Decentring Europe: Nordic–Iberian Histories (Gothenburg, 21–22 May 26)

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Deadline: Dec 10, 2025

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4th SWESP workshop: “Decentring Europe: Nordic–Iberian Histories in Transregional Perspective".

We are writing to inform you of the launch of the Call for Papers for the fourth workshop of SWESP, the International Research Network on Iberian–Nordic Contacts throughout History (http://swesp.hypotheses.org).

The workshop is free of charge, and we offer partial bursaries to cover travel costs for doctoral students and early-career researchers with limited access to funding.

Conference theme: This interdisciplinary conference seeks to explore the multifaceted connections and entanglements between the Nordic and Iberian worlds. Moving beyond traditional centre-periphery and modernisation narratives, the event aims to foster dialogue on how exchanges across these regions have shaped diplomatic, economic, political, and cultural networks from the late medieval period to the contemporary era. We welcome approaches from comparative and transnational history, histoire croisée (entangled history), and other interdisciplinary frameworks that examine both the continental lands and the overseas territories of these regions.

Topics: We invite contributions from a wide range of disciplines, including history, literature, arts, philosophy, and the social sciences. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Cross-regional diplomatic, religious, and military networks;
- Movements of people, goods, and ideas; political exile and migration;
- Comparative studies of governance, reform, and military/maritime infrastructures;
- Cultural exchange, translation, and artistic reception; Knowledge production and scientific transfer;
- Comparative gender, family, and welfare structures;
- Environmental and climatic histories;
- Transregional solidarities and intellectual entanglements.

Submission guidelines: We encourage submissions that focus on specific historical periods or adopt cross-temporal perspectives. The workshop aims to illuminate the shared questions and conceptual paradigms that emerge from studying the Nordic and Iberian regions in relation to one another.

Key dates: Proposals should be sent in a Word or PDF document containing a title, a short abstract (max. 250 words), and the author's name and affiliation to the organisers at swespnet@gmail.com no later than 15 November 2025. The results of the selection process will be communicated by 15 December 2025. If you wish to request a bursary, please include a short motivation letter (max. 250 words) explaining how attending the workshop may impact your career, with details of available funding.

Organising committee: A. Jorge Aguilera-López (University of Helsinki), Enrique J. Corredera Nilsson (University of Bern), Lucila Mallart (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona), Kenneth Nyberg (University of Gothenburg), Ingmar Söhrman (University of Gothenburg).

You can find all the details of the CFP here: https://swesp.hypotheses.org/462.

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