

Call for papers

30th Congress of Nordic Historians in Gothenburg, 9–12 August 2021

On 9–12 August 2021, the 30th Congress of Nordic Historians will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden. The main organisers are the Department of Historical Studies at the University of Gothenburg, the Swedish Historical Society, and the Nordic Committee for Historians in collaboration with the Unit of Economic History and the Department of Literature, History of Ideas, and Religion at the University of Gothenburg.

The programme will consist of keynote lectures, thematic sessions, roundtable discussions and sessions of individual presentations. The keynote speakers are Professor **Maya Jasanoff**, Harvard University (USA), and Professor **Poul Holm**, Trinity College Dublin (Ireland).

The main theme of the 2021 Congress is **‘The global and the local’**. By choosing this theme, we want to emphasize the connections that have existed and still exist between the global and the local and how these have influenced and keep influencing each other. Over the last decade or two, global perspectives and topics have become increasingly prominent within the historical sciences, while academic research in itself has continued to undergo a globalisation process during the same time frame. However, global phenomena are always shaped by local conditions and those conditions in turn are affected by global factors. Approaches that explore the relationship between the global and the local – or that in other ways address issues of different ‘scales’ in the study of the past – are therefore important, both historiographically and politically. This relevance has only been further emphasised in recent years by the growing influence of countermovements against globalisation, both as reality and as rhetoric, which in turn raises questions about where research on the relationship between the global and the local is heading as we move forward.

We invite you to a four-day scholarly exchange where both empirical results and theoretical and methodological issues related to the conference theme will be presented and discussed. In addition to the main theme, the Congress will also provide ample space for presentations of other research produced by Nordic historians, or by non-Nordic historians working on Nordic history.

Proposals for individual papers, thematic sessions, or roundtable discussions should be submitted via the Congress website at <https://www.nordiskahistorikermotet2021.se>. As a rule, attendees should not be an active participant (presenter, chair, discussant etc.) in more than two (2) proposals. The deadline for submissions is **1 October 2020**, and notices of acceptance will be sent out no later than **30 November 2020**.

Welcome to Gothenburg in August 2021!

The organising committee