The 11th Nordic Conference of Religious Education

6 – 9 June 2011 in Aarhus, Denmark

The 11th Nordic Conference of Religious Education (NCRE) will take place at the Faculty of Theology, Aarhus University. We welcome researchers, practitioners and others interested in religious education to contribute in exploring the conference theme.

The focus of the 2011 NCRE conference will be on different ways of understanding and approaching Religious Education (RE) in a modern context. During the last decades, the field of RE has become polarized. While some have advocated for religious formation and socialization to be the core intention with this area of education, others have rather highlighted communication of knowledge and critical information. Whichever position one supports, the framework of RE is to some extent dictated by governmental control. Different positions will be given the floor during this conference, opening up for discussions on differences and/or concordances on what the task of RE should be in a globalized future.

The conference language is English, although papers presented in one of the Nordic languages are accepted.

Time: The conference starts at 11:00 on 6 June and ends at 13:30 on 9 June
Venue: The conference will take place at the Faculty of Theology, Aarhus University.

Registration
The registration fee of DKK 1800 (ca. € 240) includes admission to all sessions, lunches, dinners, refreshments during breaks and an excursion on Tuesday.

Please notice that registration will be through the conference website, hosted by the Faculty of Theology (www.teo.au.dk). The website will be opened as soon as possible.

Accommodation
Below is a list of accommodation at varying price ranges:

Transportation
The airports closest to Aarhus are
- AARHUS AIRPORT (http://www.aar.dk/default.asp?id=87) and
Aarhus Airport is approx. 45 minutes by bus from Aarhus, and the airport bus (line 925X) stops right outside the conference venue.
Billund Airport is approx. 90 minutes by bus from Aarhus. There is a 2 km walk from the bus stop to the conference venue.

**Organizing committee**

Associate Professor Johannes Nissen, Aarhus University (conference convenor)  
Associate Professor Peter Lodberg, Aarhus University  
Assistant Professor Kirstine Helboe Johansen, Aarhus University  
Assistant Professor René Dybdal Pedersen, Aarhus University  
Senior Lecturer Povl Götke, Centre for Theology and Theological Education Loegumkloster (TPC)  

Associated Professor Pia Rose Böwadt, University College Capital, Copenhagen, has taken part in the preparation of the conference as the Danish member of the National Coordinating Committee of NCRE.

Conference secretary is Marlene Jessen, Aarhus University.
Preliminary programme (updated 30 August 2010):

Conference theme: Religious Education between Formation, Knowledge and Control

Monday, 6 June 2011
11:00-12:00 Arrival and registration.
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-13:15 Welcome
Associate Professor Pia Rose Böwadt, University College Capital, Copenhagen (Danish member of the National Coordinating Committee of NCRE).
13:15-15:00 1st Keynote lecture
Professor Geir Skeie, Stockholm University, Sweden and University of Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway: Between formation and knowledge. Insights and challenges from Nordic research in religious education.
Respondent: Senior Lecturer Christina Osbeck, University of Karlstadt, Sweden.
15:00-15:30 Coffee and tea
15:30-18:00 Paper presentations
18:00-19:30 Dinner
19:30-21:00 Presentation of Research Project: Islam, Muslims and Danish Schools
Associate Professor Mark Sedgwick (project leader), Associate Professor Lene Kühle, and PhD Fellow Sidsel Vive Jensen. All three researchers are from Department of the Study of Religion, Aarhus University, Denmark.

Tuesday, 7 June 2011
8:30-10:00 2nd keynote lecture
Lecturer in Religious Studies, Norman Richardson, Stranmillis University College, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Diversity, Controversy and Good Relations: Practical Possibilities for Religious Education (preliminary title).
Respondent: Assistant Professor Mette Buchardt, University of Copenhagen.
10:00-10:30 Coffee and tea
10:30-12:00 Seminars
Three parallel seminars:
1. Religion, State and Education – polithological and historic epistemological approaches, chaired by Assistant Professor Mette Buchardt (Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, Unit of Educational Theory, University of Copenhagen) in cooperation with Professor Karin Sporre (Department of Education, Umeå University).
2. Citizenship between nation and globalization chaired by sociologist of religion, External Lecturer Carin Laudrup (Department of Cross-Cultural and Religious Studies, University of Copenhagen).
3. Religious education in the context of the Church of Denmark chaired by Senior Lecturer Leise Christensen (Centre for Theology and Theological Education Loegumkloster (TPC), Loegumkloster).
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-22:00 Excursion and visit at the folk high school Rønde Højskole
13:00-17:30 Excursion to Djursland (coffee and tea included).
18:00-21:00 Dinner at Ronde Højskole. After dinner, lecture by Professor Ove Korsgaard (Danish School of Education, Aarhus University) on the ideas behind the folk high schools in Denmark.
Wednesday, 8 June 2011
8:30-10:00 3rd keynote lecture
Professor Lisbet Christoffersen, Department of Society and Globalisation, Roskilde University: *European legal framework for teaching in schools and religious communities.*
Respondent: Researcher Pamela Slotte, The Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research/Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, Helsinki, Finland
10:00-10:30 Coffee and tea
10:30-12:00 Panel:
Theme: Religious education in the Nordic Public Sphere
Dean Lars Qvortrup, Danish School of Education (DPU), Aarhus University, Denmark
Research Associate Ida Marie Høeg, Centre for Church Research (KIFO), Oslo, Norway
Emeritus Associate Professor Rune Larsson, University of Lund, Sweden.
12:00-13:00 Lunch
13:00-15:00 Seminars
Parallel seminars:
1. Religion and nation building: Religious education as formation between the individual and the State – the Grundtivigian case, chaired by Michael Schelde, Director of the Grundtvig Study Centre, Aarhus University
2. Religious education and research in youth culture chaired by Søren Østergaard, Director of Centre for Youth Studies and Christian Education (CUR), Copenhagen.
3. Seminar organized by Associate Professor Tim Jensen, Southern University of Denmark, Odense (to be confirmed).
15:00-15:30 Coffee and tea
15:30-18:00 Paper presentations
19:00 Closing dinner

Thursday, 9 June 2011
9:00-10:30 4th keynote lecture
Professor Uta Pohl-Patalong, University of Kiel, Germany: *Aims and orientations for religious education in the 21st century – a theological perspective.*
Respondent: Associate Professor Johannes Nissen, Faculty of Theology, Aarhus University, Denmark.
10:30-11:00 Coffee and tea
11:00-12:30 Evaluation and open business meeting of the Nordic Conference of Religious Education
12:30-13:30 Lunch and departure
Call for papers

You are cordially invited to submit proposals for paper presentations at the conference. Papers may address aspects of the conference theme or may be on other topics of your own choice. Paper sessions will be arranged as parallel options and will be grouped according to themes.

The organizing committee has set up a list of themes hosted by significant scholars within each field. Additional sessions may be organized according to the submitted paper proposals. Each presenter should prepare for a 15-minutes presentation, which will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion.

Deadline for submission of abstracts (max 400 words): 15 January 2011
Notification of accepted proposals: 15 February 2011
Deadline for submission of full papers (max 2,000 words): 15 April 2011

Abstracts and full papers must be submitted to Johannes Nissen by e-mail at jn@teo.au.dk.

Paper presentations

1. Religious education: pedagogies and didactics (chaired by Associate Professor, Ph.D Fellow Keld Skovmand (DPU, Aarhus University) and Assistant Professor René Dybdal Pedersen (Faculty of Theology, Aarhus University).

2. Theology and church as context and perspective for Religious Education (chaired by Associate Professor Hans Raun Iversen, Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen).

3. Interreligious learning (chaired by Associate Professor Lakshmi Sigurdsson, University College Capital, Copenhagen).

4. State and Religious Education (chaired by Associate Professor Kirsten M. Andersen, Via University College, Silkeborg).

5. Seminar for PhD Students (chaired by Associate Professor Pia Rose Böwadt, University College Capital, Copenhagen and Associate Professor Gunnar Gunnarsson, School of Education, University of Iceland, Reykjavik).

Additional sessions may be organized according to paper proposals.