

Assistant Professor in the History and Memory of the Holocaust

Description of the Current Research Environment: Provide a concise overview of the existing research environment, highlighting key strengths, major projects, collaborative networks, and areas with significant potential for future development. Relevant links to web pages, laboratories, and related resources are welcomed.

The Division of History at the Department of History has several years of experience in research on the Holocaust and antisemitism, and today this research is gathered under NORAH, the North European Center for Research on Antisemitism and the Holocaust. NORAH conducts research, seminars and conferences, and the center also has its own publication series. The Center has hosted several guest researchers, including Wendy Lower, Joanna Michlic and Jan Grabowski, and has developed contacts with renowned universities and institutes in Sweden, the Nordic countries, and other parts of the world. Research is particularly strong in areas such as the Holocaust and the Nordic countries as well as the Holocaust and Eastern Europe, the Holocaust as a culture of memory and history, fictionalizations of the Holocaust and Holocaust survivors. European and Nordic perspectives are particularly prominent. Furthermore, there is a developed educational collaboration with the upper secondary school Katedralskolan in Lund based on the theme of the modern history of anti-Semitism.

Thematic Focus: Formulate a theme that remains open and forward-looking—welcoming unexpected and innovative proposals—while offering enough substance to attract strong applicants. Emphasise how this thematic focus aligns with departmental and institutional strategic priorities.

We are now looking for a researcher who wants to strengthen transnational research within NORAH with a focus on European and/or Nordic conditions, preferably from a comparative perspective. Possible areas of interest include research on occupations, and mass killings, the wartime and postwar trajectories of victims, survivors, and perpetrators, studies of the policies and actions of governments and aid organizations, but also mediatization of Holocaust memory in music, art, literature, film or other media. The position is part of the department's vision and strategy plan 2026–2028, where Holocaust research is one of the prioritized research areas. Also, a transnational and regional approach to the Holocaust offers prospects of collaboration and synergy with other prioritized research areas where Lund University has well-established research environments.

Independent initiatives from the department to strengthen the environment: Describe other investments being made—both now and in the future—to build and sustain this environment oriented toward global excellence.

The Department of History has developed systematic support for applications for external funding, eg. ERC and MSCA. The Division of History's strategic plan emphasizes increased visibility for research through increased focus on collaboration over the next three years. There is also possibility for course development at undergraduate and master's level in the field of Holocaust studies.