place on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 17:15. We will meet in **Norrlands I + II in Geocentrum** (address: Villavägen 16). The session will run for 45 minutes, and as a class we will then attend the **open CEMUS lecture** by Timothée Parrique: “Of Textbooks And Barricades” which is in **Sal X, University Building**



Above you see where Geocentrum is  
Below you see where our classroom is



### Course Portal

The course schedule, list of course literature, instructions for assignments and all other course information will be posted and updated on Studentportalen and the “Actors & Strategies for Change” page on the CEMUS website. Please check these regularly for the latest information and updates. We will also send you emails with important info and last-minute changes, so keep your student email account updated!

The link to Studentportalen: [www.studentportalen.uu.se](http://www.studentportalen.uu.se)

The link to ASC page: [www.cemus.uu.se/asc/](http://www.cemus.uu.se/asc/)

### Pedagogical Support

Uppsala University offers a range of learning support services for all students. You can find out more information about is available here: <https://www.uu.se/en/students/support-and-services/disabilities/support-for-all-students/>

For students with a long-term difficulty including dyslexia, mental disorders, neuropsychiatric disorders, hearing impairment, visual impairment, physical disabilities or chronic illnesses, special pedagogical support is available. You can find out more here:

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### Practical Information

This interdisciplinary course is 7,5 credits (ECTS) and runs as a part-time course, meaning that it is 25% of the full-time study workload. Classes run once a week, every Monday evening (17:15-19:30, sometimes 20:00) throughout the whole Spring semester. The course starts with the course introduction on January 20<sup>th</sup> and ends with the last session on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The preliminary schedule is attached to this letter and a definite schedule is posted one week before the course starts.

**Note!** Even with the definite schedule, there might be small changes throughout the course, but the mandatory sessions are fixed.

All course material will be uploaded on the course webpage; however, all assignments will be handed in on Studentportalen, which you will also need to get access to.

These are the learning outcomes and on completion of the course, you should be able to:

- From cross disciplinary perspective account for today's sustainability issues;
- Describe and evaluate different societal actors' strategies, scope for action and limitations in the pursuit of a sustainable society;
- Reason on individual/actor perspective versus structural/system perspectives on societal change;
- Thoroughly reflect on their own role in the causes and solutions of sustainability issues.

### Course literature:

In the course, there will be mandatory articles and visual/audio materials every week to complement content covered in sessions. An online compendium with 1-3 texts, videos, audio files and/or other learning material per week available through the course webpage.

In addition, we will use 5 elective books. In the module 1 the books will be introduced by us and you will choose one to read which will be discussed in a literature seminar in module 3.

- Hopkins, R. (2019) *From What Is to What If: Unleashing the Power of Imagination*
- Brown, A.M. (2017) *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing World*
- Giridharadas, A. (2019) *Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World*
- Crutchfield, L.R. (2018) *How Change Happens: Why Some Social Movements Succeed While Others Don't*
- Solnit, R. (2019) *Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities*

In the CEMUS Library (in Geocentrum), you will find literature related to environment and development issues, up-to-date magazines and journals. All course literature for CEMUS courses is available here, but is **only for reading inside the library, not for taking home**. Other books, that are not course literature, are available to borrow.

It is also a place to relax in the sofas, study with your friends or take part in many open meetings and initiatives taking place at CEMUS!

**We are looking forward to meeting you all!**

Your Course Coordinators,

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