

Researching and Writing Contemporary European History

Friday 26th June 2026, building 1461-516 (*Department of History and Classical Studies*), 10:00 - 12:30



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For several decades now, the social and political systems of the Nordic countries have been described as a 'Nordic model'. The term has many meanings, referring variously to comprehensive welfare states and flexible labour markets, high levels of social equality, deep-seated traditions of consensual politics, or commitments to internationalism. Increasingly, however, notions of Nordic exceptionalism have been challenged, not least by scholars working with post-colonial perspectives on Nordic history.

In this workshop, organised together with the Danish Society for Contemporary History and the editors of the journal *Contemporary European History*, we explore recent colonial pasts in Danish and Nordic history and discuss the challenges of writing and researching these topics in the current political context.

Speakers: Søren Rud (Copenhagen University), Astrid Nonbo Andersen (DIIS), *Contemporary European History* editors and editorial board members



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