RELIGION AND SOCIAL WELFARE
- Lutheranism and Societal Development

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.

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

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM:

09:30 - 10:00   Registration and coffee
10.00 - 10:15   Welcome
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. Commentators: Bo Kristian Holm & Mary Hilson
14:30 - 15:30   Professor Pirjo Markkola (University of Tampere): Family, Gender and Lutheranism in the 20th Century: The Case of Finland. Commentators: Andrew Newby & Thorsten B. Olesen
15:30 - 16:00   Coffee
16:00 - 17:00   Associate Professor Nina Javette Koefoed (Aarhus University): Lutheran Authority and Social Responsibility in 18th and 19th Century Denmark. Commentators: Andrew Newby & Thorsten B. Olesen
17:00 - 18:00   Final discussion. Chair: Bo Kristian Holm

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