

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR AN EDITED VOLUME ON TRANSATLANTIC SLAVERY AND ABOLITION IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES

Transatlantic Slavery and Abolition Practices in the Nordic Region
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We cordially invite proposals for papers to an edited volume exploring the dynamics of transatlantic slavery and abolition practices in the Nordic region ca. 1780–1900. These were the centuries that saw the construction, consolidation and re-structuring of transatlantic slavery and abolition. The proposed book will examine how abolitionist practices shaped the Nordic countries, and the wider world. As a distinctive cultural and political constellation and a transnational region, the ‘Nordics’ offer a rich array of case studies in how abolitionist practices traveled in this era.

Scope and focus

This collection aims to examine how abolitionist practices in the Nordic countries were shaped by transnational exchanges and entanglements within the Nordic region and beyond it. We plan to organize the book around broad categories of transatlantic slavery and abolition, each category consisting of a mix of full chapters. We encourage contributions that examine how phenomena (people, practices, technologies, images, ideas, material goods) moved across borders. In particular, we encourage original research focusing on micro-level case studies of historical and cultural phenomena.

Process and timeline

We will develop the new book collaboratively over a period of around two years, with an informal and fully funded workshop at Swedish Institute for North American Studies (SINAS), Uppsala University, discussing chapters-in-progress.

We plan for an open access, peer reviewed anthology with an introduction in Swedish. We welcome papers in Scandinavian languages, and English. Length: max. 6000 words (including notes and references)

The preliminary timeline is as follows:

2 May 2022: Deadline for 350-word abstract to be emailed to the editors (see below)

16 May 2022: Initial responses/acceptances communicated to authors

12 December 2022: Rough draft of chapters to be submitted for distribution to all authors

16 January 2023: Workshop at SINAS in Uppsala (discussing draft chapters; feedback from editors)

19 June 2023: Advanced chapter drafts to be submitted for double-blind peer review

1 December 2023: Deadline for finished chapters

Please send a 350-word abstract of your proposed chapter by 2 May 2022.

Feel free to email us prior to the deadline with any questions. We look forward to reading your proposals!

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