

Modern Scandinavian Politics
A Seminar with Professor C. Ingebritsen
SCAND/POLI SCI 519

Friday 1:30-3:50pm

Office: Wed. 11-noon

How do scholars analyze the Scandinavian model of society? Does the model still exist in an age of globalization? How has Scandinavia found a role as small states in the international system? These questions will be the focus of this seminar, requiring active participation by all students.

Pre-requisites: Previous coursework in political science or Scandinavian politics. Approval by the instructor required for advanced undergraduates.

Learning goals: Students will be able to explain and describe Scandinavian political systems; and account for responses to globalization

Readings:

Scandinavian Studies, V. 74 #3, The Scandinavian Way to Europe, Edited by Christine Ingebritsen
Christine Ingebritsen, Scandinavia in World Politics
Peter Katzenstein, Small States in World Markets
Mark Kurlansky, The Story of Salt
Lena Hansen and Ole Wæver, European Integration And National Identity (Instructor's Copy)
Seamus Heaney, The Sagas of the Icelanders

Grading: 25% Class Participation and Assignments
75% Research Paper

Week One. The Scandinavian Model of Society

Read: Ingebritsen, Scandinavia in World Politics

Week Two. Myths, Laws, Feuds and Legacies

Read: Heaney, The Sagas of the Icelanders

Week Three. Scandinavia's footprint

Read: The Sagas of the Icelanders

Week Four. Connections to the Sea

Read: Mark Kurlansky, The Story of Salt

Week Five. Global Norms and Scandinavia

Read: Ingebritsen, Scandinavia in World Politics

Week Six. Theories of Small State Capacity

Read: Katzenstein, Small States in World Markets

Week Seven. Paper Proposal Submitted.
Peer Review Session

Week Eight. European Integration and Scandinavia
Present articles on Scand-EU Relations

Week Nine. Can Scandinavia Influence the EU?
Read: The Scandinavian Way to Europe

Week Ten. Presentation of Research Papers