



During the academic year 2009/2010 the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga in cooperation with the Embassy of Finland and the Embassy of Sweden intend to offer a series of lectures on various aspects of the "Nordic Model" and its eventual relevance for the Baltic countries.

The first lecture in this series focuses on:

The Finnish Experience: On the construction of a sovereign state and its welfare system

The lecture discusses how Finland has developed as a state, society and culture between the 1910s and the turn of the millennium. How were the international threats handled? How have values and the national identity been formed in a sometimes rapidly changing world, and how this has dictated the construction of the Finnish society?

The lecture will be given by Professor Henrik Meinander, University of Helsinki, and Ass. Professor Daunis Auers, University of Latvia will act as discussant.

Henrik Meinander has been professor of History at University of Helsinki since 2001. He has studied and done research also in Scandinavia and Scotland. He has earlier functioned as curator of the Mannerheim Museum in Helsinki and director of the Finnish institute in Stockholm. Meinander has published and edited a number of books and articles on Finnish and Nordic history. His most recent monograph Finland 1944 was published in September 2009. For more details, check his web site: <http://www.helsinki.fi/historia/staff/meinander.html> Henrik

Daunis Auers is Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Latvia. He defended his PhD (on political parties and the consolidation of democracy in Latvia) at University College London, having previously gained a Masters degree at the London School of Economics. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley in the academic year 2005-2006. His most recent scholarly research has been published in the Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Electoral Studies, Journal of Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Journal of Baltic Studies and a number of edited volumes.

The lecture will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 16.00 – 18.00 at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Strelnieku iela 4a.

Please register for the lecture at: <http://www.sseriga.edu.lv/node/681>