CJMC Newsletter No. 3
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With this newsletter, we invite you to events taking place at CJMC and provide information about new projects and publications in the field of Jewish Studies in the Scandinavian countries. By establishing a network that connects researchers from different disciplines, we hope to facilitate interdisciplinary and international cooperation.

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The “Center for the Study of Jewish Thought in Modern Culture” (CJMC) at the University of Copenhagen was launched in March 2014.

It offers a public forum for exchanges of thought between scholars interested in Judaism and its impact in modern and postmodern philosophy, theology, psychology, history, sociology, literature, art, and culture in general.

The center’s aim is to create an academic home for the discussion of three focal areas which are particularly prominent in Jewish thought, but which also have a much broader significance:

1. post-Holocaust hermeneutics and philosophy of language
2. trauma, witnessing, and memory mediation
3. images of (in)humanity in religion, art, and ethics.

CJMC’s multi-disciplinary approach is propelled by scholarly interests not only in classic, but also in forgotten or understudied Jewish sources and their capacity to enrich contemporary culture. Thereby we wish to initiate a dialogue between foreign and familiar voices from the past and present, and to link internal and outside perspectives on Jewish thought.

NEWS

• Fulbright specialist

Professor Shelley Salamensky (University of Louisville and UCLA’s School of Theater, Film and Television, Los Angeles) will join us as a Fulbright specialist from September 25 to October 13, 2015. Her office will be located at the southern campus (Department of English, Germanic and Romance Studies, Njalsgade 128). Read more about her research
• **Memorial service**

On May 4, 2015, CJMC’s Director Claudia Welz was invited to deliver the sermon at a memorial service in Gilleleje Church on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Denmark’s liberation from German occupation in 1945. [Read the sermon here](#)

• **Activities at CJMC in spring 2015:**

April 28-29
Workshop and PhD course with Paul Mendes-Flohr: *Judaism despite Christianity? The 1916 Correspondence between Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy and Franz Rosenzweig.* [Read more](#)

May 5
Two lectures on occasion of the 70th anniversary of Denmark’s liberation 1945: *Post-Holocaust Theology, Philosophy and Literature.* [Read more](#)

May 18-20
International conference and PhD course: *(Hi)Stories of Holocaust Memory – Jewish Thought in Modern Culture.* [Read more](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

• **Activities at CJMC in fall 2015:**

September 30, 2015
Open lecture by Shelley Salamensky: *Culture, Memory, Context: Reenactments of Traumatic Histories in Europe and Eurasia* [Read more](#)

October 7-9, 2015
International conference, workshop, and PhD course: *Trauma, Memory, Media* [Read more] (Participation is free, but registration is required)

October 23, 2015
One-day research seminar: *The Concept of Trauma* [Read more] (Participation is free, but registration is required)

For updates, please see the [CJMC calendar](#)

• **Courses on offer in Jewish Studies (University of Copenhagen):**

For PhD courses, see here: [http://teol.ku.dk/cjmc/english/calendar/](http://teol.ku.dk/cjmc/english/calendar/)

At MA level, “European thought after the Holocaust” (interdisciplinary course in fall 2015 including History, Germanic Studies, Ethics and Philosophy of Religion, taught in Danish, more information to be found here: [http://kurser.ku.dk/course/HHIK05321U/2015-2016](http://kurser.ku.dk/course/HHIK05321U/2015-2016))
Activities at other universities

October 3-9, 2015
*Judaism and Christianity in Rome in the first millenium*

Venue: Accademia di Danimarca/Det Danske Institut in Rome
Organizers: Birte Poulsen and Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University
Read more about this seminar and the Nordic Network for the Study of Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the First Millenium

RECENT PUBLICATIONS
By affiliated researchers in Scandinavia

Since the field of Jewish Studies is still under-represented at universities in the Nordic countries, and since many scholars in this field do their work more or less isolated, without the support of flourishing research environments, we include an overview of recent Scandinavian publications in the newsletter.


- “Introduction: Dialectics of In-Visibility in Religion, Art, and Ethics” (pp. 1-18).
- “Imago Dei and Crimes against Humanity: Jewish Perspectives on an Ethics of In-Visibility” (pp. 247-273).


*If you want to become part of the network and submit references to your recent work, you are welcome to contact Claudia Welz at cwe@teol.ku.dk.*