

Introduction

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From 23 to 29 May 1993 a Nordic researcher training course took place at Sandbjerg Manor in the South of Jutland with the theme "Ethnicity and Nationalism: Historical and Anthropological Approaches". The course was funded by the Nordic Academy for Advanced Study (NorFA) and convened by Jan Hultin and Preben Kaarsholm on behalf of two Nordic networks of academic co-operation - the network concerned with researcher training in International Development Studies and NORDNES (network of ethnic studies).

The course brought together 15 senior researchers from Europe, Africa and Asia with 26 young researchers, the great majority of them Ph. D. students registered with Nordic universities, for an intense week of lectures, working group discussions and individual consultations.

The papers contained in the present volume are based on lectures and presentations made to the course. The contribution from Terence Ranger was originally published as a chapter in the book *Legitimacy and the State in Twentieth Century Africa* (edited by T. O. Ranger and Megan Vaughan, London 1993) - a volume containing a great deal of further interesting reading material for students of ethnicity - and is reprinted with the kind permission of the Macmillan Press. Partha Chatterjee was unable to attend the course as planned, but has allowed us to include his essay on "History and the Nationalisation of Hinduism" which appeared in a different format in the journal *Social Research* (vol. 59, no. 1, spring 1992).

As part of the course, Uffe Østergård from the Centre for Cultural Research, University of Aarhus, led an afternoon's and evening's field trip to nationalist monuments in Northern and Southern Schleswig - in practical terms an interesting exercise in crossing boundaries within the new Europe, not least for those participants who happened to hold single-entry visas to Denmark and none to

Germany. The argument presented in Østergård's introductory lecture before the trip is included here in the essay "Statehood, Ethnicity and Nationalism: The Case of Denmark".

The texts were formatted and lay-outed by Peter Frøslev Christensen on the basis of disks and manuscripts sent to us in a variety of shapes and formats. We apologise for misprints and inconsistencies in styles of referencing which have survived the effort of converting, scanning and re-formatting the texts. More insistent proof-reading would have been costly and have delayed publication, and we hope that the benefits of having the collection available relatively quickly for teaching and study purposes will make up for what are hopefully not more than aesthetic imperfections.

We are grateful to the Nordic Academy for Advanced Study for making the course possible and to lecturers, participants and Sandbjerg Manor staff for making it a success.