Norwegian society for 18th Century Studies

Conference, Trondheim, 31. August to 2. September 2017

*Call for papers*

Between Reformation and Revolution: The Cultural and Political Conflicts of the 18th Century

2017 marks the quincentenary of the European Reformation and the centennial of the Russian Revolution. This double anniversary provides the frame for the Norwegian society for 18th Century Studies conference in Trondheim in August-September 2017. Under the heading “Between Reformation and Revolution”, scholars from all disciplines are invited to discuss the tensions and negotiations between the cultural heritage of the Reformation and the radical Enlightenment in the long 18th. Century.

At the beginning of the 18th century, the orthodox Lutheran ideology was the fundament of the legislation and a legitimation of the absolutist political system of the kingdom of Denmark-Norway. During the 18th century the established political order was problematized in different ways, and witnessed the gradual dismantling of the principle of divine right of kings.

The Enlightenment is known for its intense will to discuss and challenge the established truths of morality, economics, politics, and religion. This became manifest in a large variety of formats and genres, natural science and natural law, education and history, theology and the arts. Within the different national public spheres that were established in different ways and at differing points in time, the political order was the topic of the day, whether it was celebrated or problematized.

Theater and fiction, political pamphlets, newspapers and journals, new institutions, clubs and a variety of public sphere practices made up the infrastructure of this major cultural break-up. The title «From Reformation to Revolution» is an invitation to investigate and discuss the complex exchanges, tensions and negotiations that characterize the first truly modern century.

Deadline for abstracts (300 words) is 15th of May 2017. Presentations are to be limited to 20 minutes. The conference will take place at the Ringve Music Museum in Trondheim, Norway. In accordance with the Society’s traditions, the day before the conference, Wednesday 30th of August, Ph. D. students and junior researchers are invited to a master class in the Gunnerus Library of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim. The conference languages are Scandinavian and English, the language of the workshop is English. Those wanting to participate in the conference without presenting a paper are invited to inform the organizers about this by 1. July 2017. Participation NOK 900,- (incl, dinner), NOK 600,- (excl. dinner).

Confirmed key note speakers, Marisa Linton, dept. of History, Kingston University and Susan Maslan, French Department, University of California, Berkley

**Registration form**

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