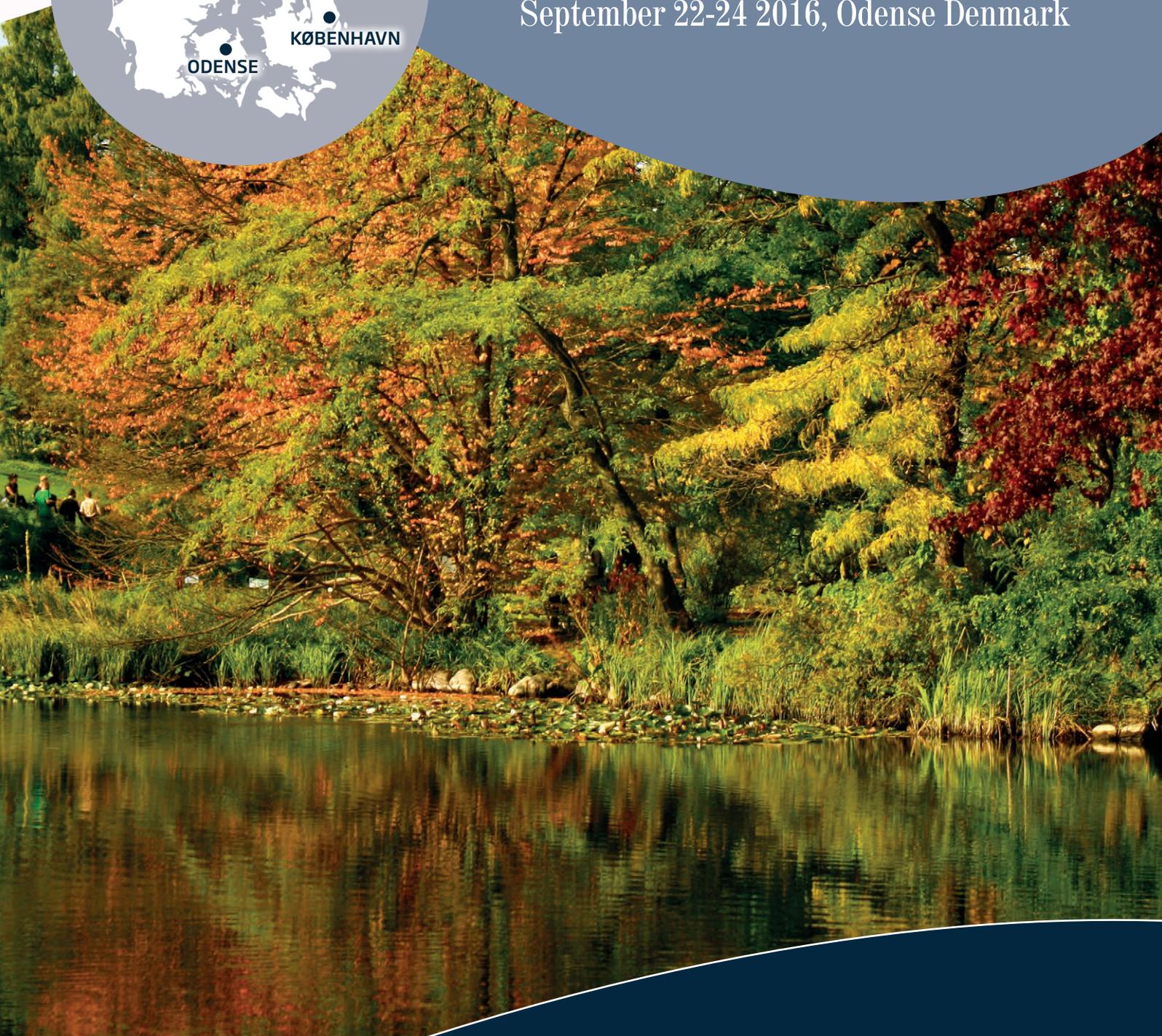


Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies



# Welcome to Nordic Society of Middle Eastern Studies

September 22-24 2016, Odense Denmark



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK

# Welcome

On behalf of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies (NSM) we would like to invite you to the Tenth Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, *“Formations of Middle Eastern Subjectivities – Cultural Heritage, Global Structures and Local Practices”*, which takes place at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense, 22- 24 September 2016.

The Nordic Society is an independent and non-profit association for scholars in the Nordic countries (<http://the-nordicsociety.se>). - Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden - working on the Middle East. It covers all subjects in the humanities and social sciences, from antiquity to the present day, and it is open for membership beyond the Nordic countries. The associational conference of NSM takes place every third year in one of the four Nordic countries. In 2016, the Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies at the University of Southern Denmark is hosting the conference in Odense. Located on the island of Funen, Odense is known as the hometown of Hans Christian Andersen and offers a number of tourist attractions such as museums, restaurants, parks, and a zoo. The University of Southern Denmark (SDU) has about 30.000 students and combines local roots with an international outlook. The main campus of the university is in Odense, while it has five other campuses located in Southern Jutland and on Zealand. This brochure will give you the necessary information about the conference and accomodation in Odense, as well as on means of transportation to and within Odense.

As organizers of the conference and members of the board of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies, we are looking forward to welcoming you at our conference in Odense 2016.

Dietrich Jung (University of Southern Denmark)

Ehab Galal (University of Copenhagen)





## Formations of Middle Eastern Subjectivities

Cultural Heritage, Global Structures and Local Practices

***The Tenth Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies will take place at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense, Denmark, 22-24 September, 2016.***

In the past decades, the exploration of the formation of modern subjectivities has developed into a core field of the humanities and social sciences. This strand of research is asking for social practices and codes; it investigates competing bodies of knowledge, social performances and emotions; interprets textual and visual forms of discourse; analyzes the interrelations of social practices with material artifacts and means of communication; observes individual forms of subjectivity as well as the interaction in social fields and classes. Taking formations of Middle Eastern subjectivities as its departure point, the Tenth Nordic Conference aims to provide a broad platform for contemporary research on the Middle East and Islam while focusing on the interlacements of cultural heritage, global structures and local practices.

Disciplinary, methodological, and theoretical questions regarding the interrelation among these three fields of research will be discussed at two keynote roundtables: On Thursday, 22 September 2016, **Morten Valbjørn** (Aarhus University) will chair the roundtable *"The Middle East Area Studies Controversy in Context: Discussing Different Cultural-Institutional Perspectives"* with **Pinar Bilgin** (Bilkent University, Ankara), **Waleed Hazbun** (American University of Beirut), **Matteo Legrenzi**, (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) and **Emma Murphy** (Durham University) as speakers. On Friday, 23 September 2016, **Kirstine Sinclair** (University of Southern Denmark) will chair the roundtable *"Modern Subjectivity Formation, Islamic Traditions and the Good Life"* with **Sherine Hafez** (University of California, Riverside), **Dietrich Jung** (University of Southern Denmark), **Samuli Schielke** (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin) and **Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen** (University of Copenhagen) as speakers. Parallel to these two roundtables there will be two keynote lectures: *"Cultural Heritage in the Middle East under Fire"* by **Ingolf Thuesen** (University of Copenhagen) on Thursday evening and *"Egypt in the Age of Trickster Politics"* by **Walter Armbrust** (St. Antony's College, Oxford) on Friday evening.

The conference is supported and/or co-organized by the following institutions: Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies (University of Southern Denmark), Center for Middle Eastern Studies (Lund University), Danish Council for Independent Research, Danish Institute in Damascus, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (University of Copenhagen), Faculty of Humanities (University of Southern Denmark), The Finish Institute in the Middle East, Inspiring Denmark, Institute for History (University of Southern Denmark), Odense Municipality.

# ■ Conference Program:

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The final conference program will be available on the conference homepage toward the end of July. Before you can find a preliminary program including all panel sessions under the following link, however, this program might be subject to changes:

[www.sdu.dk/en/om\\_sdu/institutter\\_centre/c\\_mellemoest/tenthnordicconference/program](http://www.sdu.dk/en/om_sdu/institutter_centre/c_mellemoest/tenthnordicconference/program)

The conference will begin on Thursday, 22 September 2016, at 11:00 with a welcome address. The first three sessions of panels will start after lunch and take place from 13:00 to 18:00. There is a dinner break from 18:15 - 19:45, before the first keynote roundtable and the first keynote lecture, which both will last from 20:00 - 21:30. On Friday, 23 September 2016, the first two panel sessions will take place between 8:30 - 11:45. Lunch is from 12:00 to 12:45. In the afternoon we will have three panel sessions between 13:00 - 18:00. After the dinner break (18:15 - 19:45) the second keynote roundtable and the second keynote lecture will take place between 20:00 and 21:30. The last conference day, Saturday 24 September 2016, will start with two more panel sessions between 9:00 and 12:15. After the lunch break the conference will end with the official meeting of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies that begins at 13:30.

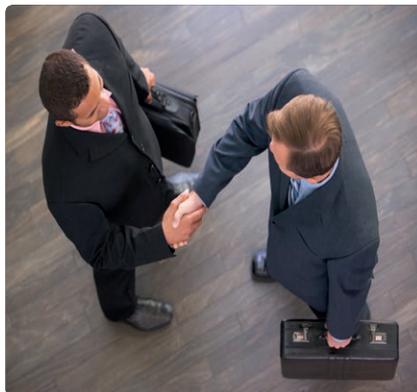
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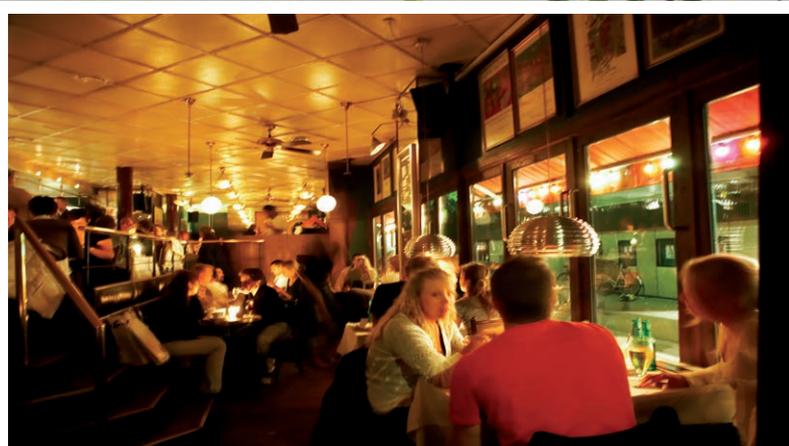
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**Registration** will be possible between **15 February and 30 June 2016**. Participation only is possible when registered until this deadline. Later registrations are not possible. The registration fee for members of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies is **600 DKK**, for non-members the registration fee is **900 DKK**. The registration fee includes three lunches and two buffet dinners at the university. In addition there will be a free bus shuttle between the campus and the city in the morning and after the evening keynote roundtables. You will find the registration form on the homepage of the Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies, University of Southern Denmark:

[www.sdu.dk/Om\\_SDU/Institutter\\_centre/C\\_Mellemoest](http://www.sdu.dk/Om_SDU/Institutter_centre/C_Mellemoest)



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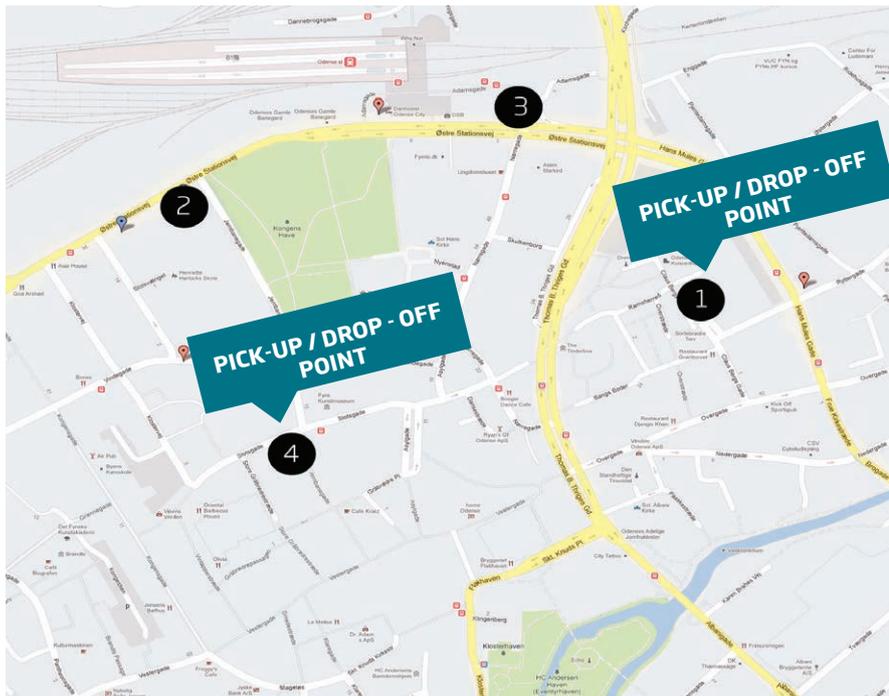


# Hotels in Odense

In Odense, there is ample hotel capacity in the city centre no matter taste or budget. It's easy to meet up with other delegates, and discussions and brief meetings are just a short step away.

We have arranged a shuttlebus to the university in the morning and back to the city centre hotels after the conference programme is over.

If you need to go between the city centre and the university at any other time you can use Bus 41 and 42 (18 min. busride).



## 1 Radisson Blu H.C. Andersen Hotel

Single room: 855 dkk / €115

Double room: 1055 dkk / €141

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Email: [hcanandersen@radissonblu.com](mailto:hcanandersen@radissonblu.com)

[www.radissonblu.dk/hotel-odense](http://www.radissonblu.dk/hotel-odense)



## 2 Hotel Plaza Odense

Single room: 1055 dkk / €141

Double room: 1155 dkk / €155

Østre Stationsvej 24

5000 Odense C

Phone: (+45) 66 11 77 45

Fax: (+45) 66 14 41 45

Email: [plaza@millinghotels.dk](mailto:plaza@millinghotels.dk)

[www.millinghotels.dk/plaza](http://www.millinghotels.dk/plaza)



## 3 CABINN

Single room: 615 dkk / €82

Double room: 750 dkk / €100

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5000 Odense C

Phone: (+45) 63 14 57 00

Fax: (+45) 63 14 57 01

Email: [odense@cabinn.com](mailto:odense@cabinn.com)

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## 4 First Hotel Grand

Single room: 860 dkk / €115

Double room: 1 052 dkk / €141

Jernbanegade 18,

5000 Odense C

Phone: (+45) 66 117 171

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Email: [ODGR.Receptionen@firsthotels.dk](mailto:ODGR.Receptionen@firsthotels.dk)

<http://www.firsthotels.dk>

# WELCOME TO DENMARK!



## By Air

With Scandinavia's largest airport (Copenhagen) on the shoulder and an international and modern airport (Billund) at the heart of the region, getting to Southern Denmark is very easy. Together Copenhagen and Billund airports are directly connected to more than 100 cities all over the world and handle 296.000 arrivals and departures every year.

## By Train

From Copenhagen Airport, a direct train journey of only 80 minutes will take you directly to Funen. However, this will put you in a dilemma. Should you be effective and work on your laptop or should you lean back and enjoy the great scenery of inspiring Denmark?

We look forward  
to seeing  
you!

