



AIAS and LUMEN Symposium

RELIGION AND SOCIAL WELFARE

- Lutheranism and Societal Development



Monday, March 19th
At 09:30 — 18:00
The AIAS Auditorium,
Building 1632, Høegh-Guldbergs
Gade 6B, 8000 Aarhus C

Research has pointed to **similarities** in European development **across confessions** from the Reformation onwards, and likewise to the fact that understandings and **systems of welfare** within Europe today **follow confessional boundaries**.

Each of the three major confessions in Europe has its specific perception of **deserving and undeserving poor**, of **work**, of **social responsibility** and **authority**, but the consequences of this in relation to poor relief and social responsibility in general have been debated.

When Max Weber developed his work on **The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism**, he deliberately and almost exclusively drew on the reformed tradition and **Calvinism**.

Nevertheless, there has been a **strong tendency** in academic work to use his results as **covering** both the **reformed** and the **Lutheran countries**. The aim of this symposium is to **challenge** this understanding of **Protestantism as one** and discuss the possibility of talking of a Lutheran social ethic or teaching with consequences for the **development** of a **Nordic model** for societal development and, eventually, welfare.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM:

09:30 - 10:00	Registration and coffee	14:30 - 15:30	Professor Pirjo Markkola (University of Tampere): Family, Gender and Lutheranism in the 20th Century: The Case of Finland. <i>Commentators: Andrew Newby & Thorsten B. Olesen</i>
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome	15:30 - 16:00	Coffee
10:15 - 11:15	Professor Robert Nelson (University of Maryland): Lutheranism and the Nordic Spirit of Social Democracy. A Different Protestant Ethic. <i>Commentators: Mary Hilson & Charlotte Appel</i>	16:00 - 17:00	Associate Professor Nina Javette Koefoed (Aarhus University): Lutheran Authority and Social Responsibility in 18th and 19th Century Denmark. <i>Commentators: Andrew Newby & Thorsten B. Olesen</i>
11:15 - 12:15	Professor Leen van Molle (KU Leuven): Celibacy, Courtship or Marriage? Religions in the maelstrom of Social Modernity. <i>Commentators: Charlotte Appel & Bo Kristian Holm</i>	17:00 - 18:00	Final discussion. <i>Chair: Bo Kristian Holm</i>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 - 14:30	Professor Jørn Henrik Petersen (University of Southern Denmark): Does Luther have a Paternity Case? Reflections on Luther and the Danish Welfare State. <i>Commentators: Bo Kristian Holm & Mary Hilson</i>		

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