



## STM.AU-Newsletter no. 02

### A growing success.

*Aarhus Network for Science, Technology and Medicine Studies* is proving to be a much needed environment for many researchers and students all across the university. Following the



*Jan-Georg Deutsch (right) and Casper Andersen laying  
modernity to rest at the seminar  
"Imperialism, Technology and Modernity"*

official launch on 28 September with the seminar "Imperialism, Technology and Modernity" the network has arranged three very different but successful **Brown Bag Research Seminars** exploring concepts within the STM-field ranging from Kant and the Internet, across natural disasters, to the epistemology of the clinic.

We are happy that many researchers from abroad have taken an interest in the network and signed up for the newsletter. This proves that the University of Aarhus is already an important contributor to the field of STM and yet again highlights the need for the network.

### Activities in November

During the month of November there are three events organised by the network:

☐ On **14 November** PhD-student Zenia Effenberger Larsen will give a presentation titled *What dreams are made of* (tentative title) as part of the **Brown Bag Research Seminars**. The

location and time is as usual **meeting room 1.1 in building 1420 at 12-1PM**. Remember to register for this event – you can find further details at [www.stm.au.dk/brownbags](http://www.stm.au.dk/brownbags).

☐ From **22 -24 November** the network is co-organising an international conference titled: **“Telling the Past Now – historiographies for the 21<sup>st</sup> century”**.



The conference brings together leading historians from a number of different fields in an interdisciplinary effort to discuss the challenges, possibilities and ways of writing history today and for the future. The

participants will engage in state of the art debates and problematics concerning the conceptualization and writing of history within a range of topical subjects such as place, culture, politics, narrative and forgetting. **Telling the Past Now** is a keynote conference with **more than 10 lectures** delivered over two days and with an **initial PhD seminar taking place on 22 November**. For information and registration please see further details at [www.ifi.au.dk/historiography](http://www.ifi.au.dk/historiography).

☐ On **28 November** Dr Aileen Fyfe (National University of Ireland, Galway) will present her recent work on *Science and the Victorian Tourist: activity and observation in the mid-nineteenth century* in an **extended Brown Bag Research Seminar** with a workshop-session from **9-12AM** and lecture from **2-4PM**.



Please note that the location of this BBRS has been changed in order to facilitate both workshop and lecture. The morning session will be held at **Room 616, Building 1467** (Institute for Philosophy and the History of Ideas) and the afternoon lecture will be held at **auditorium 116, Building 1521** (Steno Department).

In addition to these events located at the University of Aarhus there are several more STM events at [www.stm.au.dk/arrangementer](http://www.stm.au.dk/arrangementer). (Should you be organising – or aware of – an event which is not represented on the list, please let us know at the soonest possible moment by mailing [stm@au.dk](mailto:stm@au.dk))

## Call for Papers

### 📅 1 December 2007 – **Historians at the Assembly Line.**

Call for Papers for the upcoming conference: **Darwin Industries, Inc.** to be held at the University of Aarhus 7-8 February 2008 ([www.stm.au.dk/darwin2008](http://www.stm.au.dk/darwin2008))

Under the heading “Historians at the assembly line” we invite proposals for papers on the many different receptions, uses and abuses of Darwin and evolution in the almost 150 years since the publication of *On the Origin of Species* in an effort to explore what we as historians are saying about Darwin today. But we also want each speaker to take a critical look at our profession, at what we are doing, for whom we are doing it and why.

Please send your abstract to Jakob Bek-Thomsen ([idejbt@hum.au.dk](mailto:idejbt@hum.au.dk)) with the following information: 1) title of proposed paper, 2) Short abstract (limited to 200 words), 3) name, 4) academic status and affiliation 5) contact details and 6) website

For more information and details on CfP procedure please see:

[www.stm.au.dk/darwin2008/cfp](http://www.stm.au.dk/darwin2008/cfp).

### 📅 1 February - **Encompassing Knowledge**

1st Call for Papers for the upcoming conference **The 2nd International Conference in the 360° Conference Series: Encompassing Knowledge** at the University of Aarhus 15-17 May 2008

The conference will deal with knowledge from three perspectives:

- **Communication of Specialised Knowledge**
- **Representing Knowledge in Texts**
- **Knowledge Construction and Learning**

Papers should be designed to fit into a 30-minute time slot. Abstracts of approx. 250 words should contain title, general research topic, content, discussion and bibliography (max. 5 titles).

For further information and registration please see: [www.asb.dk/encompassingknowledge](http://www.asb.dk/encompassingknowledge)

## **General information**

In case you have discovered errors on the webpage or if you have additional information on future events, please do not hesitate to contact us. The success of Aarhus Network for Science, Technology and Medicine Studies rely on a certain amount of “user-activity”, both in regards to the expansion of the knowledge of the network and to the report of activities which could be of interest to the network members and newsletter subscribers. Therefore, you are most welcome to distribute this newsletter. Should you no longer wish to receive this newsletter please send an email with the subjectheader “Un-subscribe” to [stm@au.dk](mailto:stm@au.dk).

All questions should be addressed to network-coordinator Peter C. Kjærgaard ([idepck@hum.au.dk](mailto:idepck@hum.au.dk)), or network secretary Jakob Bek-Thomsen ([idejbt@hum.au.dk](mailto:idejbt@hum.au.dk)). Jakob Bek-Thomsen is responsible for updates to the webpage. All requests regarding corrections and news should be addressed to him.

We hope to see many of you at the November events,

Yours Sincerely,

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**Dear all,**

**One very important event managed to evade yesterday's newsletter but I hope you had it marked in your calendars already.**

**Today, Friday 2 November 2007, at 1 PM**

**For the Dr.phil**

**Professor, Dr.scient, Helge Kragh**

**Will be defending his dissertation**  
***Entropy, Cosmos & Creation***

**Official opponents are: Professor emeritus John Brooke,  
University of Oxford, England and Professor Crosbie Smith,  
University of Kent, England**

**Place: Auditorium 1 (room 012), building 1441, Faculty of Theology, Ndr. Ringgade**

**Following the reception the Steno Department will host a reception in the library of building 1521 (Ny Munkegade)**