

## **Understanding Past Places - Historical Geography in the Present**

A session at the Inaugural Nordic Geographers Meeting, May 10–15, 2005 in Lund.

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Historical geographers reconstruct/deconstruct geographies of the past. They study a wide array of mental and material dimensions of landscapes, cities & towns, paintings & texts and what not. The time period ranges from prehistory to the present. Regardless of period and theme studied, one common trait is methodological problems arising from irreconcilable sources and different ways to deal with those through analytical techniques. Apart from historical studies, historical geographers are badly needed (although not necessarily always appreciated) for work on: preservation, conservation and environmental impact assessment. This last dimension is more than well applicable to the overarching theme of the conference: “Power over Time-Space”, since the construction of national heritage today is contested.

All contributions are welcome, be it methodological, theoretical, descriptive, applied, studies of small or large areas. Since this the first NGM it is interesting to capture the diverse aspects of today’s research in historical geography in the Nordic countries. During the session a proposal of establishing a network for communication will be made.

We invite you to present your research in historical geography and/or different kinds of applied work, either as a short communication under the heading “getting to know a historical geographer”, or as a paper.

Deadline for early bird registration January 20, 2005. Abstract and submissions should be made prior to February 20, 2005 to Ulf Jansson or Christer Persson.

For information and registration of the conference, see the page: <http://www.ngm.cc>

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