

# NOREL CONFERENCE 2010

March 4-5

Klitgården Refugium, Skagen

## Program

Thursday March 4

09:30-09:45 Inger Furseth: Welcome. Lene Kühle: Practical information.

09:45-10:45 David Herbert: Religion in the public sphere. A theoretical appraisal.

10:45-11:00 Coffee

11:00-11:15 Comments by Lene Kühle

11:15-12:30 Discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 Sub-themes and indicators. Presentations from the four thematic groups (30 min. each)

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45- ca.17:30 Discussion. Finalizing themes and indicators to be studied.

18:30 Dinner

## Friday March 5

09:30-10:30 Stewart M. Hoover: The Mediatization of Religion and its Implications for Religious Authority

10:30-10:45 Comments by Mia Lövheim

10:45-11:30 Discussion

11:30-12:30 Thematic group meetings – how to proceed from here

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:00 Presentations of the conclusions from the thematic groups (15 min. each)

14:00 -14:30 Inger Furseth: Publication plans. Conclusions from the meeting

## Preparations before the meeting

### 1. Reading:

David Herbert 2003. *Religion and Civil Society. Rethinking Public Religion in the Contemporary World*. Aldershot: Ashgate. Chapter 3 & 4.

Stewart M. Hoover 2009. Complexities: The Case of Religious Cultures. In *Mediatization, Concept, Changes, Consequences*, edited by Knut Lundby, 123-138. NY: Peter Lang.

Stig Hjarvard 2008. The mediatization of religion. A theory of the media as agents of religious change. *Northern Lights* Volume 6: 9-26.

### 2. Thematic groups:

There are four thematic groups with the following chairs: 1. State and religion (Lene Kühle), 2. Religion and politics (Anders Bäckström), 3. Religion and the media (Kati Niemelä), and 4. Religion and civil society (Inger Furseth).

The chairs of the thematic groups prepare in cooperation with members of their group a presentation for the first day of the conference. The presentation should contain the following:

1. A list of the indicators to be studied in each country.
2. A list of the relevant data for each country. Which data have been collected? What types of new data must be collected?
3. A list of researchers and the research they will conduct for this study.

**Please send a brief summary of indicators, data, and researchers/co-researchers to the entire research group by no later than February 24.**

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