



# Sustainable Capitalism in the Nordics?

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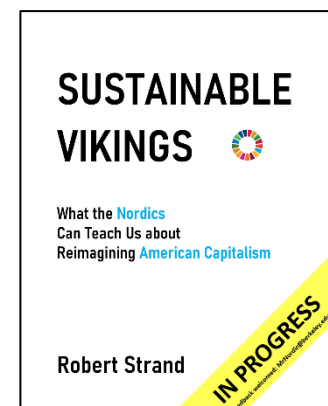
Mondays, 12-2pm

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## Course Description:

We face big challenges in this world. Climate change, poverty, health & wellbeing, access to quality education, decent work, loss of biodiversity, and growing inequalities are just a few of the interconnected sustainability challenges represented by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the face of these challenges, the Nordics offer inspiration. Nordic countries and companies are cited as global sustainability leaders, frequently topping sustainability performance indicators like the SDG Index.

This discussed-based course explores sustainability in the Nordics and considers what learnings may be prosperously applied in the US. Our inquiry focuses on the very concept of capitalism itself, and the relationship between capitalism and sustainability and democracy. In doing so, we consider the ideas of “American shareholder capitalism” vis-à-vis “Nordic stakeholder capitalism” to compare American and Nordic policies and cultures, and their effects on sustainability practices and performances. We utilize the (*in-progress*) book *Sustainable Vikings: What the Nordics Can Teach Us about Reimagining American Capitalism* by the course instructor, Robert Strand.



*This course runs the first half of Spring Semester up to spring break, so it's like a 2-credit course for half of a semester. Haas enrollment process is explained here <https://haas.berkeley.edu/undergrad/academics/courses/enrollment/> - where you may need to first get on the waitlist - but please note that **MANY non-Haas students take this course!***