



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The Nordic Model: Politics Welfare and Immigration - 54860

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: European Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

During the 1930's, in an attempt to cope with the severe contemporary economic crisis, the majority of European countries voted for radical ruling parties – from both extremes of the political spectrum. However, in the Nordic countries (Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Iceland – which was still part of Denmark at the time), a 'third way' gradually developed, an intermediate approach between capitalism and communism. Eventually, as a consequence of extraordinary historical circumstances, this approach was titled the 'Nordic model', and it has been characterized by several unique features: a generous welfare state, democratization of society, adult education (Life Long Learning), striving for gender and class equality, and a political decision making process based on compromise and consensus. In this class, we will explore the historical developments that have led to the creation of the Nordic model - today one of the most successful models in the world according to OECD's indices - and critically analyze its ability to cope with various up-to-date national and global challenges.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Exhibit basic knowledge and understanding of similarities and differences in the Nordic countries' historical development towards Welfare Regimes
- Analyze the complex cooperative relations between the Nordic countries from the beginning of the 20th century and until our days
- Assess the challenges facing the Nordic Model within the European Union as well as towards globalization processes

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, presentations and class discussions.

Course/Module Content:

20th century history of the Nordic Countries

Nordic Cooperation

'The Third Way'

Nordic countries and the EU

Required Reading:

1. Introduction - The Nordic Model(s)

2. The Nordic model and the Second World War

Niels Finn Christiansen & Klaus Petersen (2001), "The Dynamics of Social Solidarity: The Danish Welfare State, 1900-2000", *Scandinavian Journal of History*, 26:3, pp. 177-196.

3. The Nordic welfare state

Øyvind Bjørnson (2001), "The Social Democrats and the Norwegian Welfare State: Some Perspectives", *Scandinavian Journal of History*, 26:3, pp. 197-223.

4. The Nordic society

Marquis W. Childs (eighth printing 1971), "Liquor Control That Works", in: *Sweden: The Middle Way*, New Haven and London: Yale University Press, pp. 102-116.

5. The Nordic model and immigration

Mikael Bystöm (2014), "When the State Stepped into the Arena: The Swedish Welfare State, Refugees and Immigrants 1930s-50s", *Journal of Contemporary History*, 49(3), pp. 599-621.

Optional:

Mats Wickström (2016), "Nordic brothers before strange others: pan-national boundary making in the post-war naturalization policies of the Nordic countries", *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, pp. 1-19.

6. The Nordic economic model

עמי וטורי (דצמבר 2007), "עבודה ורווחה - המודל הסקנדינבי", פנים: כתב עת לתרבות, חברה וחינוך, גליון 41.

7. The Nordic political model

Gudmundur Jonsson (2014), "Iceland and the Nordic Model of Consensus

Democracy", *Scandinavian Journal of History*, 39:4, pp. 510-528.

8. The Nordic educational model – Adult education

Staffan Larsson & Henrik Nordvall (2010), "Study Circles in Sweden – An Overview with a Bibliography of International Literature", *Studies in Adult, Popular and Higher Education* no. 5, Linköping University Electronic Press, pp. 1-37.

Also in:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/265092861_Study_Circles_in_Sweden_An_Overview_with_a_Bibliography_of_International_Literature/link/53f9bb/download

9. The Nordic model and the world

Pauli Kettunen (2001), "The Nordic Welfare State in Finland", *Scandinavian Journal of History*, 26:3, pp. 225-247.

10. The Nordic model and the EU

Alyson J. K. Bailes, "Introduction: The European defence challenge for the Nordic region", in: "The Nordic Countries and the European Security and Defence Policy", eds. Bailes, Herolf & Sundelius, pp. 1-26.

11. Scandinavian Literature

12. The Nordic model and Israel

13. The Nordic Model - summary

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 50 %
Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 40 %
Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %

Additional information: