CJMC Newsletter No. 9
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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.

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**

- **Open positions**

The Theological Faculty at Uppsala University has announced five fully financed 4-year PhD positions starting in autumn 2018. The deadline for applications is Feb 4, 2018, see [http://www uu se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=181893](http://www uu se/en/about-uu/join-us/details/?positionId=181893). As the field of Jewish studies is not part of the PhD program, applicants need to apply in History of Religions, Hebrew Bible, Philosophy of Religion, or Ethics.
News from CJMC’s affiliated researchers and our network in Scandinavia

Catherine Bjørnholt Michaelsen has received a 2-year postdoctoral research fellowship from the Danish Carlsberg Foundation for her project “The Ethos of Poetry: The Liberating Potential of Poetic Language in a Philosophical and Psychopathological Perspective” (starting on February 1, 2018).

Tue Ravn (MA in Theology, University of Copenhagen) interns with us at CJMC in January 2018.

Call for papers: Judaism panel at the 19th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture (ISRLC 2018) in Uppsala

International and interdisciplinary conference at the University of Uppsala (September 28-30, 2018), see http://isrlc2018.se. Please send proposals and abstracts (around 300 words) and a short bio to Marianne Schleicher (ms@cas.au.dk). The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS
(winter/spring 2018)

Events at CJMC in Copenhagen (NB: participation is free, but online registration required)

January 12, 2018
Research seminar and PhD course
Transfiguring Pain Poetically: Exploring the Liberating Potential of Artistic Creation

March 16, 2018
Open seminar
Phenomenology of Listening (no. 2): Existential Psycho(patho)logy

May 3, 2018
Open seminar
Phenomenology of Listening (no. 3): Ethics and the Voice of Conscience

For updates, please see the CJMC calendar

Other events in Scandinavia

February 6, 2018
CPS Workshop at University of Copenhagen
Phenomenology, Judaism, and National Socialism
March 4-5, 2018
Workshop at University of Oslo

The Jewish Tradition: Does It Matter?
Please contact Anneli Jensen at annelijj@student.teologi.uio.no to register in advance.

- PhD Courses offered 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 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 in isolation, without the support of active research environments, we include an overview of recent Scandinavian publications in the newsletter.

  - Editorial by Ruth Illman, Karin Hedner Zetterholm, p.1-3
  - Cross-dressing among medieval Ashkenazi Jews by Lena Roos, p. 4-22
  - Ivan Baruch Kutisker in Finland by André Swanström, p. 23-38
  - Gestaltningen och etablerandet av Förintelsesminnet i Sverige by Tanja Schult, p. 39-62
  - Den judisk-katolska relationen by Jennifer Nyström, p. 63-77
  - Från kantonister till revolutionärer – judisk historia in Finland by Kristian Gerner

* 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.