

**EURO/SCAND 445**  
**Fall 05**  
**Stecher-Hansen**

**“Letter-Writing” Assignment:**

The requirements for this course include some “low-stakes” writing assignments. Five response “letters” are due on the dates indicated in the course syllabus.

**Description of task:**

Write a “letter” (1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced), addressed to a person whom you regard as a mentor or authority. This mentor may be real or fictive (imaginary). You may also address your letter to a historical figure. The time of writing is the present (2005); you should assume that your “mentor” has read the same materials as you have read.

**Content:**

The letter is your opportunity to reflect on the assigned course readings of that week and the previous week (the readings are generally grouped by subject matter and country). In your letter you may offer reflections, observations, questions and concerns.

Remember to sign and date your letters.

**Evaluation:**

I will read your letters and return them to you the following week. They will simply be marked with a check, plus (credit) or minus (no-credit). As much as possible, I will make some comments or ask some questions in response to the ideas in your letters.

**Please save ALL of your letters (i.e. the copy which includes my marks)!**

At the end of the quarter, you will be asked to submit all five of them (along with other in-class non-graded writing) in a “**Course Portfolio**” which is worth **20%** of your total course grade.

Enjoy writing these letters!

