

Exam SUM 4019

Autumn semester 2005

To be turned in to SUM reception before 1600 on 8. November 2005

You are to answer one of the following three questions.

The quality of your answer is more important than quantity. A length of between 8 and 10 pages at font 12 and with 1.5 line-spacing should be sufficient. Please hand in 3 copies of your answer.

- 1) There has been a tendency in the Green movement to place the main responsibility for amelioration of consumption-related environmental problems on individuals and households. Do you agree with this? Support your answer with reflections around the conceptualisation of consumption and change.
- 2) What are the most significant differences in theoretical approaches to consumption in neo-liberal economics on the one hand, and the non-economic social sciences on the other? Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of economic-based and sociology/anthropology-based approaches as bases for policies to encourage sustainable consumption.
- 3) Using Bourdieu's notion of habitus, articulate a theory of the ways in which the movement of global ideas, people and commodities affects consumption practices in either Norway, India or in your country of origin.

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