

CALL FOR PAPERS
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**"Political Concepts beyond the Nation State : Cosmopolitanism,
territoriality, democracy"**

A Conference under the auspices of the Danish Political Theory Network

**UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 28-30
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We invite proposals for panels and/or papers from all those who share a theoretical preoccupation with the future of our many state-dependent political concepts by 1 March 2004, to: Noel Parker, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen: np@ifs.ku.dk Anders Berg Sorensen, Department of Social Science, University of Roskilde: andersbs@ruc.dk

Whilst not straightforwardly confronted with "the end of the state", we are facing the end of the privileged position of the state in our political thinking. It is that challenge to our thinking which this conference aims to address. We propose to consider what political concepts there are, or could be, "beyond" the nation state, in the sense that: they capture political realities occurring outside the nation state, or before it came into being; their formulation does not need the national state as precondition; or they address a future in which the position of the state and of politics in relation to the state have been fundamentally altered.

This challenge to the position of the state in our thinking raises four areas of reflection:

1. Conceptualizations of political order(s) not dependant on the nation state - federalism, regionalism, governance networks, associations, borderlands, transnational communities etc
2. Political concepts covering earlier, non-nation-state conditions: empires, republics, protectorates, feudal networks, civilizations, confessional orders, ethnies etc
3. Presentday political concepts that may be independent of the idea of the nation state: cosmopolitanism, communitarianism, universal human rights, multiculturalism, ecologism etc
4. Reformulations of political concepts previously implicated in the earlier idea of the nation state: sovereignty, territory, autonomy, democracy, government etc.

The conference will be addressed by a mix of academic specialists:

- .. Mogens Herman Hansen (University of Copenhagen)
 - .. Martin Shaw (Professor of International Relations & Politics, University of Sussex)
 - .. Peter J. Taylor (Professor of Geography, University of Loughborough)
 - .. Grahame F. Thompson (Professor of Political Economy, Open University)
 - .. R.B.J. Walker (Professor of International Relations, University of Keele)
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Proposals (abstracts up to 300 words for papers up to 6,000) by 1 March 2004. (Final papers by end September, please)

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