
(Please note that the syllabus might be subject to minor changes)

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ECTS: 15
Language of instruction: English (spoken and written proficiency is required)
Course unit level: Bachelor
Grading scale: A-F

READING MATERIALS:

The following texts can be bought and downloaded from litteraturkiosken.uib.no:

Neumann, Iver B. 2002. “This Little Piggy Stayed at Home: Why Norway is Not a Member of the EU”. In: European Integration and National Identity: The Challenge of the Nordic States, eds. Lene Hansen and Ole Wæver. London: Routledge. 88-129. (42 p.) (available from litteraturkiosken.uib.no)


The following texts are available for free online:


Bjørnson, Bjørnstjerne. 1859. “Yes, We Love this Country” (translation at the end of page)


Korsgaard, Ove. 2014. “The Danish Way to Establish the Nation in the Hearts of the People”. In: National Identity and the Varieties of Capitalism: The Danish


Approximately: 750 pages

A few additional articles might be added to the syllabus. If so, they will be made available to you in class.

EXAM: TBA
SCHEDULE:

Week 3: 19.01 Introduction to the Scandinavian/Nordic Area and to Nationalism in 19th Century Scandinavia
- Lars S. Vikør: “The Area”
- Byron J. Nordstrom: “Nationalism”
- Steven P. Sondrup: “Distorted Echoes: The Mythologies of Nordic Nationalism”
- Benedict Anderson: “Introduction”

Week 4: 26.01 Language and the Creation of a National Identity: Norway after 1814
- Einar Haugen: “The Problem of Language” and “The Liberation of Norwegian”
- Steven P. Sondrup: “Distorted Echoes…”, pp. 149-153.
- Ivar Aasen: “On Culture and Norwegianness”

Week 5: 02.02 The 19th Century Scandinavian Rediscovery of the Norse Heritage – and the Norse Heritage Today
- Knut Ljøgodt: “‘Northern Gods in Marble’: The Romantic Rediscovery of Norse Mythology”.
- Margaret Clunies Ross and Lars Lönnroth: “The Norse Muse”, pp. 18-28
- Steven P. Sondrup: “Distorted Echoes…”, pp. 144-148
- Karl Ove Knausgaard: “My Saga”, Part 1 and 2

Week 6: 09.02 19th Century National Romanticism in Norway and Sweden: Similarities and Differences
- Bjørn Hemmer: “Ibsen and Historical Drama”
- Mette Rudvin: “Folk Literature and the Nineteenth-Century Nationalist Movement”

Week 7: 16.02 The Dream of Scandinavian Unity; and the Year 1864 in the Danish and Pan-Scandinavian Imagination
- Henrik Ibsen: “A Brother in Peril!”
- Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson: “Yes, We Love this Country”
- Åke Holmberg: “On the Practicability of Scandinavianism”
- Ove Korsgaard: “The Danish Way to Establish the Nation in the Hearts of the People”

Week 8: 23.02 How Scandinavians Perceive Themselves and Each Other; How Well Do Scandinavians Really Understand Each Other?
- Friedrich Engels: Letter to Karl Marx, 1846
- Kurt Braunmüller: “Semicommunication and Accommodation”
- Peter Gundelach: “Joking Relationships and National Identity in Scandinavia”

Week 9: Study week. No lecture
Week 10: 09.03 On Dialects and 20th Century Language Planning in Norway
- Gunnstein Akselberg: “Dialects and Regional Linguistic Varieties in the 20th Century II: Norway”
- Ernst Håkon Jahr: “The Special Case of Norway in the 20th Century: Language Conflict and Language Planning”
- Einar Lundeby: “Language Cultivation and Language Planning III: Norway”

Week 11: 16.03 The Nordic Model as Seen From Abroad: Utopia or Dystopia?
- Marquis Childs: “Introduction”
- Carl Marklund & Klaus Petersen: “Return to Sender”
- Frederick Hale: “Brave New World in Sweden?”

Week 12: 23.03 The Nordic Countries, and their Internal and External Others
- Mikko Lagerspetz: “How Many Nordic Countries?”
- Iver B. Neumann: “This Little Piggy Stayed at Home: Why Norway is Not a Member of the EU”.
- Marianne Gullestad: “A Passion for Boundaries”
- Henry Minde: “Assimilation of the Sami”

Week 13: Easter break. No lecture

Week 14: 06.04 Scandinavians: Bringers of Peace, or Masters of War?
- Kristian Stokke: “Peace-building as Small State Foreign Policy: Norway’s Peace Engagement”
- Stuart Burch: “Banal Nordism: Recomposing an Old Song of Peace”.
- Kjetil Fallan: “Nordic Noir: Deadly Design from the Peacemongering Periphery”

Week 15: 13.04 Scandinavia Today: After Utøya, and the Rise of Right-Wing Populism
- Göran Larsson and Lasse Lindekiilde: “Muslim Claims-Making in Context”
- Eileen Muller Myrdahl: "Recuperating Whiteness in the Injured Nation”

Week 16: 20.04 No lecture

Week 17: 27.04 Summary