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The LUMEN centre just handed in its six years' evaluation to the research committee at the School of Culture and Society at Aarhus University. The Centre status is now renewed for another three years with applause.

The year has been marked by the ending of several of the multi-year projects that have been hosted by LUMEN: The AUFF NOVA-project on Lutheran economies of reception, the project on Lutheranism and societal development in Denmark funded by the National Research Council, the project on the Lutheran Household State funded by the Swedish Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, and the NOS-HS network of variations of Northern Governance.

Our Ph.D.-student Maria Nørby Pedersen successfully defended her thesis. Collective volumes from several projects are in the pipeline. Nina Javette Koefoed was invited as opponent at Sjur Atle Furali's PhD defense in Oslo. Just to mention the main activities of a busy 2022.

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I. PhD Defence: Maria Nørby Pedersen

September 20 historian Maria Nørby Pedersen successfully defended her PhD thesis *Forsorg for fattige. Fattigforsorg i lyset af en religiøs forståelseshorisont* (Care for the poor. Poor relief seen from a religious perspective).

Her project was part of the collective research project on Lutheranism and societal development in Denmark, led by Nina Javette Kofoed. Opponents at the defense were Associate professor Magdalena Naum, Aarhus, Associate professor Hanne Østhus, NTNU, Norway, and Professor Gunnar Lind, Copenhagen.

Reading the development in poor relief from a religious perspective Pedersen could highlight that the early modern Danish state carried out a Christian responsibility, which was developed in more and more detailed administrative structures to deal with the care of the poor's body and soul.

Gunnar Lind called the work a true revisionist work, changing our view on the relation between poor relief, religion, and state in Denmark.

II. New Publications

By current and former LUMEN members

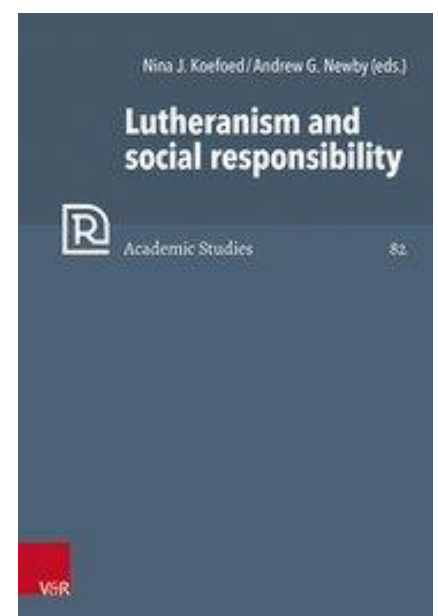
Lutheranism and Social Responsibility

Nina Javette Kofoed (ed.) and Andrew G. Newby (ed.). Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Verlag 2022.

Contributions in this volume enter the debate about the way in which the provision of poor relief can be influenced by its national confessional context. The book investigates what the obligation to care for the poor meant in a Lutheran context, how this obligation was carried out in Nordic countries, and how the obligation transformed in the nineteenth century with the modernization and democratization which produced the Nordic welfare states.

In several case studies, the book also analyses the implementation of social responsibility of the authority towards different categories of poor ('deserving' and 'undeserving'), local administration and centralization of poor relief through connections of public and private sources of funding, and collaboration between state, church and civil society through different public and private aspects of poor relief.

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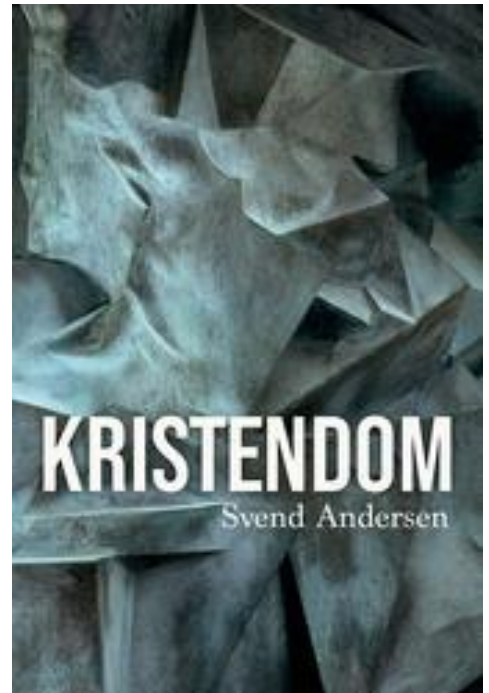
Kristendom (Christianity)

Svend Andersen. Århus: Forlaget Klim 2022

In Christianity, faith and understanding are linked. The book presents Christianity as a contemporary understanding of life. The background is the place of Christianity in today's public debate, which ranges between atheistic rejection and national conservative talk of "Christian values." Both camps are wrong about Christianity according to this author. At its core is the fatherless Jesus who invokes the creator of the whole world, God, as his Father. He lives and dies by faith in his heavenly Father, despite suffering and defeat.

The book also discusses the relationship of Christianity to science, ethics, and politics. And it proposes a renewal of the relationship between church and state.

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Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift: Nadver, Nærvær og Medialitet

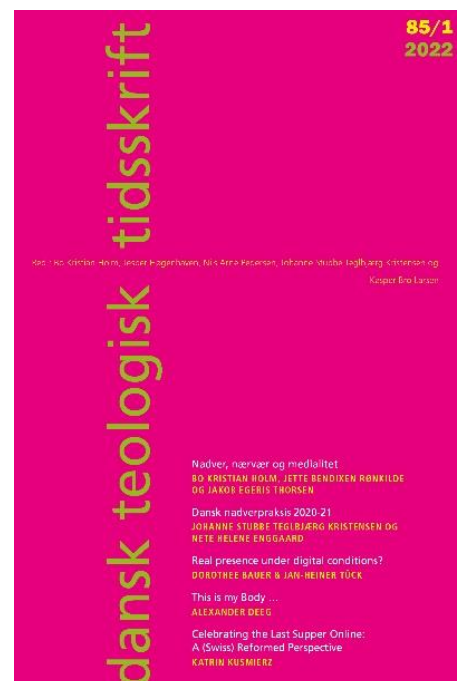
Thematic issue on Digital Eucharist: Lord's Supper, Presence, and Mediality

Bo Kristian Holm (ed.), Jette Bendixen Rønkilde (ed.) og Jakob Egeris Thorsen (ed.). Årgang 85, nr. 1 (2022)

Contents:

- "Dansk nadverpraksis 2020-21"
By Johanne Stubbe Teglbjærg Kristensen, Nete Helene Enggaard, 5-34
- "Real presence under digital conditions?"
By Dorothee Bauer, Jan-Heiner Tück, 35-59
- "This is my Body ...A Lutheran perspective on the Eucharist, digitalization, mediality, and presence"
By Alexander Deeg, 60-81
- "Celebrating the Last Supper Online: A (Swiss) Reformed Perspective"
By Katrin Kusmierz, 82-101

[Link to journal \(open access\)](#)



The focus of the LUMEN blog is still to show how research can be done within the range of themes covered by LUMEN.



Bo Kristian Holm in discussion with Tom Holland and Miroslav Volf on “Heavenly Days” (Danish Church Days)

Does faith affect society today? The long-term impact of Lutheranism

- 26.08.2022: **Bo Kristian Holm**

In May, at the “Heavenly Days” festival in Roskilde, Denmark, the head of the LUMEN centre at Aarhus University, Bo Kristian Holm, was part of a triologue with Miroslav Volf and Tom Holland under the headline “Christianity and Society: Does Faith Affect Society Today?”

The blog entry presents the essence of Holm’s presentation.

[Link to full text](#)

How Did Lutheran Social Imaginaries Exert Influence on Danish Trust Culture during the Process of Democratisation

- 17.11.2022: **Sasja Emilie Mathiasen Stopa**

The democratization processes of Danish society in 1849 fueled a crisis in the trust culture that hitherto had centered on the trustful relationship between loyal and obedient subjects and the absolutist king. This transformation of the trust culture was influenced by Lutheran social imaginaries transmitted by Grundtvig and the Grundtvigian movement.

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The man behind the local Coop counter. The ideal character in a Grundtvigian inspired Trust Culture

Events

LUMEN lecture series in 2022

April 7: Tine Ravnsted-Larsen Reeh: Utilsigtet sekularisering? Teologiske aktører i ophøret af brug af Mosaisk Lov i det vestlige Skandinavien. (Unintended secularisation? Theological agents in bringing an end to the use of Mosaic Law in Western Scandinavia.)

Maj 12: Nina Javette Koefoed: Hushold og Lutherdom i 1700-tallets Danmark. (Household and Lutheranism in 18. century Denmark.)

September 26: Louise Nyholm Kallestrup: Christian 4., troldomsforfølgelser og erfaringshistorie

November 28: Lone Kølle Martinsen: 'Grundtvig, køn og kvinder'

LUMEN "BLAFRE"-meetings in 2022

25. JAN: **Sasja Emilie Mathiasen Stopa:**

Teologiske forestillingers indflydelse på udviklingen af dansk tillidskultur i det spirende demokratiske velfærdssamfund (*The impact of theological imaginaries on the development of Danish trust culture in the budding democratic welfare society*)

2. MAR: **Mattias Sommer Bostrup:**

Tolerancestrategier under Frederik IV og Christian VI, ca. 1700-1750, med særligt henblik på Nordstrand (*Strategies of tolerance under Frederik IV and Christian VI, ca. 1700-1750, with a special view to Nordstrand*)

1. APR: **Lone Kølle Martinsen:**

Den nordiske særvej i billedkunsten (*The Nordic Sonderweg in Art*)

3. OKT: **Bjarke Hellemann Weiss:**

Borgerlig identifikation: patriotisme, religion og medborgerskab i trykkefrihedstiden (*Bourgeois identification: patriotism, religion, and citizenship in the time of liberty of the Press*)

7. NOV: **Sigrun Høgetveit Berg:**

Hvilke konfesjonelle utfordringer stod Kristian IV overfor lengst nord «udi Vort Rige Norge»? (*What kind of confessional challenges did Christian IV face in the far North of the Norwegian realm*)

Open seminar in cooperation with the Education and Research Centre of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: LUTHERAN IDENTITY?

In November, LUMEN arranged a seminar in cooperation with the Education and Research Centre of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark for pastors, students etc. on the topic: Lutheran Identity? The main purpose of the seminar was to discuss what Lutheran identity can signify in the contemporary church in Denmark.

Conference participation

Mattias Sommer Bostrup: Konfessionelle Codierungen. Ambiguität und Vereindeutigung im 16. Jahrhundert (Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Bad Homburg, 19 – 21 May 2022 with the paper: Lutheranism? Discursive Flexibility in the Early Danish Reformation

Bo Kristian Holm: 14th International Congress for Luther Research, Thousand Oaks, California. Invited Seminar Leader for the Seminar: Doctrine and Consolation in Luther and Melanchthon.

Bo Kristian Holm: Luther-Akademie Sondershausen-Ratzeburg. Co-Organiser of Herbsttagung 2022 in Løgumkloster: “Lutherische Schöpfungstheologie. Skandinavische Prägung – heutige Verantwortung.

V. Lutheranism and Danish Societal Development

We are entering the last year of founding for this collective project that in many ways has been central to the development of LUMEN. The project asks how and to what extent the religious horizons of understanding both the God-human relationship and the worldly sociality created by the Reformation helped shape the perceptions of authority, responsibility, duty, and obligation which became formative for Danish society and, ultimately, for the formation of democracy and the Danish welfare state. Theological concepts of trust and sin as well as the household and the issue of caring for the poor, old and sick are central to the project, which focuses primarily on the 18th century.

The project was funded by the Danish Research Council in 2016, as part of the jubilee. It has three senior scholars included, one two years post doc, and one PhD and is headed by Nina Javette Koefoed.

We are now in the process of finalizing the last publication from the project: A collected volume with the title *Reformation and Everyday Life*, edited by Nina Javette Koefoed and Bo Kristian Holm, published in the R5AS series at Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. The book investigates how lived religion, space, and everyday life were formed in the aftermath of the reformation and open for an interdisciplinary discussion of how we can trace changes in material culture, in emotions, in social structures, in culture, which may be linked to the reformation and the development of confessional cultures.

Project publications by members 2017-2022

Books

- Harste, Gorm: **The Habermas Luhmann Debate**. Columbia University Press, 2021
- Holm, Bo. K., & Nina J. Koefoed: **Lutheran Theology and the Shaping of Society: The Danish Monarchy as Example**. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2018
- Koefoed, Nina J., & Andrew Newby (eds.): **Lutheranism and Social Responsibility**. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2022
- Koefoed, Nina J., & Bo K. Holm (eds): **Pligt og omsorg. Velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder**. Gads forlag, 2021
- Koefoed, Nina J., Bo. K. Holm & Sasja E. M. Stopa (eds): **Religion som forklaring? Kirke og religion i stat og samfund. Festskrift til Per Ingesman**. Aarhus Universitetsforlag, 2020
- Pedersen, Maria Nørby: **Forsorg for de fattige. Fattigforsorg i lyset af en religiøs forståelseshorisont, Danmark 1522-1739**. Unpublished PhD thesis, 2022

Edited special issues, journals, etc:

- Barclay, Katie & Nina J. Koefoed: **Family, Memory, and Identity: An Introduction**. In: *Journal of Family History*, 46(1), 2021, s. 3-12.
- Holm, Bo K.: **Hvad ville mangle uden de lutherske bekendelser (What will be lacking without the Lutheran Confessions)**. In: Henrik Brandt-Pedersen (ed.), *Bekendelser. En antologi om forpligtethed*. Copenhagen: Eksistensen 2022, s. 119-132..
- Holm, Bo K. & Nina J. Koefoed: **"Social imaginaries" as a tool for interdisciplinary Reformation research**. Blogindlæg på LUMEN.dk fra 14.02.2019
- Holm, Bo K. & Nina J. Koefoed: **Den politiske lutherdom og velfærdsstatens rødder**. In: *Kristeligt Dagblad, Sektion 1*, 11, 2021
- Holm, Bo K.: **Reformationen i Danmark: Teologi og kultur**. Danmarkshistorien.dk, 2017
- Holm, Bo K.: **Luther, Seneca, and benevolence in both creation and government**. In: P. Kärkkäinen & O-P. Vainio (eds.), *Apprehending love: theological and philosophical inquiries*. Luther-Agricola-Society. Schriften der Luther-Agricola-Gesellschaft Vol. 73, 2019, s. 287-312
- Holm, Bo K.: **Der går en lige vej fra Luther til enevælden og velfærdsstaten**. In: *Berlingske Tidende, Sektion 1*, 42, 2021
- Holm, Bo K.: **Et nyt Gudsforhold og dets konsekvenser**. In: N. J. Koefoed & B. K. Holm (eds.), *Pligt og omsorg: velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder*. Gad, 2021, s. 39-75
- Holm, Bo K.: **Ånd hos Luther: Åndens frihed i en tvetydig verden**. In: M. A. Mørch & O. Korsgaard (eds.), *Åndsfrihed i det moderne samfund*. Aarhus Universitetsforlag, 2022, s. 34-51
- Koefoed, Nina J. & Bo K. Holm: **Afslutning: Velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder**. In: N. Javette Koefoed & B. Kristian Holm (eds.), *Pligt og omsorg: Velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder*. Gad, 2021, s. 271-280
- Koefoed, Nina J. & Bo K. Holm: **En luthersk autoritet i dansk enevælde**. In: N. Javette Koefoed & B. Kristian Holm (eds.), *Pligt og omsorg: Velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder*. Gad, 2021, s. 79-101
- Koefoed, Nina J. & Bo K. Holm: **Indledning: på sporet af velfærdsstatens dybe rødder**. In: N. Javette Koefoed & B. Kristian Holm (eds.), *Pligt og omsorg: velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder*. Gad, 2021, s. 19-35
- Koefoed, Nina J. & Sasja E. M. Stopa: **Pietistic influence on societal development in 18th century Scandinavia**. In: U. Sträter (ed.), *Pietismus und Neuzeit: Ein Jahrbuch zur Geschichte des neuen Protestantismus*, Vol. 45 – 2019. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2021, s. 13-18.

- Koefoed, Nina J. & Andrew Newby: **Introduction: Lutheranism, Social responsibility, and the Poor.** In: N. J. Koefoed & A. Newby (eds.), *Lutheranism and Social Responsibility*. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. Refo500 (R5AS) Academic Studies Bind 82, 2022, s. 9-20
- Koefoed, Nina J. & Andrew Newby (eds.): **Lutheranism and Social Responsibility.** Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. Refo500 (R5AS) Academic Studies Bind 82, 2022
- Koefoed, Nina J. & Helle M. Sigh: **Ægteskab, forældreskab og husstand.** In: O. Høiris & P. Ingesman (eds.), *Reformationen - 1500-tallets kulturrevolution: Danmark*, Vol. 2. Aarhus Universitetsforlag, 2017, s. 327-350
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **Hverdagslivet: Sex, ægteskab og husholdning, 1700-1914.** In: N. H. Gregersen & C. Bach-Nielsen (eds.), *Reformationen i dansk kirke og kultur: 1700-1914*, Vol. II. Syddansk Universitetsforlag, 2017, s. 319-350
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **Regulating Eighteenth Century Households: Offences against the fourth and the six commandment as criminal behaviour.** In: T. Krogh, L. Nyholm Kallestrup & C. Bundgård Christensen (eds.), *Cultural Histories of Crime in Denmark, 1500 to 2000*. Routledge: Routledge Studies in Cultural History Vol. 55, 2017, s. 57-74
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **Authorities who care: The Lutheran Doctrine of the Three Estates in Danish Legal Development from the Reformation to Absolutism.** In: *Scandinavian Journal of History*, 44(4), 2019, s. 430-453
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **I Trust You with My Child: Parental Attitudes to Local Authorities in Cases of Disobedient Children in 18th Century Denmark.** In: *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 33(4), 202, s. 489-504
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **Cultural resistance to wearing masks?** Blogindlæg på LUMEN.dk d. 27.10.2020
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **Den lutherske husstand.** In: N. Javette Koefoed & B. Kristian Holm (eds.), *Pligt og omsorg: velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder*. Gad, 2021, s. 137-165
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **En luthersk velfærdsstat?** In: N. Javette Koefoed & B. Kristian Holm (eds.), *Pligt og omsorg: velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder*. Gad, 2021, s. 243-270
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **Negotiating Memory and Restoring Identity in Broken Families in Eighteenth-century Denmark.** In: *Journal of Family History*, 46(1), 2021, s. 30-45.
- Koefoed, Nina J.: **Lutheran social responsibility and the early Danish welfare state.** In: N. J. Koefoed & A. Newby (eds.), *Lutheranism and Social Responsibility*. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. Refo500 (R5AS) Academic Studies Bind 82, 2022, s. 153-182
- Stopa, Sasja E. M., & Gert Tinggaard Svendsen (eds.): **Trust and Protestantism: Symposium Issue of Journal of Historical Sociology.** Wiley-Blackwell: Journal of Historical Sociology, 2022
- Stopa, Sasja E.M., & Gert Tinggaard Svendsen (eds.): **Trust and Protestantism.** In: *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 33:4, 2020
- Stopa, Sasja E. M.: **'Through Sin Nature has lost its Confidence in God' - Sin and Trust as Formative Elements of Luther's Conception of Society.** In: *Journal of Early Modern Christianity*, 5(2), 2018, 151-171.
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- Stopa, Sasja E. M.: **Martin Luthers syn på kvinden som hustru og hersker.** *Scandia: Tidskrift för historisk forskning*, 85(2), 2019, 30- 58.
- Stopa, Sasja E. M.: **Når Gud angriber mennesket: Den tvetydige erfaring af Gud og verden hos Martin Luther, K.E. Løgstrup og Regin Prenter.** In: *Foenix*, 2019, s. 194-232.

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- Stopa, Sasja E. M.: **Hvordan blev den nordiske kvinde hersker?** Blogindlæg på hjemmesiden Scandia d. 20.01.2020
- Stopa, Sasja E. M.: **A communion of saints? - Reincorporating sinners into the created order of 18th century Denmark through catechetical practice.** In: U. Sträter (ed.), *Pietismus und Neuzeit: Ein Jahrbuch zur Geschichte des neuen Protestantismus*, Vol. 45 – 2019. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2021, s. 84-116
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- Pedersen, Maria N.: **En kristen forsørgelse af alle fattige.** In: N. Javette Koefoed & B. Kristian Holm (eds.), *Pligt og omsorg: velfærdsstatens lutherske rødder*. Gad, 2021, s. 209-23

This project also terminates in 2022. Post.doc. Jette Bendixen Rønkilde has been on leave, but is now back, and she and Bo Kristian Holm have in collaboration with Associate Professor Jacob Egeris Thorsen from Ecumenical theology/Diakonia organized in 2021 the last of two workshops on the Lord's Supper and mediality. The contributions from the last international part were published as thematic issue in *Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift* (see above).

Project publications by members 2016-2022

- Holm, Bo K., Jette B. Rønkilde & Jakob E. Thorsen (eds.): **Nadver, nærvær og medialitet: Temanummer om "digital nadver"**. Eksistensen Akademisk: Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift, Bind 85 Nr. 1, 2022
- Holm, Bo K.: **Er digital nadver nadver?** In: *Kritisk Forum for Praktisk Teologi*, 159, 2020, s. 91-105
- Holm, Bo K.: **På sporet af [Gud]: En teologisk analyse af fire bud på nye gudstjenesteformer.** In: J. B. Rønkilde & J. Demant (eds.), *Mellem afbrydelse og forkyndelse: gudstjenester til tid og sted*. Eksistensen Akademisk, 2020, s. 241-254
- Holm, Bo K.: **Kan virtuell nattvard bære evangeliet?** In: *Tidens Tecken*, 2021(6), 2021, s. 79-94.
- Holm, Bo K.: **Professor: Digitalt nadver fejrer man med sig selv. Er det ikke netop det modsatte af, hvad nadver er?** In: *Kristeligt Dagblad*, 2021
- Holm, Bo K., Jette B. Rønkilde & Jakob E. Thorsen: **Nadver, nærvær og medialitet.** In: *Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift*, 85(1), 2022, s. 1-4
- Jørgensen, Eva K.: **En klog fyrste er en sjælden fugl: Martin Luther læser Trump.** In: M. Thorup (ed.), *Uhørt!: Idéhistorien læser Donald Trump*. Baggrund, 2017, s. 25-31
- Jørgensen, Eva K.: **Kong Arthur og bonden Dennis: om Monty Python og historieskrivning.** Artikel på LUMEN.dk d. 02.05.2017
- Jørgensen, Eva K.: **Dengang Pyongyang var Østens Jerusalem.** Artikel på LUMEN.dk d. 02. 10.2017
- Jørgensen, Eva K.: **Den nordiske oplysning og 1700-tallet i et konfessionskulturelt perspektiv.** In: *Sjuttonhundredatal: Nordic Yearbook for Eighteenth-Century Studies*, 15, 2018 s. 138-144.
- Jørgensen, Eva K.: **Gå så med glæde til dit arbejde: Socialitet og Sakramentalitet i Martin Luthers Kaldslære.** In: *Slagmark - tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, (76), 2018, s. 61-74.
- Jørgensen, Eva K.: **Nederlagets tænkning: Anmeldelse af: Adam Paulsen: Overvindelsen af første verdenskrig. Historiepolitik hos Ernst Troeltsch, Oswald Spengler og Thomas Mann.** In: *Slagmark - tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, (76), 2018, s. 198-201.
- Jørgensen, Eva K.: **The Social Significance of the Eucharist in Early Modern Denmark.** Blogindlæg på LUMEN.dk d. 23.08.2018
- Rønkilde, Jette B.: **Practicing theory – how contemporary theory can illuminate 500-year-old liturgical texts.** 2018
- Rønkilde, Jette B.: **Nadveren rækker ud over søndagens gudstjenesten.** På Kristendom.dk d. 11.11.2018
- Rønkilde, Jette B.: **Embodied Reverence – Eucharistic Liturgical Spirituality in Denmark then and now.** In: Stephen Burns & Hyeran Kim-Cragg (eds.), *Festschrift for professor emeritus in Religion Gail Ramshaw Conversations about Divine Mystery. Engagements with the work of Gail Ramshaw*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

- Rønkilde, Jette B.: **Teaching, learning, doing – Pontoppidan’s catechism as a source of lived religion.** In: Nina J. Koefoed & Bo Kristian Holm (eds.), *Reformation and Everyday Life*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht (forthcoming)
- Rønkilde, Jette B.: **Be prepared – a practice theoretical examination of post-reformation devotional literature for communicants.** In: U. Claesson, N. J. Koefoed, & J. Sunde (eds.), *Nordic Variations of Protestant Governance* (forthcoming)
- Rønkilde, Jette B., Laura B. S. Petersen, Johanne N. Thomsen, Rikke D. D. Sørensen & Jule A. Andersen: **Eucharist – a social practice?** In: *Studia Theologica*, 72(2), 2018, s. 155-172



The collaborative and comparative project on the Nordic household state was funded by the Swedish RIKSBANKENS JUBILEUMSFOND in 2018 and led by Urban Claesson from Church History in Uppsala. The project investigates how Lutheran theology formed the basis of the strong states in both Denmark and Sweden during the 17th and 18th centuries. The project focuses specifically on the synchronising effect of households on different levels through four comparative sub-projects on state building, the benevolent ruler in Luther's writing, Lutheran catechisms, and authority and social responsibility in Danish and Swedish households.

The Nordic collaboration in this project is probably the one activity in LUMEN that has suffered most by all the restrictions and cancellations caused by corona. Five senior scholars are involved in the project, and all had much of their research time within this project in the spring of 2020. Some collaboration, research discussions and co-writing could be organized and structured on zoom, but we really missed the opportunity to meet and work together as planned. We also missed planned conference-participation with organized panels where the result from the project should have been presented.

Planned book:

- Claesson, Urban & Nina J. Koefoed (eds.): **The Nordic Household state – variations upon a theme by Luther**, Stockholm: Makadam Förlag 2023

Articles

- Koefoed, Nina J. & Jansson, K. H.: **Mapping the Household State: Treatment of Disobedient Children in Early Modern Denmark and Sweden**. In: *Journal of Family History*, 48(1), 2023, s. 30-46
- Holm, Bo K.: **God's Caring Vice-Regent: The Lutheran transformation of the Senecan ideal of the benevolent monarch as the basis of both absolutism and social responsibility**. In: *Toronto Journal of Theology*, 37(2), 2021, s. 135-146

VIII. NOS-HS Network: Nordic Variation of Protestant Governance

The Parish as a Place for Lived Religion and Social Interaction

The third of our NOS-HS workshops on **Nordic Variation of Protestant Governance** was held at the Faculty of Law at University of Oslo, September 15-16, 2022, and explored the realm under the headline: Police, Law, and Religion in the Nordic Countries after the Reformation: New Perspectives. The workshop was the third in a series of three workshops, funded by The Joint Committee for Nordic research councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NOS-HS). The workshops were led by Nina Koefoed (LUMEN), together with Urban Claesson (Uppsala University), and Jørn Øyrehagen Sunde (Oslo University). The three organizers are also editing a volume with contributions from the workshops, planned to be published later this year.

IX. Other publications

Kirkehistoriske Samlinger 2022 (Yearbook of Danish Church History 2022)

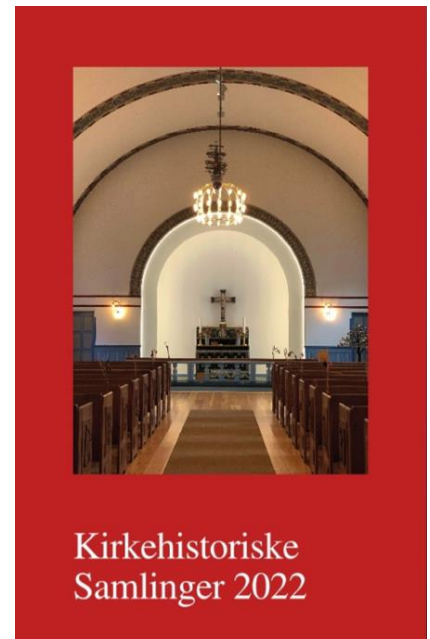
Edited by Mattias Sommer Bostrup, Lars Bisgaard, Tine Reeh, and Rasmus H.C. Dreyer, and with contributions by Carsten Bach-Nielsen, Per Ingeman, and Mattias Sommer Bostrup. Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag, 2022.

The Yearbook of Danish Church History publishes studies covering all periods and themes with Danish ecclesiastical history. In the 2022 yearbook, Per Ingeman's farewell lecture from 2021 is published, along with articles by Carsten Bach-Nielsen on Olfert Ricard and on Lutheranism in South Tyrol and Schleswig in the early twentieth century, as well as by Mattias Sommer Bostrup on pietist Bible readings, and contributions from several other researchers.

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Carsten Bach-Nielsen: "Pastor Johannes Jacobsen, Arco, Sydtyro/Trentino", Kirkehistoriske Samlinger 2022, s. 195-203

Carsten Bach-Nielsen: "Der skulle ikke være tvivl om de udøbte børns salighed – et svar fra historien til nutiden", Grundtvigsk Tidende 6, 2022.



DEFENSE FOR THE HIGHER DOCTORAL DEGREE

14. APR: Defense for the higher doctoral degree in Humanities, April 14. 2023 by Associate Professor, dr. scient. pol. Gorm Harste: *The Habermas–Luhmann Debate*

LUMEN lecture series

A series of LUMEN lectures will follow projects in the making.

Room: 1461-516

Time: 15:00-17:00

13. MAR: Anders Berg-Sørensen, Associate Professor, PhD, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen:

Political narratives of Christian nationalism: The Lutheran legacy in contemporary Danish politics (in Danish)

27. APR: Sivert Angel, Professor in Church History, Oslo University

Do they need religion in Asia? The controversy over sin between Christian Wolff, the Enlightenment man, and Joachim Lange, the Pietist (1721 - 1723)

LUMEN Seminar

June 1-2: Seminar on Confessional Cultures within Early Modern Lutheranism

On 1-2 June, LUMEN hosts an international seminar on confessional cultures within early modern Lutheranism organized by Assistant Professor Mattias Sommer Bostrup. With presentations by Professor Birgit Emich (Frankfurt) and Professor Matthias Pohlig (Berlin), as well as by colleagues from LUMEN and Aarhus University, the seminar probes into the depth and scope of the various confessional cultures that emerged across Europe. Taking into account the geographical variants and diverse political contexts of Lutheranism within, e.g., the Holy Roman Empire and the kingdoms of Northern Europe, the seminar asks whether it makes sense to talk about early modern Lutheranism in the singular or if researchers should reckon with multiple Lutheranism.

More information will follow during the spring.

Major Conferences and Seminars 2023

March 2-4 TARF/Nordic Luther Network Seminar at Sandbjerg Manor:

Das Jahr 1523: Konsequenzen der reformatorische Theologie für Kirche und Gesellschaft

Keynote by Bo Kristian Holm: „Der frühe versus der: Sozialethische und schöpfungstheologische Verschiebungen?“

May 11-13. Twelfth Annual REFORC Conference on Early Modern Christianity, Leuven.

Keynote by Nina Javette Koefoed: “The Lutheran Household – A Social and Institutional Legacy in Danish Society”

Presentation by Maria Nørby Pedersen (Now University of Copenhagen): “Taking Care of the Poor through Poor Relief Legislation in Early Modern Denmark”.