

Identity politics in post-global Nordic societies

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One of the most well-known paradigms of the post-globalised world (and one of the most criticised ones) has been F. Fukuyama’s “end of history”, that emerged immediately after the collapse of the Soviet bloc. Together with S. Huntington’s “clash of civilisations”, it underlines the inherent dichotomy of universalism and cultural relativism in the dynamic international society, in the concept of globalisation.

Where the above-mentioned narratives have been counter-narratives to the hegemonic narrative of globalization have we in the latest, years witnessed a fundamental change where the discourses of post- and anti-globalization have become dominant. F. Fukuyama in his newly published book ‘Identity’ (2018) to some extent renounced on his conclusion of the victory of the liberal democracy as the end of history. Instead he admits that he had overlooked the power and history of identity, dignity and memory.

The hegemony of the narrative of globalization has however also been undermined from the awareness of the climate changes, or with the words of Bruno Latour: The project of globalization has come to an end, because the earth cannot sustain it” (Politiken 23/5-2018). The replacement of the globalization narrative with post-globalization narratives questions the historical interpretations and becomes a field of politics of memory, and national identity constructions and this is the focal point of the workshop.

Programme

March 3, 2020

9:15 Welcome

9:30-11:30 Chaired session 1

- Mads Mordhorst, CBS
- Norbert Götz, Södertörn University
- Paulina Siegien, Gdansk
- Anders Ravn Sørensen, CBS

11:30-12:00 Discussion in groups

12:00-12:30 Lunch & check in

13:00-15:00 Presentations at Maritime museum

- Benjamin Asmussen, SM
- Morten Tænning, SM

15:30-17:30 Chaired session 2

- Kazimierz Musiał, Gdansk
- Lizaveta Dubinka-Hushcha, CBS
- Larisa Kangaspuro, Helsinki
- Michael Bennedsen Hansen, CBS

17:30-18:30 Discussion in groups

18:30-19:00 Wrap up

March 4, 2020

9:00-10:00 Podcast, interviews and discussion of future collaboration projects

11:00 Check-out