

Water and sustainability (7.5 hc)

Water is one of the most important substances on earth. The UN has defined 17 sustainable development goals in its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. For almost every goal, a sustainable use of water and water resources are needed for achieving the goal. But what is sustainability? What are the most important challenges? What are the possibilities and obstacles? Depending on who you ask, you will get very different answers depending on his or her background. However, a fully sustainable transition requires a holistic perspective. To reach this, we need to understand each others views on sustainability and realize the limitations of our own view.

This course is multidisciplinary with teachers and participants from several faculties. It is envisioned as a starting point for discussions and participants' reflections on their own and others' approaches to the concept of sustainability. The course aims to highlight sustainability in both a Swedish and international perspective.

During the course, participants will in groups interview experts and then arrange a panel debate session, where challenges and possibilities will be discussed. A written reflection should be handed in at the end of the course.

Schedule

Date	Time	Location/online??	Content
10/5	13-15		Introduction Practical details Presentation of participants and teachers Group discussion
17/5	13-15		Group work Define themes Group discussion
19/5	13-15		Keynotes Four invited experts will give 10 min inspirational presentations
20/5	13-15		Discussion Keynotes, lessons learned Group discussion
24/5	13-15		Consultation Techers are available for consultation regarding the debate sessions
31/5	13-15		Debate 1
1/6	13-15		Debate 2
2/6	13-15		Debate 3
7/6	13-15		Summing up Group wise reflections Conclusions and take home messages

Debate sessions

The key component in this course is the debate sessions. The objective of the debate sessions are to generate interaction between participants and experts, to better understand the views of participants with other background and to better understand the complexity of sustainable development.

At each debate session, three or four experts are invited. Before the debate session, each expert should be interviewed by the arranging group. The interview should take around one hour. The group should define a theme for the session.

There is no set recipe on how to arrange a debate session. We encourage the participants to think outside the box. A debate session could include small workshops, role play, presentations and so on. The more diverse the sessions are, and the more interaction there is with the audience, the better.

Important deadlines for handing in reports

When	What	Who
18/5	Submit an idea for theme(s) for your debate session (maximum 1 page)	Group
25/5	Submit a plan for how your debate session should be arranged (1-2 pages)	Group
11/6	Personal reflection (see separate instruction), 1-2 pages	Individual

Assessment

In order to pass the course active participation in all scheduled events except the consultation is required. Participants are allowed to miss one of the lectures and one of the debate sessions. The three reports described above needs to be handed in and approved by the course coordinator.

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