



CSN, Newsletter 2, May/June 2019

The Spring Semester is drawing to a close – we have just one Roundtable left, ie Professor Nils Holtug’s presentation titled *Does Nationhood Promote Egalitarian Justice? Challenging the National Identity Argument*, scheduled for 7 June at 10:15 in Room 27.0.17.

Otherwise CSN is in good shape and developing satisfactorily, though it was a setback that Professor Pippa Norris regretfully was compelled to cancel her participation in the video conference we had planned for her and which we had been looking forward to a great deal. However, as she said herself, it is impossible to conduct a video-based seminar from a Qantas flight between Boston and Canberra, where she would be at the designated time. It is a comfort that we all have access to her (and Ronald Inglehart’s) book that appeared not long ago, *Cultural Backlash* (CUP), in which they analyze populism in especially the UK and the USA from a political science and voter-oriented perspective.

As you will see below, our Fall Program is both varied, comprehensive and ambitious. It comprises, for instance, a critical view of the Chinese Belt & Road Initiative and its impact on and consequences for European nation-states; an analysis of the historical roots of the Catalan independence movement; a look at

the ever more popular Indian nationalism, which just brought Prime Minister Modi a sweeping victory; a presentation which will introduce us to some of the nooks and crannies of the sociolinguistic approaches to the analysis of nationalism; and much more to boot.

The latter item reflects the addition of (socio)linguistics to our thematic clusters, which now consist of eight themes rather than seven (see our website for a more detailed outline of the theme). On the CSN Board the theme is represented by Associate Professor Janus Mortensen, who in turn represents a group of four language scholars from UCPH: Martha Sif Karrebæk, Marie Maegaard and Janus Møller – and Janus Mortensen himself. I think the language perspective is not just essential for the study of nationalist phenomena, but that these scholars embody a particularly relevant take on how to approach the intersection of linguistics with (post)nationalist studies in an unusually stimulating way. The CSN warmly welcomes them on board; we are confident that our collaboration will prove fruitful and effective.

In addition, we have implemented yet another organizational change. Marie Sandberg has taken over the directorship of AMIS, the Faculty's Advanced Centre for Migration Studies, and has found that it is impossible for her to fulfill the duties connected with that task while at the same time staying as a member of the CSN Board and a scholar responsible for the theme on Nationalism, Migration and Everyday Life. I regret this fact but fully understand her priority and wish to thank her for her invaluable contribution to CSN in our early phases. We will continue to cooperate with AMIS as closely as possible, and one result of this cooperation will materialize in a conference on the future of Danish-Swedish ties on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Øresund Bridge in 2020. Specifically, the conference will take place on 23 April 2020.

This change has meant that we can now welcome another ethnologist, Marie Riegels Melchior, as our new board member. Marie will take over the responsibility for the theme her colleague left for her, and since her competences and expertise lie less in the field of migration than in that of cultural heritage, fashion, and their relations with everyday national phenomena, we have decided to simplify the title of the theme, which is now called *Nationalism and Everyday Life* and will to a large extent be concerned with heritage, memory, fashion and design. You may inspect the slightly altered theme outline on our website, www.nationalism.ku.dk, where you will also be able to access the CV and research profile of Marie Riegels Melchior. CSN is delighted to welcome her and look forward to stimulating cooperation in future.

The Fall Program looks as follows:

CSN Roundtables, Fall 2019 (plan tentative and subject to change)

13 September, 10:15-11:45

Xiangming Chen (Trinity College, CT, USA), *Is a New Globalization in the Making? The Challenge and Opportunity of China's Belt & Road Initiative for National Borders, Territoriality, and Governance*. Discussant: TBA.

20 September, 10:15-11:45

Joana Duyster Borreda (University of Oxford), *Vulnerable Nationhood? Catalanism between Transnational and Cultural Identity, 1880-1920*. Discussant: Ulf Hedetoft.

10 October, 16:00-17:30 (followed by reception)

Raka Shome (National University of Singapore), *Cleaning the Nation: Hindu Nationalism, Clean India Movement, and the Articulations of Gender*. Discussant: Torkel Brekke (University of Oslo).

25 October, 10:15-11:45

Martha Karrebæk, Marie Maegaard, Janus Mortensen & Janus Møller,
Sociolinguistic change in the (post)national era. Discussant: Mogens Pelt.

8 November, 10:15-11:45

Alp Eren Topal (University of Oslo), *Messianic conceptions of politics and authoritarianism in Turkey from the mid-19th century to present*. Discussant: Catharina Raudvere.

15 November, 10:15-11.45

Juliane Engelbrecht, *Uses of the past: The Age of Enlightenment in 20th and 21th Historiography and Public Debate*. Discussant: Marie Riegels Melchior.

29 November, 13:00-14:30

Gabriella Elgenius (University of Gothenburg), *The Polish Diaspora post-Brexit and divisive discourses of social solidarity*. Discussant: Krzysztof Stala.

Venues TBA at a later date

Let me finish by wishing everybody a great summer while hoping to see you at some or all of these events.

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