

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
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History 577

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Contemporary Scandinavia: Politics and History

Course Description:

The course will deal with a number of basic topics pertaining to the Scandinavian societies in a comparative framework whenever such an approach is feasible. A tentative list of basic broad topics includes the following: Socioeconomic structural changes, ideological developments, and the emergence and role of political parties, popular movements and interest organizations; the functioning of popular representation; nature and functioning of the party systems with special emphasis upon the Scandinavian Social Democratic movements and their role in the Nordic society; the Finnish Revolution and Civil War and its legacy and construction and functioning of the Scandinavian welfare states; economic and environmental issues; the changing nature and role of the mass media and of educational systems; defense issues; minority problems and immigrants. From time to time new general topics may be added.

Organization of the work:

The class will be conducted as a colloquium. It will meet once a week to hear and to discuss presentations of either an introduction to a general topic or a report on a topic of a more specific nature which falls within the boundaries of the general topic to be explored at the weekly meeting. All participants in the course are expected to concentrate on topics of their choice. They are expected to prepare and deliver to the class reports which will serve as a basis for subsequent discussion in class. These reports should raise questions and issues which will stimulate an exchange of views. The student will also serve as commentators on each others reports. The course will involve no examination, the grading is based on the quality of the reports, their presentation, and general participation in class.

POLITICAL PARTIES

INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS AND PRESSURE GROUPS

MASS MEDIA

ECONOMY

ENVIRONMENT

DEFENSE

SOCIAL POLICIES

EDUCATION

HEALTH CARE

MINORITIES AND IMMIGRATION

- E. Allart, ed., Nordic Democracy
- J. B. Board, The Government and Politics of Sweden
- M. Childs, Sweden: The Middle Way on Trial
- E. Elstob, Sweden: Political and Cultural History
- U. Himmelstrand, Beyond Welfare Capitalism
- K. Hopkins, Sweden: Focus on Post-Industrialism
- R. Huntford, The New Totalitarians
- D. G. Kirby, Finland in the Twentieth Century
- W. Korpi, The Democratic Class Struggle
- W. Korpi, The Working Class in Welfare Capitalism: Work, Unions, and Politics in Sweden
- R. Kvavik, Interest Groups in Norwegian Politics
- R. Lansbury, Swedish Social Democracy
- A. Lindbeck, Swedish Economic Policy
- J. Logue, Socialism and Abundance: Radical Socialism in the Danish Welfare State
- K. E. Miller, Government and Politics in Denmark
- H. Nissen, ed., Scandinavia during the Second World War
- J. Nousiainen, The Finnish Political System
- M. Schnitzer, The Economy of Sweden: A Study of the Modern Welfare State
- J. A. Storing, Norwegian Democracy
- W. J. Taylor & P. M. Cole, ed., Nordic Defense: Comparative Decision Making
- H. Tingsten, The Swedish Social Democrats
- H. Valen, Political Parties in Norway
- D. Wilson, The Welfare State in Sweden
- G. Heckscher, The Welfare State and Beyond: Success and Problems in Scandinavia