

# The 1973 Conference

## "The Urbanization Process"

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In order to maintain our original time table for conferences, we will hold our next conference in 1973. The excellent arrangements provided in Kungälv in the summer of 1971 have made us decide to hold also the 1973 conference at the Nordens Folkliga Akademi. The theme of the conference will be "The Urbanization Process Reflected in Social Science Research and Literature". We are planning the program now, and we intend to invite representatives for American urban history research as well as cultural anthropologists, sociologists, and economists. We will also treat the racial problem in modern cities as it is reflected in literature. The final program will be published in the next issue of *American Studies in Scandinavia*.

This time we are able to publish research concerning the fatal period when the cold war started. In an article about USA's relationship to Poland during the period 1943—1946 Geir Lundestad treats some of the complicated courses of events which led to serious tensions on the international scene. Also included is a small article which throws light upon Ransm's poetry and another about the structure of the short story. Some of the findings of the Emigration Research Group, Uppsala, are reviewed. The Research Group deals with aspects on migration phenomena both in USA and Scandinavia. It is concerned with the problem of making migration research an interdisciplinary study. As usual the issue contains a list of recently published literature in the field of American studies from one of the Scandinavian countries, this time Sweden.

We are happy to inform you that we will send you, without extra cost, the *Newsletter of the European Association for American Studies* and *American Studies* published by the American Association for

American Studies with our periodical. In this way we can offer considerably better coverage of what happens in the area of American Studies in the USA as well as in Europe.

As of the next issue the editorial offices of American Studies Scandinavia will be moved to Norway. The Swedish editorial office has now been active since the start of the periodical in 1966 and we think that this is a good time to let the Norwegians take over. Our intention is that in the future the task of editing shall circulate among the Nordic countries.

The editorial staff in Uppsala would like to thank you for the confidence we have been shown in editing one of the few periodicals with an interdisciplinary coverage. It has proved very inspiring work and we wish the future Norwegian editors good luck with their task.