



Sustainable Capitalism in the Nordics? – A Berkeley Changemaker Course

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Classes are held during first half of semester + Final exam on Monday 1 April during regular class time.

Amidst intensifying global sustainability challenges, the urgency for decisive action has never been clearer. Issues like climate change, biodiversity loss, and escalating inequalities encapsulated by the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are "wicked problems" that demand collaborative responses.

The Nordic countries — Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden — have made notable strides in addressing these challenges. Renowned as sustainability forerunners, the Nordic nations and Nordic-based companies routinely achieve top rankings in sustainability measurements including the SDG Index and Global 100. Nonetheless, the Nordics also rightfully face their share of critiques.

This discussion-based course critically explores the concepts of capitalism and sustainability. We initiate our exploration with the pivotal question, "Is capitalism sustainable?" We proceed by examining the interactions between capitalism and sustainability, leveraging the US and Nordic varieties of capitalism for consideration, and the Sustainable Development Goals framework.

*Non-Haas students must first get on the waitlist and can then be enrolled. See: <https://haas.berkeley.edu/undergrad/academics/courses/enrollment/>. **MANY non-Haas students take this course** – so please **get on the waitlist!** This course runs from the first half of Spring Semester until spring break, so it's like a 2-credit course for the first half of the semester. Final exam will be administered during regular class time on Monday 1 April.*