



## CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LUTHERAN THEOLOGY AND CONFSSIONAL SOCIETIES

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This New Year marks the seventh anniversary of the LUMEN centre. Over the past year we have been busy finalising publications for the projects that have just come to an end. One volume has already been published as number 100 in the R5AS series, of which we are very proud. Two more volumes from collaborative projects will be published next year. Nina J. Koefoed has started her amazing work on digitising some 130,000 petitions from the period of Danish Absolutism - an extraordinary source of research material. In March she was Carlsberg scholar of the month. In March Bo Kristian Holm organized a collaborative workshop between TARF and the Nordic Luther Network at the Sandbjerg Gods, and gave a keynote on the early and the late Luther, later to be published in Lutherjahrbuch. In May at the annual REFORC conference Nina J. Koefoed gave a key note with the title “The Lutheran Household – a Social and Institutional Legacy in Danish Society”, and former post.doc. in LUMEN Maria Nørby Pedersen presented her ongoing postdoctoral work in a plenary session: “Taking Care of the Poor through Poor Relief Legislation in Early Modern Denmark”.

This year Nina J. Koefoed has also been promoted to full professor and will give her inaugural lecture on 8. March. Bo Holm has begun organising the 15th International Congress for Luther Research, which will take place in Aarhus in August 2026. 70 years after the first Luther congress, also in Aarhus. Just before Christmas, the Carlsberg Foundation awarded Bo Holm a Monograph Fellowship for the project "The Consolation of Theology in Luther's and Melanchthon's Later Writings".

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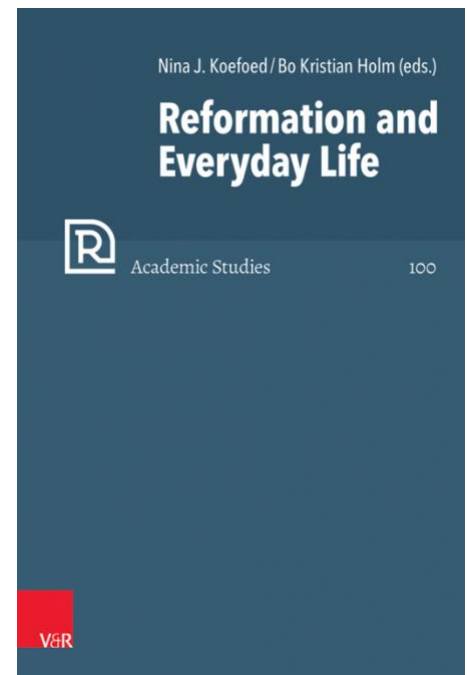
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### Reformation and Everyday Life

Nina Javette Kofoed and Bo Holm (Eds). Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Verlag 2023.

The European reformations meant major changes in theology, religion, and everyday life. Some changes were immediate and visible in a number of countries: monasteries were dissolved, new liturgies were introduced, and married pastors were ordained, others were more hidden.

Theologically, as well as practically the position of the church in the society changed dramatically, but differently according to confession and political differences. This volume addresses the question of how the theological, liturgical, and organizational changes brought by the reformation within different confessional cultures throughout Europe influenced the everyday life of ordinary people within the church and within society. The different contributions in the book ask how lived religion, space, and everyday life were formed in the aftermath of the reformation, and 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.



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To celebrate the release of the book, which was given the honor of being published as volume 100 in the R5AS series, REFORC has made a short video introducing the book.

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

### Viewing poor relief in a different light and reaching new insights to our understanding of the early modern Danish state

- 21.02.2023: Maria Nørby Pedersen

Did the Reformation or religion have any impact on poor relief in Denmark? If yes, in which way? This is a tricky, and old, question. New research has sought to approach the question from new angles, considering contemporary religious worldviews to study how poor relief has been conceptualized as a Christian practice in law between 1520-1740. This has made it possible to show that, after the Reformation, poor relief was in fact not a grim new state responsibility that solely concentrated on criminalizing begging. Rather, taking care of the poor and needy, while making sure all subjects had the opportunity to do good for their poor neighbor, was defined as a central Christian and kingly responsibility in the new Lutheran Kingdom.

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This woodcut shows a woman giving alms to a poor box in 19th century Denmark. Communal alms collection was an important part of post-reformation poor relief legislation. Woodcut by Andreas Flinch and Johan Thomas Lundbye, SMK.

### Events

#### LUMEN lecture series in 2023

**Marts 13: Anders Berg-Sørensen:** "Politiske fortællinger om kristen nationalisme: Den Lutherske arv i aktuel dansk politik" ["Political narratives of Christian nationalism: The Lutheran heritage in current Danish politics"]

**April 27: Sivert Angel:** "Trenger de religion i Asia? Opplysningsmannen Christian Wolff og pietisten Joachim Lange kontrovers om synden (1721 – 1723)" ["Do they need religion in Asia? The Enlightenment man Christian Wolff and the Pietist Joachim Lange controversy about sin (1721 - 1723)"]

**Oktober 24: Nina Holm Vohnsen:** "Forsørget – ligheder mellem reformationstidens fattigforordninger i Nordeuropa og nutidens beskæftigelsespolitik" ["State relief- similarities between the reformation-era poor regulations in Northern Europe and today's employment policies"]

#### OTHER EVENTS

**March 2-4: Tagung des theologischen Arbeitskreises für Reformationsgeschichtliche Forschung (TARF) & The Nordic Luther Network, Sandbjerg Gods**

Thema: Das Jahr 1523: Konsequenzen der reformatorischen Theologie für Kirche und Gesellschaft

**April 26: LUMEN paperseminar: Den danske mission i Indien**

Interdisciplinary paper seminar on the Danish mission in India, its role in Denmark and in India, and the missionaries' interaction with Indian society.

**May 11-13: Twelfth Annual REFORC Conference on Early Modern Christianity**

Theme: Early Modern Christianity, Economic Entrepreneurship, and Social Welfare

**June 2: Workshop on variations of early modern Lutheranism in the Danish territories**

An explorative workshop at Aarhus University, hosted by LUMEN and the Research Unit for Church History, addresses the shortcomings in the historiography of early modern Lutheranism and puts studies on the Danish territories in the focal centre. At the workshop, Danish researchers are joined by international experts on confessionalization and confessional culture, Professor Birgit Emich from Frankfurt am Main, and Professor Matthias Pohlig from Berlin.

## IV. Lutheranism and Danish Societal Development

This project has now come to an end. In November, the last international volume on Reformation and Everyday Life in the R5AS series was published by the REFORC consortium at Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. The question of the impact of the Reformation on the practices of everyday life has proved as fruitful in an international perspective as it has been in a Danish national setting.

The implications of this collaborative project will now feed into the forthcoming research project on the Danish petition, once the database has been established.

### Published in 2023

- N. J. Koefoed & Bo K. Holm (eds.): **Reformation and Everyday Life**. R5AS 100. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2023

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#### Part I: Religions Formation of Everyday Life

- Lee Palmer Wandel: **"Reformation of time."**
- Jette Bendixen Rønkilde: **"Teaching, Learning, and Living the Sacraments: an Examination of Pontoppidan's Cathecism."**
- Päivi Räisänen-Schröder: **"Lived Religion and Anabaptism: Considerations for Future Research."**
- Jakub Koryl: **"What did Luther want to hear? Introducing the aural history of the Reformation."**
- Bonnie Noble: **"Interrupted Illusions in Dürer's Melencolia I."**

#### Part II: Reformation and the Household

- Kirsi Stjerna: **"Confessing with Courage and Conviction: Women and the European Reformations"**
- Per Seesko-Tønnesen: **"The Lutheran household at long range: obligation and devotion in instructions for noble travellers from Denmark c. 1580–1660."**
- Paolo Astorri and Lars Cyril Nørgaard: **"A little republic: the conceptualisation of the household according to Henning Arnisaeus"**
- Mette M. Ahlefeldt-Laurvig: **"Lying without the Church": Women, Churching and Everyday Life in Early Modern Denmark."**

#### Part III: Negotiating religion in everyday life

- Martin Berntson: **"Reformation and Resistance in Everyday Life and Piety."**
- Aleksandra Matczynska: **"The Dispute Over an Epitaph: Remarks on Commemorative Function of Female Artistic Patronage in Late Sixteenth-Century Silesia."**
- Mattias Sommer Bostrup: **"Experiencing the Religious Other on Nordstrand, c. 1650-1700."**
- Sini Mikkola: **"They cling to Christian freedom?: Martin Luther, religious women and the defence of contemplative life."**

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## VI. The Nordic Household State

The collaborative and comparative project on the Nordic household state, funded by Sweden's RIKSBANKENS JUBILEUMSFOND in 2018 and led by Urban Claesson from Church History in Uppsala, has also come to an end. The project, which investigated how Lutheran theology formed the basis of the strong states in both Denmark and Sweden during the 17th and 18th centuries, will be published in a collective volume under the title: *Den nordiska hushållsstaten* [The Nordic Household State] in 2024, arguing for a new concept to understand the specifics of social development in the Nordic countries.

### Forthcoming book:

- Claesson, Urban & Nina J. Koefoed (eds.): *Den nordiska hushållsstaten – variationer på ett tema av Luther. Auktoritet och ansvar i de tidigmoderna danska och svenska riken* [The Nordic Household state – variations upon a theme by Luther. Authority and responsibility in the early modern Danish and Swedish realms], Stockholm: Makadams Förlag 2024

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## VII. NOS-HS Network: Nordic Variation of Protestant Governance

### NOS-HS workshops on Nordic Variation of Protestant Governance

After completing a series of three workshops on Household, Parish, and State, funded by The Joint Committee for Nordic research councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NOS-HS), the organisers (Nina J. Koefoed, Jørn Ø. Sunde, and Urban Claesson) are now editing a volume within the Routledge book series, Routledge Studies in Eighteenth-Century Cultures and Societies. The book titled, *Household, Parish, and State: variations of Protestant Governance*, will be published in 2024.



The book explores and discusses the Lutheran influence on Early Modern European societies and reconsiders dominant theories on the societal influence of Protestantism built on the Reformed Tradition by introducing findings and perspectives on connections between theology and societal change within the Lutheran sphere. The chapters in the book examine the Lutheran influence on Nordic societal development through three levels of governance: the household, the parish, and the state and discuss how the Reformation established a culture of interconnected and far-reaching governance in the Nordic countries as distinct from German Lutheran areas that politically were part of the Holy Roman Empire.

## VIII. Other publications

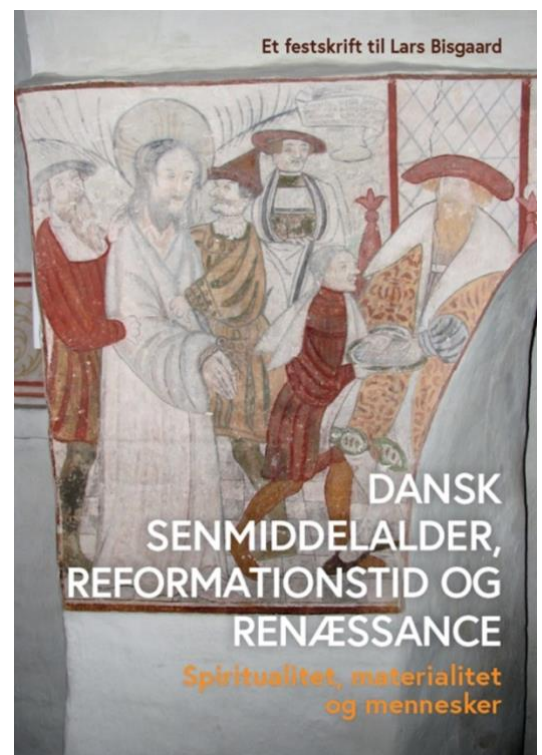
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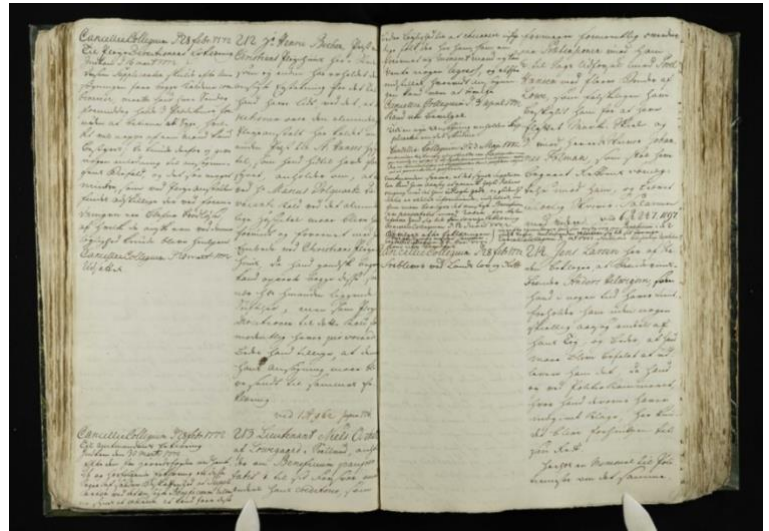
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Voices of the People. A digital platform for 18<sup>th</sup> century petitions

The digitization project, *Voices of the people. A digital platform for 18th century petitions*, funded by the **Carlsberg Foundation**, was launched in August 2023. The petition records from the central administration of the absolute monarchy have now been digitized and uploaded to the Transkribus Platform. Research assistant Line Keller Jensen and six student assistants are working hard with training AI-models for both segmenting pages and transcribing the handwritten sources. We hope to be able to publish the first decade of the transcribed petitions on Transkribus Site in 2024 where they will be open access, searchable and accessible to researchers in entirely new ways.



X. The Consolation of Theology in Luther and Melanchthon

THE CONSOLATION OF THEOLOGY IN LUTHER'S AND MELANCHTHON'S LATER WORK: CONSEQUENCES FOR DOCTRINE AND SOCIETY

*Monograph Fellowship to Bo Kristian Holm for the year 2024.*

For the Lutheran Reformers, Luther and Melanchthon, the aim for theology was consolation of the anxious soul. After 1528, the care of doctrine became important for both. Reading lesser-known German sources by Melanchthon, this project will revise the understanding of their internal relationship and give new insight in how the consolatory revolution in Wittenberg impacted on doctrine and society. This project has developed alongside the activities of the LUMEN Centre. The Carlsberg Foundation has now granted a one-year sabbatical to complete the work.

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LUMEN Lectures

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March 8, 14.

Nina J. Koefoed, Inaugural lecture.

April 8, 15-17

Anna Vind, Copenhagen, "Words and things. Readings of thoughts about language and truth in the Renaissance"

Autumn, TBA

Bo Kristian Holm, LUMEN, "The Consolation of Theology in Luther's and Melancthon's later writings."

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