

The Nordics: present challenges and past perspectives

What can the archives show us about climate change, healthcare, and sociology?

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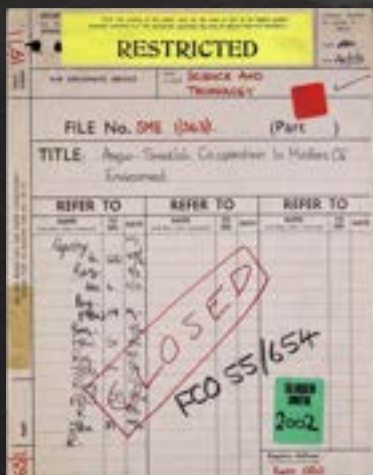
A herd of reindeer. B. Mesch, *Loose Prints*, Sweden, 1912. Source: *Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)*

Solving the climate crisis

Denmark's new buildings consume 80% less energy than in the 1970s, while Norway has the world's highest electric vehicle adoption rate. Nordic countries are leading the way in clean energy, harnessing biomass, hydropower, wind, and geothermal energy.

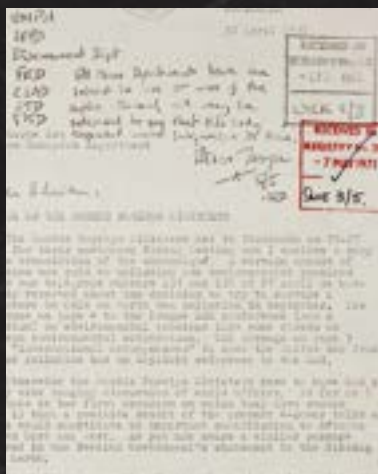
With our archives, researchers can dive into the region's past of agriculture, entomology, geography, meteorology, pollution, and more.

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What was the scope of environmental planning in Sweden during the early 1970's? A previously restricted document discusses the need to reduce sulphur emissions, mercury contamination, and other challenges.

UK/Sweden co-operation on environmental pollution. Pia Sparrström, Dr. Michael Proctor, et al., *Foreign Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office (...)*, January 1-December 31, 1971. Source: *Environmental Science and History archive*.



The Nordic Foreign Ministers met in Stockholm in 1971 to discuss marine pollution and environmental concerns. A series of over 220 pages showcases their communication and discussions for the upcoming 1972 United Nations conference among other topics.

Marine pollution: disposal of toxic materials and armaments at sea. Miss P. M. Hutchinson, F. B. Wheeler, et al. *The National Archives, London, England, Foreign Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office (...)*, Source: *Environmental Science and History archive*.

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Norway Illustrated. In Two Parts. T. Heath Joyce, *Pamphlets*, June 12, 1886-June 26, 1886. Source: *Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)*

Advancing biotech and pharmaceuticals

Great research and development in global biotech and pharmaceuticals is emerging from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Recent biotech patents offer new treatment methods for Alzheimer's disease, type 1 diabetes, and cancer.

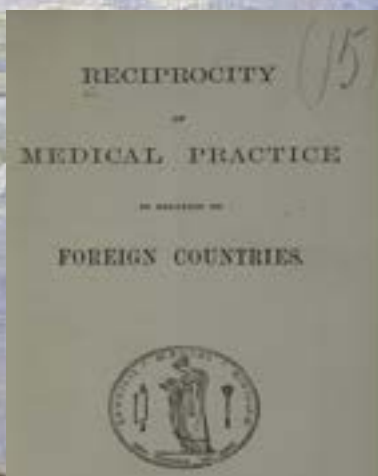
Our archives provide a look at just how far the Nordic region has come in advancing medical practices.

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Are there prominent characteristics in Denmark's medical history? Are there distinguished studies among works by people like Neuburger, Sudhoff, Garrison, and Sigerist? Danish physician Egil Snorrason dives deep into biomedical libraries throughout the United States to see what they had to say about the Danish medical field.

The History of Medicine in and about Denmark. Sources and Bibliography
Egil Snorrason, *RCP Library*, n.d. Source: *The Royal College of Physicians archive*.



What were medical practices like in Nordic countries during the late 19th century? A manuscript from the Royal College of Physicians examines Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, including amendments to the Quack Doctor's Law, which restricted unlicensed individuals from treating the ill.

Reciprocity of Medical Practice in Relation to Foreign Countries. *RCP Library*, 1895.
Source: *The Royal College of Physicians archive*.

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Sea Ice at Midnight in the Arctic Ocean - Danmark Expedition. Aage Bertelsen, *RGS Images Online*, 1907. Source: *Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)*

Confronting social concerns

The COVID-19 pandemic spurred a temporary rise in birthrates across Nordic countries, only to see rates plummet in 2022, despite robust social programs in the region which have historically supported family growth and welfare. At the same time, growing income inequality is putting increasing pressure on the Nordic welfare model, threatening its long-standing stability.

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How were fertility rates in 1855 in places like Sweden and Finland? Work by physician James Matthew Duncan notes that a majority of women were between ages 30-34 when having children, among other statistics.

On the Variations of the Fertility and Fecundity of Women According to Age by James Matthews Duncan. *RCP Library*, MDCCCLXIV. Source: *The Royal College of Physicians* London Special Collections



"Iceland, like Africa, lies on 'the threshold of history,'" starts Scottish-Canadian economist James Mavor in a series of sociological notes on Iceland in 1890. Mavor continues to discuss the economic and social past and present of the area.

Iceland: Some Sociological and Other Notes by Professor James Mavor. *University of Glasgow, Lord Kelvin Monographs*, 1890-91. Source: *British Association for the Advancement of Science*

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Shark Fishing Station, East Iceland. J. E. Tenison-Woods, *RGS Images Online*, 1860. Source: *Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)*