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The second year of the LUMEN-Center has now gone. Even though the publicity caused by the Reformation anniversary in 2017 was enjoyable, it has been quite gratifying to have time for proper research again. The EPCOT-network that has been running for 1½ year is reaching its end; PhD students are finishing their theses; and the Center is no longer a newcomer. 2018 has been a year of intense scholarly activity with numerous guests visiting us in order to present and discuss their research.

The interdisciplinary approach, which defines the LUMEN-Center, has proven highly rewarding as it connects different academic disciplines to the benefit of both the involved disciplines and the overall discussion of the relation between religion and societal change.

Inspired by the successful Danish blog on www.reformation.au.dk, we have begun publishing a new English blog with monthly entries on www.lumen.au.dk. Our aim is to present ongoing research and research approaches for an international audience.

Below you will find more information on the different activities in the LUMEN-Center.

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I. CENTER ACTIVITIES

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This year's most well attended event was a seminar held in celebration of Per Ingesman on the occasion of his 65th birthday. Under the headline "Religion as explanation?" scholars were invited to reflect on the impact of Per Ingesman's research, which serves as a central source of inspiration for the research approaches defining the LUMEN- Center. The papers along with a number of other articles have been published in a Festschrift dedicated to Ingesman, which was presented to him at the end of the seminar.



Per Ingesman opened the seminar "Religion as Explanation?" with an inspiring lecture on the ecclesiology of the Danish King Christian III (photo: LUMEN/bkh).

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| 5/2 | Seminar with Oswald Bayer in cooperation with Danish Luther Forum: "Martin Luther's theology for today". Bayer's lecture "Luthers "simul iustus et peccator" is available in Kerygma und Dogma 64 (2018), 249-264 |
| 9/5 | Seminar with Anders Sevelsted, postdoc at Copenhagen Business School: "Den protestantiske frivilligheds opst  en og indflydelse i Danmark: K  benhavns Indre Mission og Bl   Kors" (The emergence and influence of Protestant voluntary work in Denmark: Inner Mission and Blue Cross in Copenhagen) |
| 9/11 | Religion som forklaring? Seminar i anledning af Professor Per Ingesmans 65-  rs f  dselsdag (Religion as explanation? Seminar in celebration of Professor Per Ingesman's 65th birthday) |
| 14/11 | Akademisk holmgang mellem Bo Kristian Holm og Svend Andersen: "Dobbelt rolleombytning eller gensidig gaveudveksling?" (Academic "battle" between Bo Kristian Holm and Svend Andersen: "Double role exchange or mutual gift exchange?") |
| 12-13/12 | Workshop and lecture with Alexandra Walsham in cooperation with the "Aesthetics Seminar": "Converting the Cross: Monuments, Memory and Time in Post-Reformation England" |

Multiauthor works

Lutheran theology and the shaping of Danish Society: The Danish Monarchy as Example

ed. Nina Koefoed & Bo Kristian Holm, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2018.

In this book, the LUMEN-Center presents its interdisciplinary approach to confessional societies for an international audience.

The book studies the role of Reformation theology in the shaping of Danish society and the social dimensions of Lutheran confessional culture from different perspectives. It develops an approach, which makes it possible to draw strong conclusions about the social teaching of Luther and its impact on the development of Danish society.

The book works on a conceptual level by analyzing the social dimension of key Lutheran concepts and their translation into the doctrine of the three estates (church, household, and state) and on the level of lived experience within the three estates, not least the household.

In this way, the different chapters endeavor to connect the social ideas inherent in the Lutheran confession with the social formation of the Danish state from the Reformation and into the period of Absolutism.

The enduring mono-confessional situation, which defines the Danish Monarchy, makes it possible to study the impact of Lutheranism and the development of a confessional culture within a uniquely prolonged timeframe. The book focuses on basic mediums for the translation of Lutheran ideas into social practice: law, primarily connected to marriage and family, and the household as a place for primary social relations and as a basic social and political model. In this way, the book offers important insights for theologians, historians, sociologists, and anyone else interested in the relation between theology and sociality, confession and culture.

The collaborating authors behind this book are senior and junior scholars belonging to the LUMEN-Center as well as visiting guests.



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I. CENTER ACTIVITIES

Publications

Multiauthor works

Religion som forklaring? Kirke og religion i stat og samfund.

Festskrift til Per Ingesman

ed. Bo Kristian Holm, Nina Javette Koefoed & Sasja Emilie Mathiasen Stopa, Aarhus Universitetsforlag, 2018.

Bogen udforsker religionens betydning i Danmark på baggrund af de spor, som Professor Per Ingesman igennem sit forskerliv har lagt for vores forståelse af religionens rolle i samfundet.

Bogens tyve bidrag reflekterer bl.a. over hofprædikanternes indflydelse på Christian 3.s regeringstid, middelalderens pav breve til Norden, hor som et åndeligt fænomen i 1200-tallets Danmark og afskaffelsen af efterårskonfirmationen i 1950'ernes Aarhus.



Topical issue: Open Theology, Rethinking Reformation

ed. Niels Henrik Gregersen & Bo Kristian Holm, De Gruyter, 2018.

This topical issue presents main keynotes and papers from the conference Rethink! Reformation, Nov. 2017, organized by Aarhus University in cooperation with LUMEN on occasion of both the Reformation anniversary and Aarhus, European Capital of Culture, 2017.

The LUMEN Blog ed. Bo Kristian Holm & Nina Javette Koefoed

Nina Javette Koefoed, "Understanding an un-Christian life through negative emotions"

Rasmus Skovgaard Jakobsen, "Do you not know that staring is considered rude! Two dutiful nobles in a Danish parish church"

Eva Krause Jørgensen, "The Social Significance of the Eucharist in Early Modern Denmark"

Nina Javette Koefoed & Bo Kristian Holm, "Lutheran Theology and the Shaping of Society"

Jette Rønkilde, "Practicing theory – how contemporary theory can illuminate 500-year-old liturgical texts"

Nina Javette Koefoed, "Why Early Modern Historians should know their Catechism"

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II. LUTHERANISM AND DANISH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

This project is a collective project funded by the Danish Research Council in 2016. It consists of three senior researchers, a two-year postdoc, and a PhD student and is headed by Nina Javette Koefoed. The project asks how and to what extent the religious horizons of understanding created by the Reformation helped shape the perceptions of authority, responsibility, duty, and obligation, which became formative for Danish society and, ultimately, for the development 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.

This year, the project has organized a symposium, which addressed the possible connections between Lutheranism and the Nordic welfare state. This will be followed by a second symposium in February next year investigating comparative and methodical perspectives on confession and models of welfare. The symposiums will lead to a publication.

The social practices of the household was brought into focus when the group met for a seminar in Stockholm together with Swedish historians from the "Gender and work"-project in Uppsala and Swiss historians working on the early modern household. Finally, in December, the project organized a small seminar examining the role of sin in a highly influential Danish-Norwegian explanation of Luther's Small Catechism published in 1737. In this way, the project has contributed to the activities in LUMEN by investigating social responsibility, household, and the understanding of sin and trust as pivotal for early modern social theory.

ACTIVITIES

- 5/2** Seminar with Robert H. Nelson, Leen van der Molle, Jørn Henrik Petersen, Nina J. Koefoed, and Pirjo Markkola in cooperation with AIAS, AU: "Religion and Social Welfare. Lutheranism and Societal Development"
- 9/5** Conference in Uppsala: "Doing House: Social, Cultural, and Political Practices in Early Modern Europe"
- 9/11** "'Kiere Barn, vil du ikke gierne være lykkelig på Jorden og salig i Himmel?' – Synd, samvittighed og samfundsforståelse i 1700-tallets danske katekismusforklaringer" ('Dear child would you like to be happy on earth and saved in heaven?' – Sin, conscience, and social teaching in 18th Century Danish explanations of Luther's Small Catechism)
- Oct.-Dec.** Maria Nørgaard Pedersen, research stay at Oxford University with Lyndal Roper
- Oct.-Nov.** Sasja Emilie Mathiasen Stopa, research stay at Graduiertenkolleg Interkonfessionalität in der frühen Neuzeit, Universität Hamburg

II. LUTHERANISM AND DANISH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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III. AN ECONOMY OF RECEPTION? THE RELATION BETWEEN SACRAMENT AND SOCIALITY IN LUTHERAN PROTESTANT SOCIETIES

The project is a collective AUFF NOVA project funded by the Aarhus University Research Foundation and managed by Bo Kristian Holm. The project is experimental.

The ambition is to contribute to a new theory about Protestantism and a new approach to its study by answering various interconnected questions:

1. How does a focus on social and economic dimensions change our understanding of the role of liturgy for a Lutheran worldview?
2. How does a new understanding of the role of liturgy change our understanding of the influence of Lutheran Protestantism, thereby changing our understanding of the dependency of contemporary society on historical developments?

In 2018, the project organized two colloquiums. One on theology and modernity with Svend Andersen, Sigurd Baark, Hjalmar Falk, Bo Kristian Holm, Gorm Harste, and Eva Krause Jørgensen; and one on the relation between liturgy and society with Alexander Deeg, Bent Flemming Nielsen, Ninna Edgaard, Gorm Harste, Angelique Havenga, Bo Kristian Holm, and Jette Bendixen Rønkilde.

Besides the academic work both Jette Bendixen Rønkilde and Bo Kristian Holm have been members of liturgical commissions preparing a coming debate on liturgical renewal in the Danish Lutheran Church.

ACTIVITIES

- 22/6** Colloquium: "Teologi og modernitet" (Theology and modernity)
- 2/10** Colloquium: "The Relation between Liturgy and Society"



Alexander Deeg listening to responses after his lecture on the Eucharist as disruptive social practice (photo: LUMEN/bkh).

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IV. THE NORDIC HOUSEHOLD STATE: VARIATIONS UPON A THEME BY LUTHER

This comparative research project aims to study how Luther's ideas about the household and its mutual obligations have helped shape the Nordic 'household state'.

The project has been granted SEK 4.434.000 million from the Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond). The project is headed by Swedish church historian Urban Claesson from Dalarna University College, who also acts as coordinator for the Swedish part of the project. Associate professor Nina Koefoed (AU) heads the Danish part of the project, which also includes associate professor Gorm Harste (AU) and associate professor Bo Kristian Holm (AU).

The joint Swedish-Danish research project focuses on how the Reformation influenced society in the 17th and 18th century, where Lutheran theology played an essential role in the establishment of strong household states. One sub-project will study household ideals through catechisms, one will focus on court cases and how the household was understood and acted out in everyday life, while two other sub-projects focus on Denmark and Sweden as 'household states' from more general theological and ideological perspectives. The project is an extension of the project "Lutheranism and Danish social development" funded by the Independent Research Fund Denmark – Humanities and makes it possible to compare Danish results with similar Swedish studies.

Read about the project on the website of the Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences: <https://www.rj.se/en/anslag/2017/the-nordic-household-state-variations-upon-a-theme-by-luther/>

The project will start up in 2019.



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In 2017, the board of Aarhus University provided funding for the establishment of an interdisciplinary network under the LUMEN-Center with the aim of strengthening interdisciplinary research at Aarhus University.

EPCOT (Eucharistic, Political and Cultural Organizational Transformation before, during, and after the Reformation) has been situated at the LUMEN-Center with affiliated researchers from Aarhus BSS as well as the fields of theology, history, art history, law, the history of ideas, and philosophy.

The goal of the network has been to explore how the Eucharist functions as a model for organizing society (for instance) centrally or de-centrally. The network has been managed by postdoc Jette Bendixen Rønkilde and builds upon the research in the AUFF NOVA-project on sacrament and sociality. After a year of several interesting seminars on the relation between liturgy and society, the network closes by the end of 2018.

We expect that in the near future the network will result in research applications for both individual as well as collective projects.



Jørn Øyrehaugen Sunde presented his findings using digitized court materials from the Bergen area (photo: LUMEN/bkh).

ACTIVITIES

- 8/3** EPCOT Boot Camp about project development
- 14-15/5** Seminar and PhD course with Jørn Øyrehaugen Sunde: "From God and Neighbor to state and citizen – Grass root level law and religion 1640-1800"
- 4/6** EPCOT-Seminar with Hans-Georg Moeller & Paul d'Ambrosio: "Similarities and/or Synchronization between Chinese and Western communications of identity"
- 5-6/6** Seminar and PhD course with Lee Palmer Wandel: "The matter of liturgy"
- 2/10** LUMEN Colloquium: "The Relation between Liturgy and Society"
- 25-26/10** Seminar and PhD course with Christoffer Elwood: "On Earth as in Heaven: Sacrament, Spirituality, and Habits of Obedience in the Sixteenth-Century Reformations"
- 20-21/11** EPCOT-Seminar and PhD course with Prof. Dr. Sabine Hiebsch: "Ecclesiology of a Lutheran minority in the Dutch Golden Age: A closer look at the sources"
- 23/11** Seminar: "Niklas Luhmann om 'selvbeskrivelser', religion og væren" (Niklas Luhmann on "self-descriptions", religion, and being)
- 18/12** Closing EPCOT seminar

VI. REFORMATION ARCHEOLOGY IN DENMARK

Focusing on the material culture related to the daily life in the early modern household, the project raises questions on material strategies for the godly household, the ideal of godly living, and how objects can inform discussions on impact and resilience, temporality and regionality as well as social strategies during a ‘long reformation’.

Furthermore, it explores whether it is possible to identify different material strategies within the daily setting of multiple protestant confessions in Europe and whether a Lutheran mono-confessional state like Denmark supported particular ways of demonstrating religious standpoints materially.

ACTIVITIES

- 6/12** Seminar with Andrew Morrall, Edgar Ring, Laura Katrine Skinnebach, and Jakob Ørnbjerg: “Living with God. A material approach to the early modern Lutheran household in Denmark”

PUBLICATIONS

- Kristiansen, M. S.**, “Reformation, tro og arkæologi - Konfessionalisering som arkæologisk arbejdsmark?”, Arkæologisk Forum, 2018.

VII. PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR 2019

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- 11-12/2** Symposium: "Confession and Social Responsibility"
- 11/4** Seminar: "Living with God: A Material Approach to the Early Modern Lutheran Household in Denmark II. Tools and Things"
- May** Seminar: Pietism
- September** Seminar: "The Word became flesh and lived among us' - The Word of God as material reality in Lutheran confessional culture"
- November** Seminar: "Trust and authority"

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Louise Nyholm Kallestrup, University of Southern Denmark, spiced up her lecture on catastrophes, witchcraft, and divine anger with anecdotes from her experiences with Per Ingesman at the seminar "Religion as explanation?" (photo: LUMEN/bkh).