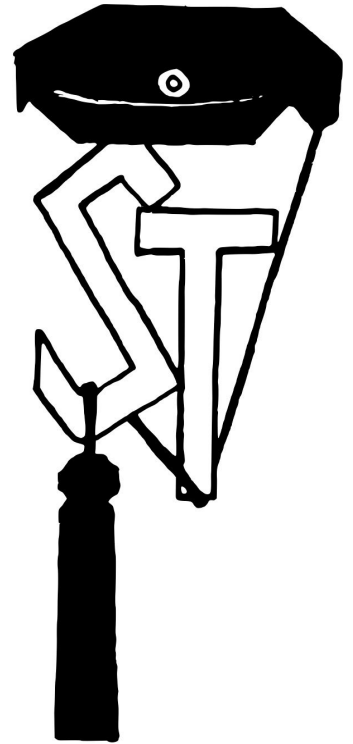


Samfundsmøte

20. oktober 2018

Understanding Norwegians

Decision Protocol



1. Meeting is set - 19:08

2. Boards Protocol

- Agenda is approved

3. Political Five Minute

- Eivind Rindal:
 - To big Buddha statues was demolished by Taliban.
 - Attack on materiel memory and heritage.
 - Several other material incidence in history
 - Her in Norway the government did not grant money to preserve our viking ships.
 - I hope we can send a signal that this must stop. And Norway have a responsibility to take care of its material history.

4. Introduction by Gulabuddin Sukhanwar

- I was born in small village in Afghanistan. The mention of the buddha statue connected back to my memory about the war, and how it did not only kill humans but also civilizations. I am one of the people who survived.
- I got in a shooting. My father got killed, my wound was not that serious, so i survived. Today is the first time i speak og this in public.

- I came to Norway as an asylum seeker. And my perspective is different than an exchange student.
- I study philosophy at the Nansen academy.
- Three things: Human, diversity and words. Words that we need to share with each other.
- When I read Ibsen and his play "A Doll's House", it's a totally different Norway when I read Knut Hamsun.
- When I was in the north of Norway in the town Vadsø, and was an asylum seeker I went to the library from it opened and till it closed.

5. Introduction by Julien Bourelle

- A man talked to me in Belgium. I asked myself, why is he speaking to me. Norway is a country where people don't speak to each other.
- In Scandinavian politeness is very often about not disturbing others.
- Norway is the happiest country in the world but it's one of the hardest to get friends in.
- In Norway you need to sign up to a "forening". Because we socialize in "bubbles".
- Equality in Norway means lifting the "little guy" up so that he sees over the fence.

6. Artistic entertainment by The Student Society Symphony Orchestra

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7. Break

8. Sofa chat med spørsmål fra salen

- Eirik: Why did you choose to come to Norway.
 - G: Norway is not that popular in Afghanistan. But someone told me it was great. It is challenging to get an asylum in Norway. I wanted a challenge.

- J: I took my masters in Europe. There was an opportunity in Norway. I came and met with the professor. I fell in love with the place.
- Eirik: When you first got here, what was your biggest challenge and how do you overcome it?
 - G: Challenges like how to prove my identity. Sometimes you doubt yourself. I was a bit afraid of the police. It was challenging, cold weather and dark days. The thing that saved me was the public library. You need a framework to get friends in Norway.
 - J: All the immigration papers are handled by the police. And that's not always a good way to create a first impression.
- Eirik: How did you find Norwegians when you first came here?
 - G: Sometimes we have prejudgements works against us. That goes both ways.

8.1 Name: Tyler Stewart

- I came to Norway as an international student. Can you tell us a bit about how the integration process in Norway is. What is the positive aspect and what can we do better?
 - G: As a person I'm really positive. It took me two years to get an asylum. I was very lucky to have had a full scholarship at the Nansen academy in Lillehammer. Then I got to Trondheim. There were 500 hours of study and learning the language, that was good. I feel at home in Trondheim. There is always room to get better in shearing cultural differences.

8.2 Navn: Mathias

- This question is for Julien, might there be any other issues outside the Norwegian behavior that make exchange students gather up in clutches.

- J: I criticise that NTNU have a tendency for making arrangements just for foreign students. The structure needs to break up. Its creating a foreigner “bubble”.

8.3 Navn: Frode van der Meer

- My question is mainly for Julien, have you looked in to how the Norwegian culture has evolved?
 - J: Its a little bit difficult for me.If I say anything the social anthropologist will say i get everything wrong. Coffee have change the culture. Norway is becoming more urban.

9. Any other business

- No comments.

10. Feedback of the meeting

10.1 Name: Eivind Rindal

It is weary great that this meeting is in english. I think this is a good example of something to do more in the future.

10.2 Name: Arild

This is my dream, that studentersamfundet can hold a meeting in english. Please do more meetings in english.

10.3 Name: Tyler Stewart

I agree great meeting. Jumping back to any other business. Tomorrow is the deadline to apply to ISFIT. Apply!

11. The meeting is adjourned - 21:08

Møteleder

Referent

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tor Inge Urke". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the referent.

Eirik Sande

Tor Inge Urke