



Minderheiten Kompetenz Netzwerk

Schleswig-Holstein
Syddanmark

Draft Programme

Discussing Minority Identity, Language and Religion

Leck, 20th to 24th November 2023

Monday, 20th November 2023, Arrival and Introduction

until 18.00	Arrival at North Sea Academy, Leck, Germany
18.00	Dinner
19.00	Welcome and Presentation of the seminar schedule <i>Introduction to Minorities in the Danish-German border region</i> Caroline Honervogt, Coordinator Minority Competence Network Schleswig-Holstein / Southern Denmark e.V.
20.30	Informal evening

Tuesday, 21st November 2023, Minority and Identity

National Minorities in the border region, Identity and Language, Meeting the German Sinti and Roma

from 7.30	Breakfast
9.00	Lecture: <i>What actually does minority mean?</i> Nils Langer, Europa-Universität Flensburg
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	Lecture: <i>The national minorities in the German-Danish border region compared with other regions</i> , Vello Pettai, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)
12.30	Lunch
14.30	<i>Language Politics for Minority Languages</i> , Karoline Kühn, Europa-Universität Flensburg
16.00	Coffee break
15.30	Meeting the Sinti and Roma in Schleswig-Holstein: <i>The Role of Music, Traditions and Language to cope with a painful Past</i> , Matthäus Weiss & Nicole Henning, Verband Deutscher Sinti und Roma, Landesverband Schleswig-Holstein
18.00	Dinner
19.15	Lecture: <i>Minority Identity in Conflict Situations</i> , Sebastian Lotto-Kusche, Research Centre for Regional Contemporary History and Public History

Wednesday, 22nd November 2023, Excursion 1

Roundtrip to Denmark and Germany

Ab 7.30	Breakfast
08.45	Bus to Løgumkloster (DK)
09.30	Visiting the church in Løgumkloster, <i>Discussion of Language Policy in Danish Churches and Community Work within the German Minority</i>
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Departure to the West Coast
14.30	Visiting the North-Western Danish Congregation in Germany <i>Discussion of Language Policy in German Churches and Community Work within the Danish Minority</i>
16.15	Coffee break
16.45	Visiting Nordfriisk Insitituut and exhibition on Frisian culture and history
18.00	Return to Leck
18.30	Dinner / free evening

Thursday, 23rd November 2023, Excursion 2

The North Frisians and the Danish Minority on the Island Sylt/Sild/Söl

from 7.30	Breakfast
8.45	Bus to Niebüll / Excursion to the island Sylt
9:30	Train from Niebüll - Westerland (Sylt)
10.00	Visit of the Danish Church on the island <i>Discussion of North Frisian Language and Identity within the German and Danish Churches, former Danish and North-Frisian Priest Jon Hardon Hansen</i>
12.00	Lunch (Lunch packs)
13.30	Workshop on Minority Identity, Language and Religion: How are these issues intertwined? How do different Minorities deal with these issues?
15.00	Free time to explore Sylt
17.30	Dinner
18.30	Train Westerland-Niebüll
20.00	Bus to Niebüll-Leck
21:00	Arrival at Leck

Friday, 24th November 2023, Summary and Feedback

Reflections and Departure

from 7.30	Breakfast
9.00	<i>Reflection of Impressions: What have you learned? How can you use the new knowledge in your situation?</i>
10.30	Coffee Break
11.00	<i>Conclusion and Feedback</i>
12:00	Departure

THE MINORITY-COMPETENCE-NETWORK

The Minority-Competence-Network was established in 2020 and gathers all national and regional minorities of the German-Danish border region. These minorities are: the Danish minority in Germany, the German minority in Denmark, the North Frisian minority and the German Sinti and Roma. The aim of the network is to encourage actions for autochthonous minorities in the region and abroad. Minorities across Europe are all different. Nevertheless, often similar issues are faced or topics addressed. We connect minorities across Europe to encourage discussions, foster contact and to enable minority members to learn from others. We strongly believe that all members of minorities can learn from each other and that our location in the German-Danish border region provides a fertile ground for connecting, meeting and discussing.

OUR OFFER TO YOU

We drafted a programme to welcome you to our region. As we were told, you are especially interested in the links between minority identity and language and the role the minority's churches can play. This is a very relevant topic among various minorities, because nation states can change their policies towards minorities' churches. Therefore, we would like to show you how churches and their institutions and minorities take part in Denmark and Germany and how we can compare this situation with the Swedish-speaking Finns.

We want to discuss the basics of being a minority and what it means in the every day life and within a religious context. How are language, identity and religion linked to each other? Are there any special approaches within your community? What does it mean to you emotionally to sing songs and to pray in your mother tongue?

The German-Danish border region often names itself as best practice example for minority issues in Europe, it would be interesting to discuss whether this actually is the case or not. What can we learn from you? What can you learn from us? We hope to create a nurturing environment to discuss minority matters openly and successfully.

COSTS AND FURTHER QUESTIONS

The project is sponsored by the federal state of Schleswig-Holstein. We cover accommodation in double rooms, food and the programme costs plus we can grant a partial travel allowance.

Please, contact us if you have any further questions.