

NOREL CONFERENCE 2009

September 24-25

Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica, Oslo

Program

Thursday September 24

10:30-10:45 Welcome. Practical information. Coffee

10:45-11:00 Inger Furseth: The Role of Religion in the Public Sphere. A Comparative Study of the Five Nordic Countries. Intentions and purposes. Plans

11:00-11:30 Pål Repstad: What has happened since the Nordic study from the 1980s? Trends and challenges

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30-14:30 Indicators. Possible indicators that should be studied under each of the four topics of study. Presentations from all the five countries (20-25 min. each)

14:30-14:45 Coffee break

14:45- ca.17:00 Indicators. Discussion

18:30 Dinner

Friday September 25

- 09:00-10:30 Data. An overview of existing data and suggestions for new data.
Presentations from all the five countries (15 min. each)
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-11:30 Discussion
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-14:00 Researchers and co-researchers. PhD student appointments.
Presentations from all the five countries (10 min. each). Discussion
- 14:00-14:15 Coffee break
- 14:15-15:00 Inger Furseth: Conclusions from the meeting and further plans
- 15:00-15:30 Maria Aase: Practical information regarding salaries, travel costs, etc.

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Preparations before the meeting

Reading:

1. Read carefully the project description submitted to NORDCORP
2. Read Göran Gustafsson (ed.) 1985. *Religiös förändring i Norden 1930-1980*. Malmö: Liber.

A summary of the study is published in English: Gustafsson, Göran 1994. Religious Change in the Five Scandinavian Countries, 1930-1980. In *Scandinavian Values*, edited by Thorleif Pettersson and Ole Riis, 11-57. Uppsala: Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis.

Data:

3. Prepare a list of possible indicators that should be studied under each of the four topics of study: 1. State and religion, 2. The role of religion in public policies, 3. Religion and the media, and 4. The role of religion in civil society.
4. Prepare a list of existing data for your country that is relevant for all four topics of study
5. Which surveys have been conducted in your country? What types of new data must be collected?

Researchers and co-researchers:

6. Prepare an overview of the research you plan to conduct as part of this study
7. Prepare a list of co-researchers and the research they will conduct as part of this study
8. Prepare the discussion on the two PhD students, the topic for their research and their institutional belonging. If your institution wants to have one of the PhD students, please present the rationale at the meeting.

Please send a brief summary of issues 3-8 regarding indicators, data, and researchers/co-researchers to the entire research group by no later than September 15.