

Spatial Imaginations of Europe

Ideas, Politics, Economics, Law

8-9 December 2025, University of Copenhagen

DAY 1 – Monday, 8th of December

Room 4A.0.69

09:00 – Welcome and Opening Remarks

w/ Mogens Pelt, Marine Pierre, Morten Rasmussen and Haakon A. Ikonomou

09:15-10:15, Keynote Lecture 1 – open to the public.

Stuart Ward, (University of Copenhagen & Harvard University)

[- From Britons to Britishers: Mapping a global imaginary.](#)

Room 8A.4.35

10:30-11:15 – Panel 1

(2x10 min presentations + 20 min. Q&A + 5 min. break/change)

Mogens Pelt (University of Copenhagen)

Europe and the Near East Other – and how the other perceives herself – the case of Greece

Ljubica Spaskovska (University of Exeter)

Facing 'East', Looking 'West': Yugoslav Generations and the Imagining and Making of Europe in the 20th century

Chair: Haakon A. Ikonomou (University of Copenhagen)

11:15-11:45 – Panel 2

(2x10 min presentations + 20 Q&A)

Marine Pierre (University of Copenhagen)

Between Inclusion and Exclusion: Turkey in the European Parliament's Political Strategy (1979–2009)

Célia Burgdorff (Foundation for Strategic Research)

"Fortress Europe": the political power of a metaphor (1985-2005)

Chair: Morten Rasmussen (University of Copenhagen)

- Lunch break

13:15-14:00 – Panel 3

(2x10 min presentations + 20 min. Q&A + 5 min. break/change)

Haakon A. Ikonomou (University of Copenhagen)

Multilateral Europe as seen from the League of Nations: security, technocracy and civilization

Glenda Sluga and Guilherme Sampaio (European University Institute and University of Grenoble-European University Institute)

Digging deep: how development-thinking drove new ways of imagining space, across, and under, existing territorial borders', 1945-1975

Chair: Marine Pierre (University of Copenhagen)

14:15-15:15 – Panel 4

(3x10 min presentations + 30 Q&A)

Megan Donaldson (University College London)

Armaments, publics and the spaces of vulnerability

Signe Rehling Larsen (University of Copenhagen)

European Public Law after Empires

Michel Erpelding (Max Planck Institute for Legal History & Legal Theory)

Turning Europe into a transnational legal space: interwar discussions about permanent international tribunals for private individuals'

Chair: Morten Rasmussen (University of Copenhagen)

- Coffee break

Room: 9A.3.01 – Alf Ross Auditorium

15:30-16:30 – Keynote 2 - open to the public

Iver B. Neumann, (Fridtjof Nansen Institute, FNI)

[- Russia's Europe 1870-2025: Hated, Loved, Hated, and so it goes](#)

19:30 – Conference dinner –

*Restaurant Guldsmeden,
Gullfossgade 4, 2300 København*

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 9th of December

Room 8A.4.35

08:30-09:15 – Panel 5

(2x10 min presentations + 20 min. Q&A + 5 min. break/change)

Michael Jonas (Helmut Schmidt University)

'Mitteleuropa' in the 19th and early 20th Century

Marie-Gabrielle Verbergt (Universiteit Gent)

Imagining Europe as a Research Space: From Sectors to Areas, Horizons to Frontiers (1970-2025)

Chair: Mogens Pelt (University of Copenhagen)

09:30-10:15 – Panel 6

(2x10 min presentations + 20 min. Q&A + 5 min. break/change)

Leonard Smith (Oberlin College)

The Decolonization of Land in Algeria After Independence in 1962

Ferdinand Mowinckel (European University Institute)

Small State Fascists and European Unification: The Case of Scandinavia

Chair: Haakon A. Ikonomou (University of Copenhagen)

- Coffee break

10:45-11:30 – Panel 7

(2x10 min presentations + 20 min. Q&A + 5 min. break/change)

Isa Blumi (Stockholm University)

Europe in Spatial Flux: Muslim Migration and the (Re)Making of a Continent

Sabine Pitteloud (UniDistance Suisse, Brig) and Grace Ballor (Universita Bocconi)

Multinationals and Imaginations of Europe as a Market

Chair: Mogens Pelt (University of Copenhagen)

11:45-12:30 – Panel 8

(3x10 min presentations + 30 Q&A)

Morten Rasmussen (University of Copenhagen)

The Making of the Dual Spatial Nature of European governance, 1951-1967

Wiebe Hommes (University of Amsterdam)

Human rights for Europeans? Defining Europe in the European Convention on human rights

Chair: Marine Pierre (University of Copenhagen)

- Lunch break (Lunch is delivered to 8A.4.35 – take it with you to the keynote venue if time is scarce)

Room: 9A.3.01 – Alf Ross Auditorium

13:00-14:00 – Keynote 3 - open to the public

Madeleine Herren (University of Basel)

- Connected at the margins of imperialism? Vladivostok, London and the network of global shipping

14:00 – Thank you and brief concluding remarks

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