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“Becoming small: the case of Denmark and the Imperative of the Regional (1814-1945)”

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Abstract

It is easy to get the impression that small states are “small by nature” and that we need to focus on the primate of smallness to understand the constraints placed upon them and the room of manoeuvre which they use to navigate in the game among nations. Instead this lecture will discuss the process by which Denmark became small and how that forced her to reinvent her place among nations and how it shaped the norms that came to form the political culture of that country.

Speaker's CV

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