

DECENTRING EUROPE: NORDIC-IBERIAN HISTORIES IN TRANSREGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

4th SWESP International Workshop, 2026
University of Gothenburg, Faculty of Humanities, Renströmsgatan 6

21 May — Day 1

Decentring Europe Before Modernity: Networks and Entanglements

9:15 – 9:45 Registration and Coffee

9:45 – 10:00 Workshop Opening

PANEL 1: RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL IMAGINARIES **Chair: Kenneth Nyberg (University of Gothenburg)**

10:00 – 10:45 **Araceli Rosillo-Luque (Archive-Library of the Franciscans of Catalonia)** — Birgitta of Sweden in Catalan Territories: the *Revelations* in 17th Century Clerical Culture

Anna-Lisa Halling (Brigham Young University) — The Spanish Nun and the Swedish Saint: Marina de Escobar and the Founding of the Brigittine Order in the Iberian Peninsula

Valerie Hegstrom (Brigham Young University) — Imagining Queen Christina and the Swedish Court for the Stage and the Spanish Court of Philip IV and Charles II

10:45 – 11:15 Discussion

11:15 – 11:25 Short Break

PANEL 2: DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL RECONFIGURATIONS

Chair: A. Jorge Aguilera-López (University of Helsinki)

11:25 – 11:55 **Pelayo Fernández (University of Oviedo)** — Uncertain *Entente*: Spanish-Russian Diplomatic Relations During the Congress of Soissons (1728–1730)

Barnabás Szabó (University of Cambridge) — Composite Monarchies and the Genesis of the Nation: Bringing the Swedish Empire into the Frame

11:55 – 12:15 Discussion

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch at Restaurang C

PANEL 3: KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENTIFIC NETWORKS **Chair: Barnabás Szabó (University of Cambridge)**

13:30 – 14:30 **Luis Conde (University of Barcelona)** — Spanish Knowledge in Seventeenth-Century Swedish Libraries

Ted L.L. Bergman (University of St Andrews) — Early Modern Swedish Readers of Spanish Texts at Home and Abroad

Lauri Karvonen (University of Jyväskylä) — Business Information between Sweden and the Iberian Peninsula in the 18th Century: Ship Captains' Correspondence

Manuel Lucena (CSIC, Madrid) & Kenneth Nyberg (University of Gothenburg) — Pehr Löfling's Journey of Expectations: Science, Colonialism, and Spanish-Swedish Relations in the 1750s

14:30 – 15:10 Discussion

15:10 – 15:40 Coffee Break

PANEL 4: ECONOMIC AND COLONIAL ENTANGLEMENTS **Chair: Luis Conde (University of Barcelona)**

15:40 – 16:10 **Benito Peix Geldart (Centre for Business History in Stockholm)** — Swedish Cork Entrepreneurs in Portugal and Spain: A Success Story

Jenny Ingridsson (Umeå University) — Settlement and Dispossession Entangled: Relations Between Swedish Settler Colonists and Indigenous Guaraní People in Misiones, Argentina

16:10 – 16:30 Discussion

19:00 Dinner (optional) at Sjöbären – Lorensberg

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Decentring Europe in the Modern Age: Mediations and Circulations

8:45 – 9:00 Check-in

PANEL 5: INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL MEDIATION Chair: Lucila Mallart (Pompeu Fabra University)

9:00 – 10:00 **Anna Gustavsson (University of Gothenburg)** — Exploring Iberian-Scandinavian Archaeological Contacts in the Late 19th Century

Andrea Castro (University of Gothenburg) & Adriana Muñoz (Museum of World Culture, Gothenburg) — Global Circulation of Objects and Knowledge: the 21st International Americanist Congress in Gothenburg 1924

Ivan Lo Giudice (University of the Balearic Islands) — When Ernesto Dethorey Endorsed Writers in Their Quest for a Nobel Prize in Literature

Julie K. Allen (Brigham Young University) — Danish Comedians, Spanish Windmills: Palladium's 1926 *Don Quixote* Film

10:00 – 10:40 Discussion

10:40 – 11:10 Coffee Break

PANEL 6: ARCHITECTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

Chair: Anna Gustavsson (University of Gothenburg)

11:10 – 11:55 **Luis G. Martínez del Campo (Complutense University of Madrid)** — Between Trade and Diplomacy: The Promotion of Spanish Language Education in Gothenburg (1928–1932)

Brett Tippey et al. (Kent State University) — Architectures of Exchange between Spain and Scandinavia, 1951–2025

Ana C. Rosado (ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon) — Typified Models of School Space in Europe's Peripheries: A Cross-Comparative Iberian and Scandinavian School Construction between 1960 and 1970

11:55 – 12:25 Discussion

12:25 – 13:00 Concluding Discussion and Reflections — **Ingmar Söhrman (University of Gothenburg)**

13:00 – 13:30 Presentation and Visit to the Ibero-American Collection at the Gothenburg University Library — **Joakim Lilljegen**

Organising Committee

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