

History Upstart after summer and Corona.

Dear all

I hope that you all have had a relaxing summer.

Yesterday there was a meeting with the Heads of Departments and the DIR, and a leadership group meeting at MPP, where the Covid-19 situation was discussed. It was at both meeting decided that it ok to have meetings at CBS as long as we meet the rules regarding social distancing. We therefore meet Monday for a meeting for the first time in almost a half year.

When we had the last meeting before the summer was it my hope that the situations after the summer would be more or less normal. This is not the case. The virus is still around and it is my impression that we are going to have a semester with a campus that is partly opened and partly closed. Perhaps is the 50 % online teaching a good indicator on this. We are not in the aftermath of the crises we are still in it.

The main issue for the meeting Monday is find out how we will organize our group both in the next semester, where we still will be in an kind of Covid-19 emergency, but also the implications in the longer perspective.

When Corona emerged in the spring, we managed to exist as virtual and on-line center. Through online seminars, center meetings, 'slams' and Friday Bar we were able to maintain our work as a group. This was positive and showed us that we have some tools, which we can develop and integrate as part of our future life. It is for example obvious make use of our experience when we are going to discuss how we want to develop our international profile and network.

It is, however, my conviction that, in order to maintain and develop the center as an environment in the long run a kind of physical center and meeting each other on a regular basis is a necessity. Nevertheless, when it comes to how we in praxis find and agree on this mix, have I more questions than answers:

Will it be possible (and is it a good idea) to have physical meetings and events during the forthcoming semester?

Is the 'good responsible history group member' the one who are present at CBS and in his/her office or is it in contrast the one who work for home?

The agenda reflect this situation in at several levels. The first part will be on-line and via Teams, this because I know that Dan and Alfred will not be in Copenhagen at the time. I suggest that we have this part fully over Teams, which means that we will sit with our own screen in our offices. The rest of the meeting will be a real meeting and will take place at Porcelænsøen. We are trying to book the Studio so we will have sufficient of space to meet the requirements for social distancing. I have furthermore included a 'Walk and Talk' session, and made the agenda and reduced the time for the meeting.

Agenda:

9.00- 10.00 (Teams meeting) *What are the individual plans and ideas?*

Round where all prepare 3 minutes regarding, plans for teaching and research, but also expectations to the center and ideas for organizing the next semester

10.00-10.30 (Teams) *Should we ask for the editorship for 'Management and Organizational History' or are there other and more productive ways of strengthening our profile as center?*

(We started the discussion before the summer and need to give a reply to the editor and the publisher, Dan and Anders will prepare this part.)

10.30-11.00 *Coffee and introduction to walk and talk*

11.00- 11.30 *Walk and Talk. How do we organize the center?*

11.30-12.15 *Teaching history at CBS.*

I have invited Rasmus Johnsen, who have moved to the philosophy group and are Vice Dean of Education, to join us for this part. He has some ideas to how we can proceed in our efforts to develop our teaching profile.

12.15-13.00 *Lunch*

13.00-14.00 *How will the department be organized and what is on the departments agenda for the fall semester?*

Beside Covid-19, 50/50 teaching, are CBS finalizing the strategy and the department has the international self-evaluation on the agenda.

I have invited Mitchell Dean to come for an open discussion on these matters.

14.00-15.30 *Organizing the center the next semester.*

After this, we will - I hope - be able to finalize the day with a plan for the next semester.

15.30 - *Wine in the park.*

The weather forecast is still promising so we go down in the park and have a glass of wine or beer.

Best

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