

31 January, 2018, 9 am – 4.30 pm
University of Southern Denmark
55 Campusvej, Odense, Denmark
Room: 100

Conference invitation

NORDIC MUSEUM HISTORIES



We are delighted to invite you to this exiting conference on Nordic museum histories:

Registration

The conference is free of charge and includes light refreshments morning and afternoon. Lunch is at conference delegates' own expense. For practical reasons, you need to register [here](#) no later than 15 January 2018.

Programme

Please see the full conference programme [here](#).

Conference theme

What are the approaches to understanding museum history? The conference explores answers to this question through an empirical focus on current studies of museum history in the Nordic countries of Europe.

The conference has a dual aim. We wish to explore how shifting societal, scientific and cultural ramifications have played into the formation of museums and have impacted changing public understandings of their missions and roles. We also wish to understand how a historical perspective on museums can inform current and future museum practices.

Key researchers of museum history will showcase three themes that characterise museum development since the 1600s: 1) museum communication, 2) practices of collection, and 3) museums and society. These thematical lenses facilitate an exploration of tacit as well as explicit understandings of the relations between

history, society and the public, relations that still underpin museum practices today.

You will meet invited speakers from Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands and Sweden; and discussants from the research and development programme *Our Museum* will add extra empirical richness to the themes under discussion.

You will also be able to contribute with your own insights and experiences through discussion with speakers and conference delegates.

Thus, the conference offers new approaches to studying museum history, to understanding museum developments in the Nordic countries of Europe, and to exploring how a historical perspective helps advance reflexive museum practices today.

The conference language is English.

Organisers

The research and development programme *Our Museum*

The Department for the Study of Culture, University of Southern Denmark
[Danish Centre for Museology Studies](#)

Pre-conference

An international PhD course on Nordic museum histories is hosted by *Our Museum* 30 January 2018. See [programme and registration here](#).