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## The Nordic Green Economy Exploring Innovative Policy Approaches to Sustainability

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An international consensus about the need of a new sustainable economic model, where a good economy and a healthy environment are mutually beneficial, has been reached by now. A series of intergovernmental working groups and state-led initiatives already advance sustainable economies. The Nordic countries are a vanguard in this respect, and have led the international community in adopting Green Economy policies.

Join the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs for a panel made up of governmental representatives from the five Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland). This panel will present some of the ideas behind the Green Economy model and how these ideas can be implemented elsewhere, including in the United States.

This event is presented on the occasion of the release of the volume *Nordic Ways* (Johns Hopkins University/Brookings Institution, 2016), which explores what it means to be Nordic in entrepreneurship, the arts, culture, innovation, education and a commitment to democratic values and environmental sustainability.

Opening Remarks: **Kåre R. Aas**, Norway's Ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Aas' distinguished career with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs began in 1983. Prior to his current position, he served in Oslo as Political Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was also Norway's Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan from 2008-2010.

Panel Conversation:

**Karin Olofsdotter**, Ambassador to the United States, Embassy of Sweden, Washington, D.C.

**Lars Bo Møller**, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Denmark in Washington, D.C.

**Antti Vänskä**, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Finland, Washington D.C.

**Hreinn Pálsson**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Iceland, Washington D.C.

**Markus Thiel**, Director of Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and European & Eurasian Studies Program (Moderator)

Closing Remarks: **Patrik Dahlgren**, Senior Vice President Global Marine Operations at Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

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