



Welcome to Nordic Society of Middle Eastern Studies

22-24 September 2016, Odense, Denmark



Welcome

On behalf of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies (NSM) we would like to invite you to the Tenth Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, *“Formations of Middle Eastern Subjectivities – Cultural Heritage, Global Structures and Local Practices”*, which takes place at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense, 22-24 September 2016.

The Nordic Society is an independent and non-profit association for scholars in the Nordic countries (<http://thenordicsociety.se>). - Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden - working on the Middle East. It covers all subjects in the humanities and social sciences, from antiquity to the present day, and it is open for membership beyond the Nordic countries. The associational conference of NSM takes place every third year in one of the four Nordic countries. In 2016, the Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies at the University of Southern Denmark is hosting the conference in Odense. Located on the island of Funen, Odense is known as the hometown of Hans Christian Andersen and offers a number of tourist attractions such as museums, restaurants, parks, and a zoo. The University of Southern Denmark (SDU) has about 30.000 students and combines local roots with an international outlook. The main campus of the university is in Odense, while it has five other campuses located in Southern Jutland and on Zealand. This brochure will give you the necessary information about the conference and accomodation in Odense, as well as on means of transportation to and within Odense.

As organizers of the conference and members of the board of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies, we are looking forward to welcoming you at our conference in Odense 2016.

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Formations of Middle Eastern Subjectivities

Cultural Heritage, Global Structures and Local Practices

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In the past decades, the exploration of the formation of modern subjectivities has developed into a core field of the humanities and social sciences. This strand of research is asking for social practices and codes; it investigates competing bodies of knowledge, social performances and emotions; interprets textual and visual forms of discourse; analyzes the interrelations of social practices with material artifacts and means of communication; observes individual forms of subjectivity as well as the interaction in social fields and classes. Taking formations of Middle Eastern subjectivities as its departure point, the Tenth Nordic Conference aims to provide a broad platform for contemporary research on the Middle East and Islam while focusing on the interlacements of cultural heritage, global structures and local practices.

Disciplinary, methodological, and theoretical questions regarding the interrelation among these three fields of research will be discussed at two roundtables on Area Studies and the formation of modern Muslim subjectivities that take place Thursday and Friday after dinner. Confirmed keynote speakers at these roundtables are **Pinar Bilgin** (Bilkent University, Ankara), **Henner Fürtig** (GIGA, German Institute of Global and Area Studies), **Sherine Hafez** (University of California, Davis), **Matteo Legrenzi** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), **Zachary Lockman** (New York University), **Emma Murphy** (Durham University), **Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen** (University of Copenhagen) and **Samuli Schielke** (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin). In addition, the conference presents two keynote addresses by **Ingolf Thuesen** (University of Copenhagen) who will address the cultural heritage theme and **Walter Armbrust** (St. Antony's College, Oxford) who is going to discuss disciplinary challenges in researching Arab media.

The conference is supported by the following institutions: Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies (University of Southern Denmark), Center for Middle Eastern Studies (Lund University), Danish Council for Independent Research, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (University of Copenhagen), Faculty of Humanities (University of Southern Denmark), The Finish Institute in the Middle East, Institute for History (University of Southern Denmark), Odense Municipality.



■ Call for papers:

Papers, panels and roundtables on all topics within the field of Middle East and Islamic studies are welcome, including - but not limited to - the following themes:

Researching the Middle East beyond the confines of area studies; The urban bias in Middle East studies; The meanings of age and generation in the Middle East; Global/local Islam and Muslims' religious practices; Configurations of Conflict in the Middle East; Nationalism and post-colonial identities; 'Being there': Accounts, testimonials and political subject formation in the Middle East; Middle Eastern economies in global and historical perspective; The makings of cultural heritage in the Middle East; Cultural memory and the meaning of place; Middle East Media; Visual, literary, and popular cultures; Language politics and identities; The Middle East and global networks: Migration, diaspora and transnationality; Minorities in the Middle East; Middle Eastern Christians within and outside the Middle East.

The **deadline** for submitting proposals for a **roundtable** or a **pre-organized panel** is **31 December 2015**. For a roundtable, please submit a proposal comprising an abstract of about 150 words on the theme and the names and institutional affiliations of convener, chair, and panelists. For pre-organized panels, please submit a proposal comprising the names and institutional affiliations of convener, chair, and panelists, as well as title and abstract of about 150 words for the panel as such and for each paper presented. A pre-organized panel consists of a chair plus 3-4 panelists with single papers.

The **deadline** for submitting proposals for **individual papers** is **31 January 2016**. Please submit your name, institutional affiliation and the title and abstract of your paper not exceeding 150 words.

All submissions should be sent to the following e-mail address: nordic2016@sdu.dk

■ Registration:

Registration will be possible between **15 February and 31 May 2016**. The registration fee for members of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies is **600 DKK**, for non-members the registration fee is **900 DKK**. The registration fee includes three lunches and two buffet dinners at the university. In addition there will be a free bus shuttle between the campus and the city in the morning and after the evening keynote roundtables. You will find the registration form from 15 February 2016 onwards on the homepage of the Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies, University of Southern Denmark: http://www.sdu.dk/Om_SDU/Institutter_centre/C_Mellemoest. The preliminary conference program will be available on the same website in April 2016, the final program in June 2016.



■ Conference facilities:

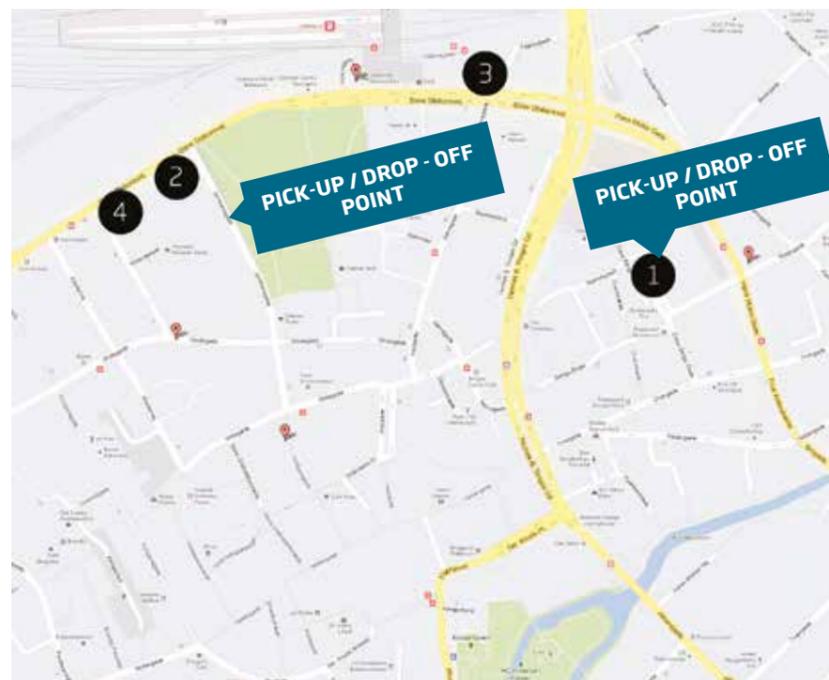


Hotels in Odense

In Odense, there is ample hotel capacity in the city centre no matter taste or budget. For the four hotels displayed here, SDU has made reservations which can be booked until 21 August 2016. A reservation form with price information is available on the homepage of the Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies. For reservation requests please send the form directly to the accommodation office of SDU (hotel@sdu.dk).

We have arranged a shuttlebus to the university in the morning and back to the city centre hotels after the conference programme is over.

If you need to go between the city centre and the university at any other time you can use Bus 41 and 42 (18 min. busride).



1 Radisson Blu H.C. Andersen Hotel

from 925 dkk/€ 125



2 Hotel Plaza Odense

from 750 dkk/€ 101



3 CABINN

540 dkk./€ 73



4 Hotel Ansgar

from 625 dkk/€ 84

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By Air

With Scandinavia's largest airport (Copenhagen) on the shoulder and an international and modern airport (Billund) at the heart of the region, getting to Southern Denmark is very easy. Together Copenhagen and Billund airports are directly connected to more than 100 cities all over the world and handle 296.000 arrivals and departures every year.

By Train

From Copenhagen Airport, a direct train journey of only 80 minutes will take you directly to Funen. However, this will put you in a dilemma. Should you be effective and work on your laptop or should you lean back and enjoy the great scenery of inspiring Denmark?

We look forward
to seeing
you!

