

Conference Panel: (Re)writing the history of Nordic social democracy

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This panel aims at bringing together scholars of social democratic history in the Nordic countries to discuss how we can write social democratic history today. Earlier studies have resulted in an impressive number of research volumes all from studies of particular events or themes to synthesis. As all historiography, these studies are the results of the questions of their time. Some of them are highly relevant while others appear to be lacking from our current point of view.

As important as the need for developing new scientific perspectives is analysing the dramatic changes in the influence, composition, and policies of contemporary Nordic social democracy.

Another argument for this panel is the increasing interest the lessons of Nordic social democracy have attracted with the emergence of a revitalized socialist movement, especially in the Anglo-Saxon world.

The panel is an initiative of the ARIOSO-project at Södertörn University (ARIOSO= The labour movement around the Baltic during the short 20th century) and the Nordic Labour History Network/Swedish Labour Movement's Archives and Library. The webinar Social Democracy in the Nordic Countries, held in November 2021 and organised by this network, was introducing some of the relevant questions needed to be asked and answered.

We intend to issue a call for papers through relevant channels and at the same time recruit an internationally leading expert in the field as a commentator.