

A UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FIELD STUDY COURSE



MGST 398 SWEDEN WORK REDESIGN AND ALIENATION — THE SWEDISH APPROACH

3 Credit Hour Class held in SWEDEN

Sunday 16 - Sunday 23 October 1983

Between Terms I & II

The purpose of this study tour is to introduce students to the recent attempts to cope with alienation through work redesign currently being practiced in Sweden—the world leader in this area. Specifically, we are interested in observing and studying the control and decision-making responsibilities that have been redesigned into the Swedish production of automobiles. Toward this end, we will visit the Volvo plants at both Göteborg and Kalmar, and the Saab-Scania plant in Trollhättan. In addition, we will visit a glass factory in Orrefors, Sweden and the students will be required to visit several traditional craft manufacturers while in Göteborg. These visits are considered essential because it is craft-type work processes which the Swedish automobile manufacturers are trying to replicate and will serve as an important basis for comparison.

TEXTS:

Proposed main text: Cummings, Thomas G. & Edmund S. Molloy
1977, Improving Productivity & The Quality
of Work Life. Praeger Publishers: New York

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REQUIREMENTS: Students desiring credit are expected to attend lectures, keep a journal record of places visited, complete a final exam of 3 hours duration, and submit a research paper in correct format of approx 6-9 pages, typewritten. The paper should be completed and submitted to the instructor within three weeks of the termination of the class.

COSTS: \$350.00 plus tuition and books. This price includes all transportation from Heidelberg. Six hotel overnights, double occupancy. Each room with water closet and a shower or bath. One overnight boatripe between Kiel and Goteborg, three person cabin. (Those who wish double occupancy on the boat will require an additional charge of \$21.00.) Most breakfasts included, other meals extra. The price will be the same for guests accompanying a student. However, the guests are not guaranteed participation on all on-site visits.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 17 September 1983. On this date all sums payable are due. THIS CLASS IS LIMITED TO 25 STUDENTS.

DOWNPAYMENT: \$50.00 (non-refundable) due with registration. Balance due 17 September, 1983. (In event of cancellation, where another student takes the vacant place, all sums will be refundable.)

REGISTRATION LOCATION: Enroll at your local Education Center or call Mary Regno or Bobbe Miller at Campbell Education Center, Heidelberg Mil: (2121) 6986 or Civ: (06221) 57-6986.

ITINERARY: Leave Heidelberg Sunday, 16 October around noon. Arrive back in Heidelberg on Sunday 23 October in the evening.

INSTRUCTORS:

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