The conference explores new perspectives on the Nordic by

A) reassessing the historical impact of European ideas of the Nordic on Norwegian music within changing political contexts during the 20th century,
B) discussing the ideological aspects of the Nordic in present musical sub-cultures (ranging from Black Metal to nationalistic neo-folk),
C) including interdisciplinary perspectives from musicology, history, literature, and theatre studies.

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Tuesday, 20 March 2018

09.00–13.00: **Political Alliances – Cultural Power Struggles**
Chair: Michael Custodis (Münster)
Keynote Boris Previšić (Luzern): *Resistance to Totalitarianism: The Polyphony of Arts*
Ina Rupprecht (Münster): *Manifesting the Nation’s Legacy. Edvard Grieg or How His Biographers Saw Him*
Andreas Bußmann (Münster): *Expressing Nordic Greatness. Early 20th Century Wagnerism in Norway*
Ingrid Loe Landmark (Oslo): *Ideas on National Music in Interwar Norway*

15.00–19.00: **War Time Experiences – Postwar Consequences**
Chair: Arnulf Mattes (Bergen)
Friedrich Geiger (Hamburg): *Harald Sæverud’s ‘Kjempeviseslåtten’ – A Typical Resistance Composition?*
Keynote Tom Kristiansen and Rolf Hobson (Tromsø): *Occupied Norway. The Regime’s Ambitions, Popular Responses - Current Research on Norwegian Society During the War.*
Comment: Christhard Hoffmann (Bergen)

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

9.00–14.00: **Historical Changes – Contemporary Issues**
Chair: Friedrich Geiger (Hamburg)
Keynote Siemke Böhnisch (Kristiansand): *Depolitisation, Collective Identity and the Battle of Narratives after ‘22 July’ – Seen Through the Lenses of Some Theatre Performances*
Nina Nielsen (Oslo): *Norwegianness in Black Metal*
Arnulf Mattes (Bergen): *Escaping the Heritage? The Nordic Tone Beyond Grieg*