



Workshop on variations of early modern Lutheranism in the Danish territories

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Aarhus University

What was the face of early modern Lutheranism? Did the confessionalization of Lutheranism in the early modern period entail the development of a distinct confessional culture that set Lutheranism apart from the other Christian confessions? Does it even make sense to speak of a Lutheran confession? Scholars have come up with several answers to these questions, mainly focusing on Lutheranism within the Holy Roman Empire. However, evidence from outside Imperial Lutheranism suggests that the models revolving around Germany do not fully apply to Lutheranism in, e.g., Scandinavia or the Dutch Republic.

An explorative workshop at Aarhus University, hosted by LUMEN and the Research Unit for Church History, addresses the shortcomings in the historiography of early modern Lutheranism and puts studies on the Danish territories in the focal centre. At the workshop, Danish researchers are joined by international experts on confessionalization and confessional culture, Professor Birgit Emich from Frankfurt am Main, and Professor Matthias Pohlig from Berlin.

Everybody is welcome. **For further information**, please contact Mattias Sommer Bostrup, assistant professor of church history, msb@cas.au.dk.

Venue: Aarhus University Conference Centre, Meeting Room 2 (Building 1420), Fredrik Nielsens Vej 2-4, 8000 Aarhus C

Program:

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| 10:00 – 10:15 Words of welcome and introduction to the workshop:
<i>How to study and conceptualize early modern Lutheranism</i> (Mattias Sommer Bostrup, Aarhus University) | 14:15 – 14:45 Short paper: <i>On the marriage of close relatives. Andreas Hojer revisited</i> (Tine Reeh, University of Copenhagen) |
| 10:15 – 11:15 Keynote lecture: <i>Were there “Konfessionen” in the early modern period? On the history of a problematic concept</i> (Birgit Emich, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt a.M.) | 14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break |
| 11:15 – 12:15 Keynote lecture: <i>Lutheran confessional culture: Concepts and problems</i> (Matthias Pohlig, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin) | 15:15 – 15:45 Short paper: <i>Confessional knowledge circulation: a profile of Danish pastors’ book collections</i> (Jonas Thorup Thomsen, Aarhus University) |
| 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch break | 15:45 – 16:15 Short paper: <i>Church historiography between confessionalism and enlightenment: Erik Pontoppidan and Adam Struensee</i> (Mattias Sommer Bostrup, Aarhus University) |
| 13:15 – 13:45 Short paper: <i>1617: The very late Lutheran confessionalization in Denmark</i> (Carsten Bach-Nielsen, Aarhus University) | 16:15 – 16:45 Short paper: <i>J.C. Dippel and nonconformist Lutheranism in Danish 18th Century Lutheran Pietism</i> (Rasmus Dreyer, University of Copenhagen) |
| 13:45 – 14:15 Short paper: <i>Confessional societies and the role of religion in societal development – an analytical approach</i> (Bo Kristian Holm/Nina Koefoed, Aarhus University) | 16:45 – 17:45 General discussion |
| | 19:00: Dinner (Optional) |

Organiser: LUMEN in collaboration with Research Unit for Church History