



# THE ATLANTIC WALL

**IN REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE  
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 23–24 MAY 2018**

**in Hanstholm, Denmark**

Arranged by Museum Thy, Vendsyssel Historiske Museum (Vendsyssel Historical Museum), Aalborg University, Nordjyllands Kystmuseum (Northern Jutland Coastal Museum)

## THE ATLANTIC WALL IN NORTHERN JUTLAND

The institutions arranging this symposium carried out the project entitled “The Atlantic Wall in Northern Jutland” in 2016-2018, financed by the Velux Foundation.

The overall purpose of the project has been to stimulate interest in the Atlantic Wall as part of our cultural heritage, to raise awareness among both the general public and public authorities about the Atlantic Wall bunkers as an element in a shared cultural heritage, and to strengthen cooperation between bunker museums in individual countries as well as on an international basis.

The project consists of a number of sub-studies that deal with three main themes concerning the Atlantic Wall in Northern Jutland:

1. The Atlantic Wall in Northern Jutland: strategy, tactics and construction, including the impact on the civilian population and the labour market.
2. The re-use of Atlantic Wall structures after 1945.
3. The Atlantic Wall as cultural heritage.

The aim of the symposium is to place the findings of this regional project in a national and international perspective by inviting Danish and European scholars to present results from their research on related subjects.

Lectures will be in English.

The papers from the symposium will be published in the Aalborg University Press publication series entitled “Studies in History, Archives and Cultural Heritage”.



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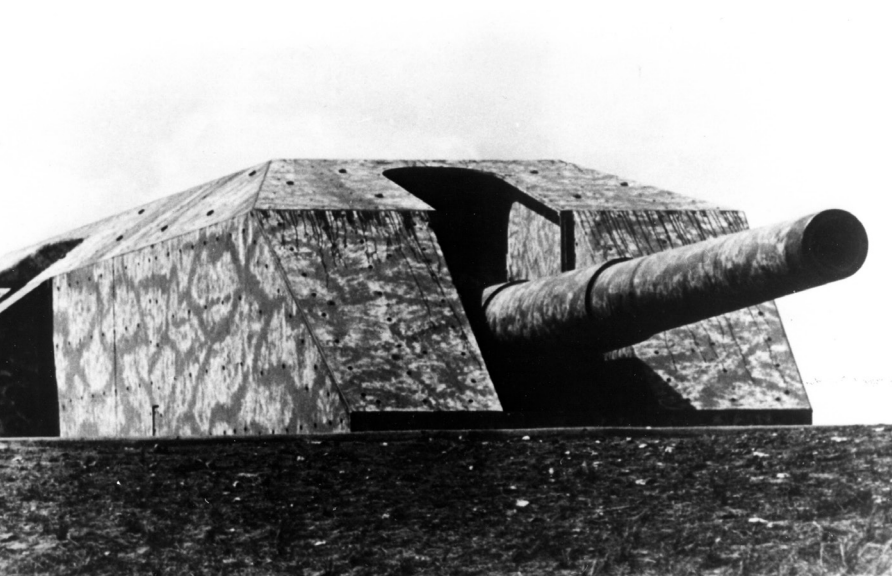
# Programme

## Wednesday 23 May 2018

- 10.00-10.45: Arrival and registration.
- 10.45: Welcome and introduction.
- 11.00-13.15,  
**first session: The Atlantic Wall in Europe.**
- 11.00-11.30: Jens Andersen, curator, Ph.D., Museum Thy/ Bunkermuseum Hanstholm, Denmark: The Atlantic Wall in Northern Jutland.
- 11.30-12.00: Jan Egil Fjørtoft, commander (ret.) and former director of Oscarsborg Museum, Norway: The Atlantic Wall in Norway.
- 12.00-12.15: Coffee break.
- 12.15-12.45: Paul Dijkstra, Leeuwarden, the Netherlands: Development of the Atlantic Wall in the Netherlands.
- 12.45-13.15: Round-table discussion about the Atlantic Wall in Europe.
- 13.15-14.15: Lunch.
- 14.15-16.30,  
**second session: Building the Atlantic Wall.**
- 14.15-14.45: Knud Knudsen, Ph.D., lecturer (ret.), Aalborg University, Denmark: Building the Atlantic Wall in Northern Jutland.
- 14.45-15.15: Marianne Neerland Soleim, Ph.D., head of Department, University of Tromsø: "Festung Norwegen" and the slave labourers from the East.
- 15.15-15.30: Coffee break.
- 15.30-16.00: Dr. Marcus Meyer, scientific director of Denkort Bunker Valentin, D: Bunker Valentin, construction, use after 1956 and cultural heritage.
- 16.30-17.00: Round-table discussion about the building of the Atlantic Wall.
- 17.00-20.00: Excursion.
- 20.00: Conference dinner.

## Thursday 24 May 2018

- 9.30-10.00,  
**third session: The Atlantic Wall, the Danish armed forces and the Cold War.**
- 9.30-10.00: Henrik Gjøde Nielsen, curator, Ph.D., Nordjyllands Kystmuseum: The reuse of the Atlantic Wall by the Danish armed forces with specific focus on the preliminary works in 1945-1949.
- 10.00-10.30: Thomas Wegener Friis, prof., Ph.D., University of Southern Denmark: Military espionage by the Eastern Bloc in Denmark during the Cold War.
- 10.30-10.45: Coffee break.
- 10.45-11.15: Hans Munk Pedersen, curator, cand.phil., Nordjyllands Kystmuseum: Danish use of German installations at Frederikshavn after 1945.
- 11.15-11.45: Round table discussion about the Atlantic Wall, the Danish armed forces and the Cold War.
- 11.45-12.15: Lunch.
- 12.15-14.45,  
**fourth session: Musealization of the Atlantic Wall 1945-2017.**
- 12.15-12.45: Chrestina Dahl, Ph.D. student, Aalborg University, Denmark: Musealization of the Atlantic Wall 1945-2017.
- 12.45-13.15: Mette Bjerrum Jensen, curator, Ph.D., Varde Museum, Denmark: Museum Tirpitz.
- 13.15-13.30: Coffee break.
- 13.30-14.00: Mathieu De Meyer, M.A., director, Provinciedomein Raversyde, Belgium: The musealization of the bunkers in Raversyde.
- 14.00-14.30: Rafaël Deroo, Brussels, Belgium, coordinator EU network, building 'Atlantikwall Europe': relevance of the Atlantic Wall today.
- 14.30-15.00: Round-table discussion about the musealization of the Atlantic Wall.
- 15.00-15.30: Conclusions.
- 15.30: End of conference and departure.



### PARTICIPATION FEE

including accommodation in single-bed room and food during the conference

Accommodation 23-24 May: DKK 1,500

Accommodation 22-24 May: DKK 2,300

(including dinner on 22 May)

Without accommodation: DKK 500.

### REGISTRATION

For registration, email Jens Andersen, Bunkermuseum Hanstholm, at [ja@museumthy.dk](mailto:ja@museumthy.dk).

**Deadline for registration: May 1st 2018.**

The conference will take place at Hotel Hanstholm, Chr. Hansens Vej 2, 7730 Hanstholm, Denmark [www.hotelhanstholm.dk](http://www.hotelhanstholm.dk)