

## Disability in Welfare States and beyond

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The Nordic countries have been famous for their welfare states' policies and practices being strongly based on the human rights framework. This is well-known as the Nordic Welfare Model. All the Nordic countries once again occupied the top countries in the World Happiness report, and Finland was selected as 'the happiest country' in the world for the 7th time in a row. However, are 'welfare' and 'happiness' universally distributed among the population, especially among persons with disabilities? In this talk, I shed light on Finland as a case country and investigate it from the critical perspective of disability based on the findings of recent Finnish studies.