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SPECIAL ISSUE CALL FOR PAPERS

NORA seeks submissions for
“(Neo-)liberalism and Tolerance – Scrutinizing Politics and State Regulation”
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For more than two centuries the autonomous subject and its close relation to the liberal idea of emancipation have structured Western politics and regulations. In the wake of this context, the study of both liberalism and neo-liberalism has a long tradition within many fields of research. Analyses of classic liberalism and its paradoxes have been central within feminist research to the understanding of social movements during the 20th century, as well as to analyses of various postcolonial projects. Recently, feminists have also turned to critical studies on the neo-liberal turn and its implication on subject-formations, as well as on politics, ethics and many other aspects of society.

In the European context, the Nordic countries are often defined as an exception in relation to political developments and influences, implicating a socio-liberal orientation rather than a neo-liberal one. However, today the neo-liberal project dominates both political and ethical discourse in most Nordic countries, using discourses on the welfare state and legal equality and giving rise to a new sort of state regulation perhaps unparalleled in Europe and the Western world. This has for example resulted in the marketization of the public sector including the rise of the citizen as entrepreneur. In addition, in this context moral discourses on tolerance play a central part in the de-politicization of the welfare state.

For this special issue we welcome articles that address different issues and perspectives on the neo-liberal shift including the relation between neo-liberalism and neo-conservatism as well as on morals, politics and tolerance. We are particularly interested in studies situated in a governmentality framework of analysis as well as studies that explicitly address the meanings of neo-liberalism in a Nordic setting. This special issue welcomes contributions from a variety of disciplines within both the Humanities and the Social Sciences.

Suggested areas include:

- Nordic liberal politics and the neo-liberal project
- Governance and the implications on governing and the political
- The liberal subject in relation to the body and matter
- Desire, consumerism, and entrepreneurial imperialism
- Liberal ideologies of tolerance

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