

The Columbia Swedish Program presents

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speaking in English on

Sweden 1936-2006: Still the Middle Way?

Seventy years have passed since the American journalist Marquis Childs published Sweden, The Middle Way, one of the most important American books ever published about that country. His phrase "The Middle Way" refers to his belief that Sweden's mixed economy represented an alternative course between capitalism and communism. On September 17, 2006, seven decades after Childs's publication, Swedes are going to the polls to decide whether the present Social Democratic government will continue in office, or whether it will be replaced by a coalition of non-socialist parties.

Per T. Ohlsson, a well-known Malmö journalist and political analyst, will discuss the results of this year's election and explore the implications for Sweden in a historical context, assessing its place in the European Union and its policies toward the United States and the rest of the world. Ohlsson has written extensively about modern Swedish politics as well as the history of Swedish-American relations.

at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2006, at Deutsches Haus, 420 W. 116th St., N.Y.C. (between Amsterdam Avenue and Morningside Drive)

The public is invited, and admission is free. A reception follows.

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