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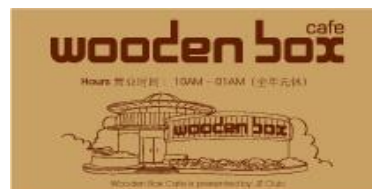
### *The Swedish Model: Pros, Cons, and Relevance for China?*

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19:15pm –20:30 pm



9 Qinghai Lu (just to the South of Nanjing West Road)  
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19:00 – Doors Open  
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Sweden was one of Europe's poorest countries in the early 1800s. After the Great Migration from Europe to America, almost one third of the Swedish population had left the country in search of a better life in North America. Today, Sweden is on top of nearly all measures of the health of a society—from economic indicators like productivity and innovation to social ones like inequality and crime. The flow of migration is now the opposite, with people from across the world, including America, coming to Sweden in search of opportunities and a better life. How has this remote, thinly populated country, with its freezing winters and history of frequent wars until the 1800s, proved so successful? Many point to the Swedish Model as the recipe for success, with its combination of market economy and welfare policies. But how does it work in practice, and how did it come about? Is it still relevant in the 21st century, and is it relevant for China today?

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