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Nationalism
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In response to immigration and globalisation more generally, nationalism is on the rise. Not only in terms of populist right-wing nationalist parties, but also in terms of an increased focus on the nation and national identity in the political mainstream. This is exemplified by policies and discourses involving cultural canons, citizenship tests, concerns about national values in schools and other major institutions, and more generally efforts towards nation-building. Proponents argue that such policies are necessary to provide for citizens a firm ground to stand on when facing the multiple influences of globalisation, to provide for immigrants a compass for integration, and to provide shared values of the kind required for high levels of social cohesion at the societal level. Furthermore, the interest in nationalism has been mirrored in the research community, where scholars have studied e.g. the basis for support for populist movements, distinctions between different kinds nationalism (such as conservative, liberal, civic and ethnic nationalism), what values citizens are committed to at the national level, and what the impact is of (different kinds of) national identity as regards e.g. social cohesion.

Time: 31 May 2017, 10:00-16:00
Place: UCPH, South Campus

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Everyone is welcome!

Helping Hands Research Network on the Everyday Border Work of European Citizens

Kick-off seminar Helping Hands Research Network

Welcome to the launch of the interdisciplinary research network: Helping Hands. Research Network on the Everyday Border Work of European Citizens, funded by the Danish Research Council 2017-2019. The network gathers researchers (ethnologists, anthropologists, human geographers, borders and migration scholars), from 6 different countries; Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands and Scotland, in order to investigate the different ways in which people of everyday life Europe choose to 'give a helping hand', pursuing their own kind of aiding work in support of refugees coming to Europe.

Time: 31 May 2017, 09:30-15:30
Place: UCPH, South Campus

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New AMIS research project to study Danish asylum encampment

The Danish Council for Independent Research – Humanities (FKK) has granted 5.3 million DKK to AMIS affiliate Simon Turner as PI for the research project: The Carceral Mobility Project (CAMP): Investigating carceral junctions in the Danish asylum regime.

The project explores a central paradox in Danish asylum encampment. On the one hand, the camps aim to control and manage mobile bodies. On the other, they are also connected to other spaces through flows of bodies, social media and the knowledge and practices of those who create and manage them. Crucially, the camps are at once sites of incarceration and junctions that connect and enable mobility. In order to understand asylum encampment as it is developing in Europe, this paradox of connectedness and incarceration – of carceral junctions – needs to be examined empirically and analytically.

The project therefore explores: how refugees navigate the terrains of encampment they encounter on their way to, through and in Denmark; but also how the camps themselves operate, interconnect, shift and “travel”. Bringing these perspectives together, it develops the theoretical concept of the “carceral junction” to grasp the paradoxical work and consequences of asylum camps in Denmark and beyond.

The project is lead by Associate Professor Simon Turner from AMIS, and will include fellow researchers: Associate professor Zachary Whyte, postdoc Katrine Syppli Kohl and a Ph.d.student.

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