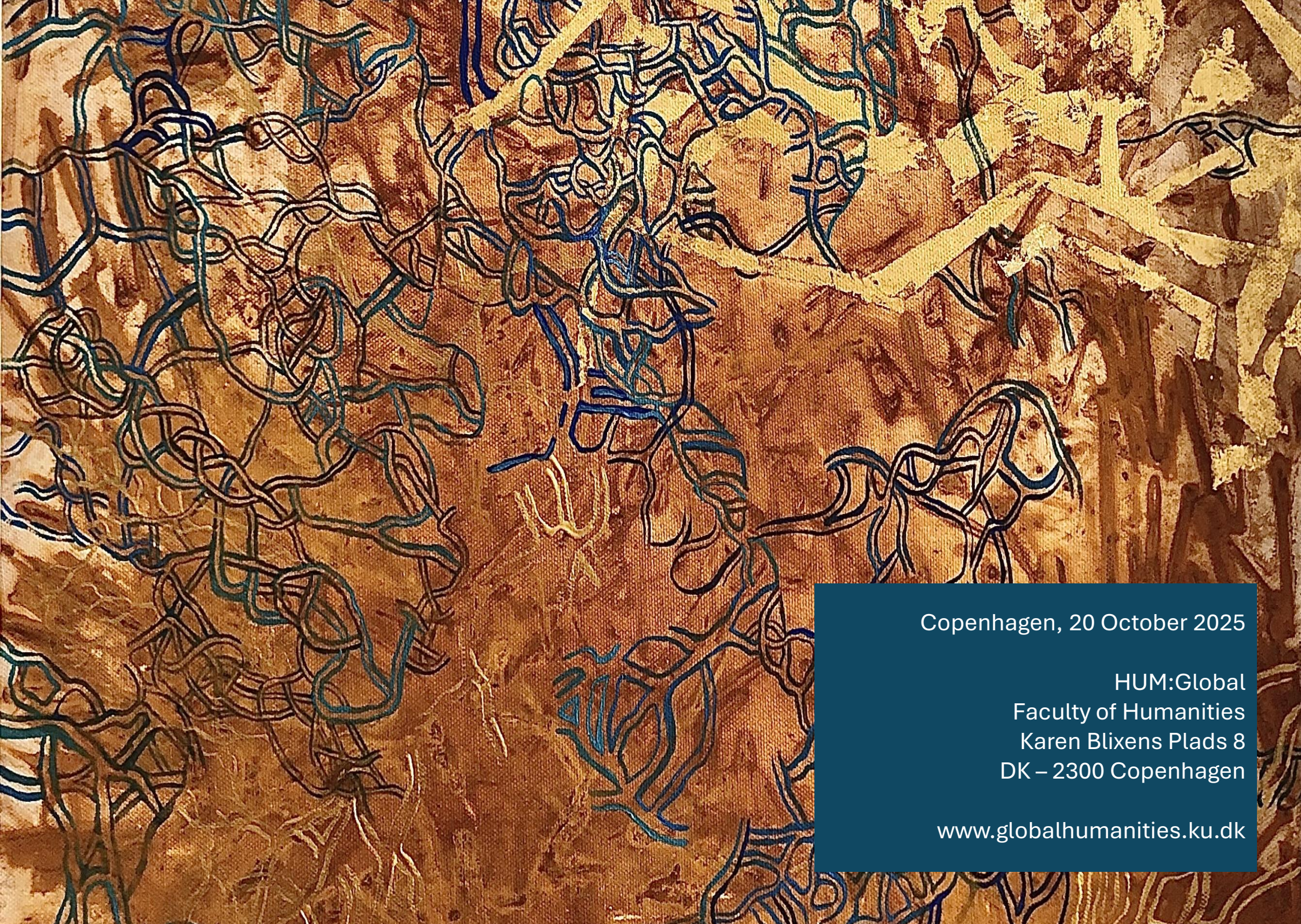




HUM:Global

Annual Report 2024/2025



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About HUM:Global

HUM:Global, also known as Global Humanities, is a strategic initiative at the Faculty of Humanities that promotes global perspectives in research, teaching, and public engagement. It supports interdisciplinary collaboration and challenges conventional boundaries — Ideological, spatial, and methodological —to explore global processes and confront global challenges.

Through flagship initiatives, seed funding, and partnerships among other activities, HUM:Global fosters innovative approaches to understanding global identities, histories, and platforms. It serves as a hub for scholars, students, and partners working on globally relevant themes, and aims to amplify the impact of humanities research in local and international contexts.





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1. Introduction by Haakon A. Ikonomou

Do you know the feeling, whether you're walking, biking or running, when you find your rhythm? That is what it has felt like with HUM:Global over the last academic year. We started out one and a half years ago with many plans, ideas and impulses, not knowing what would work, attract interest or mobilise the broader community of global humanists at the faculty. But now we are starting to see projects taking shape, events finding their form, and publications reaching their audience – we are finding our stride.

To mention a few headlines from the year that has passed, we have hosted two Semester Lectures (by ToRS and EnGeRom); organised two semester-long HUM:Global *Talks!* series (with a total of twelve events); launched four brand-new *Flagship Initiatives* that are working towards major funding (with three more to come in 2025/2026); funded four new *Seed Money* projects from across the faculty; and cemented exciting partnerships with UNCITY and with the 4EU+ University Alliance. This is thanks to our excellent Professional Project Group, our unmatched coordinator, and, not least, the engagement of so many of our brilliant colleagues at the Faculty of Humanities. So, what do you do when you've found your rhythm? **You accelerate!**





2. HUM:Global Co-Directorship

As of the fall semester 2025, Associate Professor Georg Walter Wink joins Assistant Professor Haakon A. Ikonomou as Co-Director of HUM:Global.

Georg states: *“It is with enormous pleasure that I join HUM:Global as Co-Director. Having been part of the Professional Project Group from the very beginning, I had the privilege to accompany the unfolding of this urgently needed initiative which now can look back on an impressive record of having brought together UCPH scholars from various disciplinary backgrounds, external experts, students and the general public to focus on core challenges of our times. I feel again privileged to take a coordinating role in the next level of further strengthening HUM:Global’s profile and, above all, institutionalizing this cross-faculty initiative.”*

HUM:Global *Internship*

Are **YOU** our new globally-oriented intern ready to join our dynamic team working within the field of Global Humanities?

Find full information on our website
scroll down to the **NEWS** section on the **frontpage**

Contact Nicol Savinetti to find out more
write to nfs@hum.ku.dk to book a time



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3. HUM:Global Internship

In the 2025 spring semester we recruited our first HUM:Global Intern. We are excited about this opportunity to make a hands-on contribution to the education and professional development of students at the University of Copenhagen.

Our intern for the 2025 fall semester is Orly Strobel - a second year MSc Environment and Development candidate at the Faculty of Science. Orly completed her Bachelors' degree in Planetary Health in 2021 and then began working in the clean energy sector. Orly is pursuing her MSc to gain a richer understanding of climate change research, global educational outreach, and political engagement.

Orly states: *"I am very grateful to be joining join the HUM:Global team for the fall semester! I am particularly excited to learn about and contribute to research that aims to identify equitable and culturally competent avenues for addressing global environmental crises."*





4. HUM:Global Impact

Interdisciplinary Collaboration

HUM:Global fosters dialogue among scholars, policymakers, and civil society to integrate diverse global perspectives and bridge humanities with other fields for sustainable futures.

Capacity Building & Research Support

The initiative provides funding and support for innovative research by students, early, mid and later-career scholars who have a global focus in their work.

Public Discourse & Policy Influence

HUM:Global engages in policy debates through roundtables and events with global leaders to shape inclusive approaches. Strategic dissemination ensures research informs both academic debates and societal practices effectively.

Knowledge Exchange & Visibility

Showcasing humanities research on global platforms strengthens the university's profile and promotes sustainable futures.

Sustainable Research Partnerships

HUM:Global nurtures sustainable partnerships to address global challenges through the humanities.



Inaugural CHIOS-Körper Roundtable

**Zeitenwende - Challenges and
Paths to Renewed Order.
The Lessons of History and
Strategies for the Future**

Körper-Stiftung Headquarters, 8 April 2025
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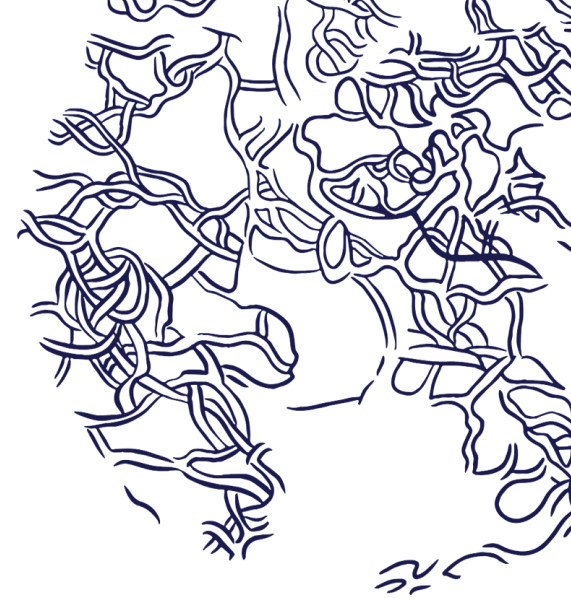




5. HUM:Global Flagship Initiatives

HUM:Global Flagship Initiatives are projects grounded in the interests of HUM:Global researchers. Flagship Initiative funding facilitates and financially supports our researchers in developing large-scale applications for projects, networks, and/or centres. In 2024, HUM:Global launched four projects which kicked off in 2025:

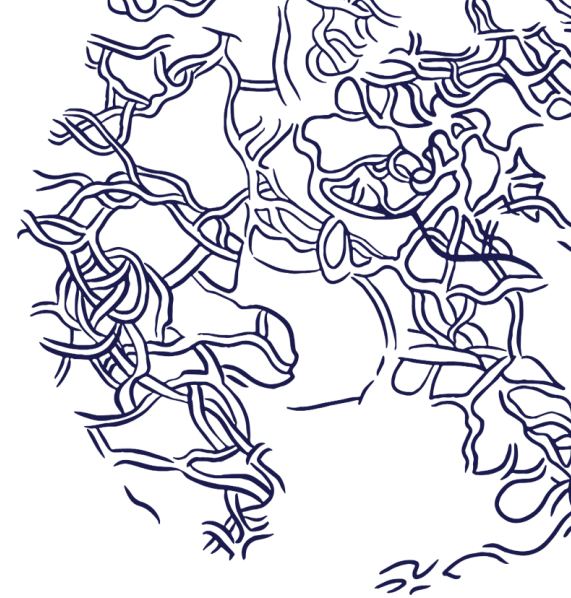
- **Shia Homelands: nationalism, transnationalism and diasporic trans localism**
Assistant Professor Fanar Haddad
- **Alternative platforms, alternative politics**
Associate Professor Jun Liu
- **Far right thought in a global perspective: traditionalist reactions to Western liberal modernity**
Associate Professor Georg Walter Wink
- **CHIOS - Centre for History, International Order, and Strategy**
Assistant Professor Haakon A. Ikonomou



FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE - Shia Homelands: nationalism, transnationalism and diasporic translocalism

Fanar Haddad, Assistant Professor in Arab Studies at the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (ToRS), received Flagship Initiative funding for his project, *Shia Homelands: nationalism, transnationalism and diasporic translocalism*. The project explores themes of Shia identity, belonging, and culture at a local, national and transnational scale. The funding from HUM:Global supported an in-person meeting for the core group members in Copenhagen to present their research perspectives and plan a strategy for scaling up and extending the timeline of the project.

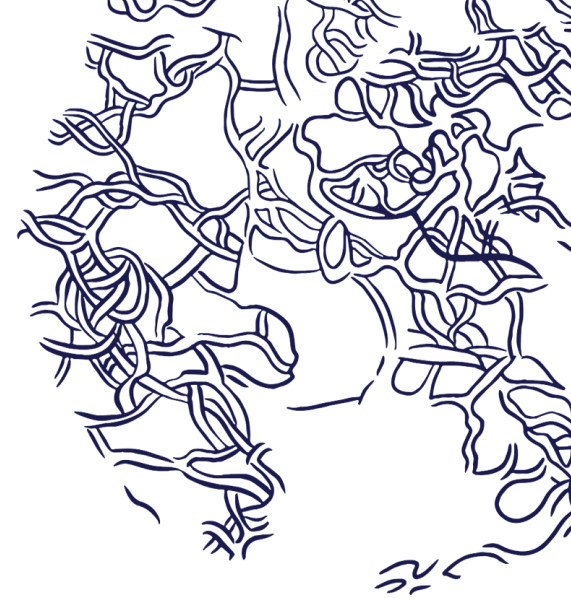
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FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE - Alternative platforms, alternative politics

Jun Liu, Associate Professor at the centre for Tracking and Society at the Department of Communications, received funding for his Flagship Initiative, *Alternative platforms, alternative politics*. This project is aimed at advancing our understanding of how the global digital age facilitates social, cultural, political, and economic interactions. This Initiative considers themes of inequality and access in an increasingly digital world. HUM:Global funding will support a) creating a database of academic literature on global alternative platforms and b) the organisation of 2 to 3 talks, inviting speakers across multiple academic disciplines.

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FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE - Far right thought in a global perspective: traditionalist reactions to Western liberal modernity

Georg Walter Wink, Associate Professor at the Centre for the Study of Nationalism within the Department of English, German and Romance Studies, received funding for his Flagship Initiative, *Far right thought in a global perspective: traditionalist reactions to Western liberal modernity*. This project aims to further investigate far-right ideologies through exploring their traditional and religious dimensions. HUM:Global funding will support project expansion through talks, seminars, and internal workshops.

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FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE - CHIOS, Centre for History, International Order, and Strategy

Haakon A. Ikonomou, Assistant Professor in Global History at the Saxo Institute, received Flagship Initiative funding to co-found *CHIOS, Centre for History, International Order, and Strategy*. Based jointly at the University of Copenhagen and Helmut-Schmidt University in Hamburg, CHIOS focuses on global dynamics in Northern Europe and the Baltic Sea Region. The centre aims to understand how international disorder emerged, and it is built around the central themes of the innovation, implimentation, and resilience of international order. The Flagship funding is supporting activities that are contributing to actualizing and further developing CHIOS.

<https://www.chios-hsu.de/>





6. HUM:Global Seed Money

HUM:Global Seed Money is an opportunity for researchers and students at the Faculty of Humanities to receive grants of between DKK 10,000 and DKK 35,000 to start new initiatives at the University of Copenhagen.

This year we received 12 applications from Master students, as well as early career and senior researchers. After an evaluation by the HUM:Global Professional Project Group (PPG) in June, the decision was made to allocate 20,000 DKK to three projects and 10,000 DKK to another.

- **Master Student Beate Skakkebæk Lindegaard**
Lecture series ***New Histories of Ideas***
- **Associate Professor Mikhail Suslov**
International workshop ***Global Civilizationism: How Illiberal Regimes Teach Each Other***
- **Assistant Professor Mikkel Vad**
Virtual exhibition and symposium ***Denmark and Global Music Histories: Research and Educational Outreach***
- **Professor Sabrina Ebbersmeyer**
Lecture, seminar and workshops ***Towards an Understanding of Global Feminist Enlightenments***

HUM:Global *Semester Lecture*

Welcome to the timely lecture **Palestine 2024 in Context** by world-renowned Israeli political scientist, historian and former politician, **Professor Ilan Pappé**.

Professor at the College of Social Sciences and International Studies at the University of Exeter, and director of the university's European Centre for Palestine Studies, Pappé is one of the leading global voices on the region, arguing for a one-state solution.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage with Professor Pappé and HUM:Global.



4 November, 14:00 - 16:00
Room 9A.3.01, South Campus
University of Copenhagen

More info and registration at
www.globalhumanities.ku.dk



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HUM:Global *Semester Lecture*

UNWRITING AND REWRITING CLIMATE

Dr Eva Horn
Professor of Modern German Literature
Department of German Studies, University of Vienna

Dr Martin Reisigl
Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics
Department of Linguistics, University of Vienna

Welcome to this Semester Lecture where Dr Reisigl and Dr Horn will present their own research on today's palliative climate discourses and the "forgotten" forms of perceiving and narrating climate.

The presentations will be followed by a conversation on the role of the Humanities in climate research, moderated by **Associate Professor Søren Beck Nielsen** (NorS)

22 April, 13:15 - 15:00
Room 22.0.11, South Campus
University of Copenhagen



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7. HUM:Global Semester Lecture

The HUM:Global Semester Lecture is a singular, larger, event that takes place each semester. It may take the form of a classic lecture, a roundtable, a presentation, a performance or another format, and aims to reach a broad audience. The common denominator for the events are that they address a global theme and have the humanities at their core.

For the November 2024 HUM:Global Semester Lecture, we were delighted to extend our welcome to Professor Ilan Pappé from the University of Exeter. Professor Pappé provided an insightful and thought-provoking lecture entitled, *Palestine in Context*, which explored the profound global implications of the ongoing Palestine-Israel conflict. This event drew a fully packed auditorium of over 200 highly engaged attendees from across different disciplines.

For the April 2025 HUM:Global Semester Lecture, we had the great pleasure of welcoming two esteemed guests from the University of Vienna; Professor of Modern German Literature, Eva Horn, and Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics, Martin Reisigl. During their lecture entitled *Unwriting and Rewriting Climate Change*, Horn and Reisigl presented their individual findings on today's forgotten forms of perceiving and narrating climate. They also discussed the present discourse on the role of Humanities in climate research. With an engaged audience of students and researchers from across the humanities and beyond, the lecture sparked stimulating conversations on how we define, perceive and frame climate.

Join us at Global Humanities for
FILM SCREENINGS • LECTURES • EXHIBITIONS • SEMINARS

Decentring the Art Institution for a Postmigrant Society
10 Oct 2024, 13:00-18:30 • The Union, Nørre Allé 7, CPH
Seminar with Rolando Vázquez, Natasha Marie Llorens, Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung, Karen van den Berg, Nina Möntmann, Sabine Dahl Nielsen
Organizers: Sabine Dahl Nielsen (Global Entanglements, IKK) and Nina Möntmann

Modern-Day Crusaders: Religious Extremism and the Erosion of Democracy in Europe
28 Oct. 2024, 13:00-15:00 • UCPH South Campus, Rm 24.0.01
Lecture by Neil Datta
Organizer: Georg Walter Wink (Center for Study of Nationalism, EnGeRom)

Belonging Flexibly: Non-Muslim migrants from Muslim Asia
8 Nov. 2024, 15:00-17:00 • UCPH South Campus Main Library
Photo Exhibition and talk with Moska Najib
Organizer: Vera Skvirskaja (Afterlives Project, ToRS)

"Afterwar" film screening
6 Dec. 2024, 9:00-12:00 • UCPH South Campus, Rm 21.0.54
+ Dealing with Trauma through Art panel discussion with Birgitte Stærmose, Tijana Miskovic and Marija Krgovic
Organizer: Petar Mitric (Screening Europe, CEMES)

Atlanticism in a Changing World
10 Dec. 2024, 13:30-15:30 • UCPH South Campus, Rm 12.3.07
Roundtable with Marlene Wind, Eckart Conze, Jussi Hanhimäki, Patrick O. Cohrs
Organizers: HUM:Global, CEMES and the IRFD project *Autonomy and Expertise in International Administrations, 1940s-1970s*

What We've Become. Living and Dying in a Country of Arms
Lecture by Jonathan M. Metz
12 Sept. 2024, 16:15-17:30 • UCPH South Campus, Room 21.0.54
Organizer: Ana Antic (CULTMIND, EnGeRom)

Register to secure your seat at
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HUM:Global Talks!

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Join our SPRING 2025 talks, seminars, and events at the Humanities at UCPH

Full information and registration at www.globalhumanities.ku.dk

Author-Meets-Critics: Church Diplomacy caught between the Cold War and Decolonization
// Academic colloquium with author *Dina Knudsen*, Malmö University
20 February @ 16:00-17:45, Room: 6B-1-62, UCPH South Campus
CEMES + HUM:Global

"Smart" for Whom? Policy Mobilities and the Politics of the Smart City in Japan and South Korea
// Seminar with *Associate Professor Marco Zappa*, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
26 February @ 10:15 - 12:00, Room 15A.2.11, UCPH South Campus
HUM:Global Seed Money Project: "Mapping the Nation" + ToRS

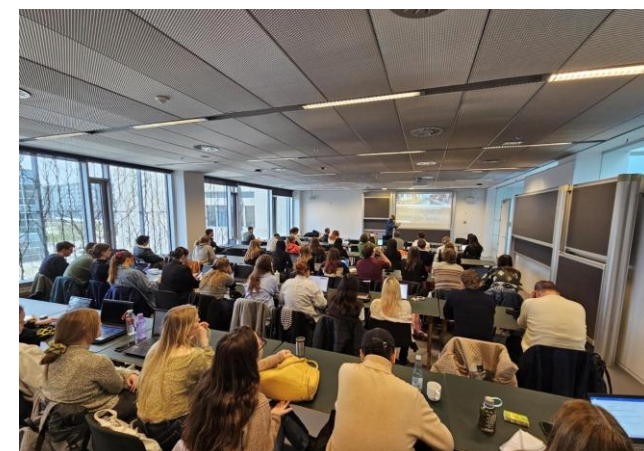
Restoring Global Memories & Local Ecologies: Metallophyte Plants and Colonial History in DR Congo Mining
// Talk with *Professor Edouard Ilunga wa Ilunga*, University of Lubumbashi + Exhibition by visual artist *Toshie Takeuchi*
6 March @ 14:00-17:30, Lederstræde 20, 1. sal (konferencesalen), CPH City
CapES - Center for Applied Ecological Thinking, ToRS

Missionaries, Traders, and Cultural brokers: Africans and the Making of a Modern South Asian Metropolis (1750- onwards)
// Seminar with *Dr. Meera Venkatachalam*, Leiden University
13 March @ 15:50-17:00, Room: 8B.1.14, UCPH South Campus
Centre of African Studies

Youth, Love and Political Polarization in Contemporary Hungary
// Film Screening *Explanation for Everything* (2023) by Hungarian director Gábor Reisz + Introductory Lecture by *Associate Professor Miklós Áron Sukósa*, University of Copenhagen
20 March @ 16:00-18:30, Room 22.0.11, UCPH South Campus
CEMES + HUM:Global

Liberalism in Texas and French Algeria in the 1830s and 1840s
// Seminar with *Professor Leonard V. Smith*, Oberlin College
26 March @ 15:00-17:00, Room: 12.3.07, UCPH South Campus
CEMES + Saxo Global Cluster + HUM:Global

Alternative Media and Online Contention: Climate Change, Feminism and Anti-Westernism in India and China
// Seminar with *Professor Ralph Schroeder*, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford
27 May @ TBC, UCPH South Campus
HUM:Global Flagship Initiative "Alternative platforms, alternative politics" + Center for Tracking and Society





8. HUM:Global *Talks!*

The HUM:Global *Talks!* are co-hosted with our partners at the different departments at the Humanities Faculty who have organised talks that are open to all faculty, students and staff at the University of Copenhagen as well as external stakeholders and the general public. HUM:Global supports the organisers by spreading news about the globally-oriented talks to a wider, cross-disciplinary audience, and, when possible, documents the talks in pictures.

In the 2024 autumn semester, we supported six talks in collaboration with the centres for the Study of Nationalism (EnGeRom), and Modern European Studies (CEMES), as well as the Departments of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (ToRS) and Arts and Cultural Studies (IKK). One talk was also in collaboration with UN City and the Ukraine House.

In the 2025 spring semester, we supported seven talks in collaboration with the centres for Applied Ecological Thinking (CApE), for Modern European Studies (CEMES), for African Studies (CAS), and Global Cluster at Saxo. These talks brought guest lecturers from all over the world, and engaged a broad cross-section of students, researchers and guests from in and outside of academia.





9. HUM:Global META-UN

HUM:Global, together with Flagship 2 of the 4EU+ European University Alliance at the University of Copenhagen, have launched a global outreach project called META-UN. The aim of this project is to create ties between the United Nations (UN) and social science, humanities, and law researchers at the University of Copenhagen, and the other partner universities of the 4EU+ alliance, who work with global governance. Through META-UN, the University of Copenhagen will establish a science-policy exchange with the UN by exploring themes of UN heritage, challenges in global governance, and challenges in decision-making for international law.





10. HUM:Global Networking Activities

In the academic year 2024/25 we have actively participated in various networks, locally here at the University of Copenhagen as well as nationally and internationally. As well as increasing our circle of potential partners and collaborators, network participation also allows us to speak about and develop our own understanding of the necessity for as well as the meaning impact of Global Humanities in the academy.

We participated in the meetings of:

- The international **Cornell Global Hubs Network**
- The national (Low-and Middle-Income Countries) **LMIC Network**
- The UCPH **centre Coordinator Network**
- The **UCPH Global** network





11. Coming up in 2025/26

As we head into the academic year 2025/26, we look forward to:

- Promoting the HUM:Global Seed Money projects
- Holding HUM:Global *Talks!* and the Semester Lecture
- Launching additional HUM:Global Flagship Initiatives
- Launching the HUM:Global Summer School
- Developing a HUM:Global Podcast
- Continuing to build relationships within UCPH and with external partners

Visit us via LinkedIn and our website to keep up to date with our activities: www.globalhumanities.ku.dk

We look forward to working with you in 2025/26!

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