CJMC Newsletter No. 4  
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With this newsletter, we invite you to events taking place at CJMC and provide information about new projects, events 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

• News from CJMC’s affiliated researchers
- On December 14, 2015, Kirsten Heinsohn will move from Copenhagen to Hamburg. She will work as vice director at the Institute for Contemporary History (FZH: Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte). Her new email address is heinsohn@zeitgeschichte-hamburg.de.
- On January 1, 2016, Tine Bach will take up the position of the main editor of Jødisk Orientering and other media of the Jewish Community in Denmark.

- In August 2015, Emma O'Donnell began a two-year position as a postdoctoral research fellow at Lund University, within the project Theologies of Religion in Jerusalem, funded by the Crafoord Foundation. O'Donnell is currently conducting research in Jerusalem and at Lund University, writing a book on the construction of the idea of the Holy Land in contemporary experience. The book explores how Christian communities living in Israel and Palestine today formulate notions of sacred geography, identity, and the religious other.

  • Network for the Study of Nazism and the Holocaust (NNHS)

Since 2007, the University of Southern Denmark hosts the Network for the Study of Nazism and the Holocaust, which organizes study trips, a popular lecture series, and other events in Holocaust studies, the history of Nazism, World War II, and Denmark 1940-45. Membership by formless application to chairman Lasse Mortensen [formand@nnhs.dk]. If you want to receive invitations to the NNHS Wednesday lectures, please contact Therkel Straede [therkel@hist.sdu.dk].

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

  • Lecture and research seminar in Copenhagen

December 7, 2015
Open lecture by Esther Dischereit:
*Sich erinnern oder ein Eis essen: Klanginstallation 'Vor den Hohen Feiertagen gab es ein Flüstern und Rascheln im Haus'*
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April 8, 2016
Half-day research seminar at CJMC:
*Judaism, Writing, and Oral History after 1945*
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For updates, please see the [CJMC calendar](#).

  • Events in Lund, Helsinki, and Stockholm

- Symposium “Holocaust, Jewish Culture and Memory” (November 23, 2015) at Lund University about Jan Schwarz’ new book Survivors and Exiles.

- Symposium “Heidegger and Theology – After the Black Notebooks” (December 14-15, 2015), Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University. Registration by December 1, 2015. Email to jayne.svenungsson@teol.lu.se.

- The call for papers for the EASR Conference in Helsinki on “Relocating Religion” (June 28 – July 1, 2016) is open between November 15 and December 31, 2015. There are several sessions on Judaism.
- Conference “Commemorating Painful Pasts through Performative Practices” (June 15-17, 2016), hosted by the Department of Culture and Aesthetics, Stockholm University, Sweden.

- PhD Courses on offer in Jewish Studies

For PhD courses at CJMC, see http://teol.ku.dk/cjmc/english/calendar/
For PhD courses at all universities in Denmark, see https://phdcourses.dk/

**RECENT ACTIVITIES**

- 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

  October 23, 2015
  One-day research seminar:
  *The Concept of Trauma*
  Read more

- Interdisciplinary MA course

  In fall/winter 2015, the University of Copenhagen has offered a cross-faculty course on “European thought after the Holocaust” (interdisciplinary Master course 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).

**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, we include an overview of recent Scandinavian publications in the newsletter.

Sofie Lene Bak, Claus Bundgård Christensen, Joachim Lund, and Jakob Sørensen, *Turen går til besættelsestidens København*, Politikens Forlag 2015.


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* 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.