

COURSE DETAIL

RETHINKING THE NORDIC POLITICAL MODEL: POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN SCANDINAVIA

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Scandinavian Studies Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

132

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

RETHINKING THE NORDIC POLITICAL MODEL: POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN SCANDINAVIA

UCEAP Transcript Title

POL&SOC/SCANDINAVIA

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

The Scandinavian countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark) are often seen as global models of welfare, good governance, and high quality of life, successfully combining social protection with entrepreneurial success. Historically associated with consensus politics, trust, and moral leadership - through figures such as Olof Palme or Norway's peace diplomacy - the region has long defied conventional wisdom about global pressures for deregulation, showing how social protection can coexist with global competitiveness. Recent narratives of decline, however, point to rising crime, economic stagnation, and populism. This course revisits the evolving politics of the "Nordic model," exploring its institutions, challenges, and relevance for Europe through history, politics, economics, and sociology.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

Host Institution Department

International Relations

Course Last Reviewed

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