# **NORDIC FASCISM – CONTENT, CONTINUITIES AND CHANGES**

**Open and gratis half-day conference**

**organised by the Network for Nordic Fascism Studies (NORFAS)  
& The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies (HL-senteret)**

There is a direct historical line from the fascist street marches in the 1930s to the Nordic Resistance Movement’s march through Oslo’s main streets on 29 October, 2022.

Ideas about a specific Nordic race, its external and internal enemies and the racially determined common destiny and political mission of the Nordic peoples have been central throughout the long history of fascism in the Nordic countries. With this as a starting point, fascist and far-right groups have operated across national borders, built networks, supported each other’s activities, and worked to develop a common policy.

Featuring contributions from some of the leading researchers on Nordic and international fascism, the purpose of the conference is to shed light on the character, long lines, and various manifestations of Nordic fascism. Its overarching aim is to contribute to an increased awareness of history among students, teachers and others involved in preventive work against extremism.

The conference is supported by The Fritt Ord Foundation, and is a collaboration between NORFAS, Network for Nordic Fascism Studies, and The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies.

Participation is free, but you must register by the deadline of February 5.

Lunch can be ordered at the HL-senteret in advance.

**Programme**

**February 8, 2023**

**HL-senteret, Huk Aveny 56, Oslo**

**13.00 – 13.05** Welcome by Guri Hjeltnes, director at HL-senteret

**13.05 – 13.15** *The Network for Nordic Fascism Studies* by Nicola Karcher & Oula Silvennoinen

**13.15 – 14.00** Keynote by Roger Griffin (digital), Oxford Brookes University:*Nordic Fascism and the Story of Coalescing Asteroids. The Growing Convergence between Scandinavian and Comparative Fascist Studies*

**14.00 – 14.30**  Markus Lundström, Mid Sweden University & Uppsala University:*Introduction to Nordic Fascism*

**14.30 – 15.00** Terje Emberland, HL-senteret:  
*Early Nordic Fascism and Antisemitic Conspiracism*

**15.00 – 15.15** Coffee break

**15.15 – 15.45** Nicola Karcher, Østfold University College:  
*National Socialisms in Clinch:  
Norwegian National Socialists in Interwar Germany*

**15.45 – 16.15** Oula Silvennoinen, University of Helsinki:

*A Pragmatic Revolutionary:  
R. Erik Serlachius and Fascist Visions of Society*

**16.15 – 16.45** Gustaf Forsell, Uppsala University:

*Hidden Knowledge and Mythical Origins: Atlantis, Esoteric Fascism,  
and Nordic Racial Divinity*

**16.45 – 17.15**  Tommi Kotonen,University of Jyväskylä**:***Window to Europe: Finland and Nordic Fascist Networks  
During the Cold War*

**17.15 – 17. 30** Closing