



BHALISA SYMPOSIUM  
Bergen, Norway  
June 2022

## The global politics of northern European systems of population registration - A Bhalisa symposium

*Programme for the Bergen Meeting of the Bhalisa Network  
June 27 – 28, 2022*

**Location:** Natural History Museum, University of Bergen (“Forhandlingrommet”)  
Map: <https://www.universitetsmuseet.no/nb/praktisk>

### **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Tour at 12 noon

Guided tour of Bryggen focusing on the Hanseatic League’s place in the city’s identity by Professor Geir Atle Erslund.

### **Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Start time: 9:30

**Panel 1** Histories of Registration | 9:30 to 11:00

- **Walter Bartl** Population Registers and Census Taking in Germany: A Contentious Relationship
- **Radoslaw Poniat** Identification of domestic servants in Poland (17th–20th century)
- **Ian Watson** The Nordic ID Tradition: Five Countries, Five Systems



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**Coffee break | 11:00 to 11:30**

**Panel 2** Tax visibility and registration | 11:30 to 13:00

- **Helge Brunborg** A brief history of Norwegian population registration
- **Cláudio Muniz Machado Cavalcanti** Brazil's CPF – from tax number to potemkin ID
- **Jonathan Klaaren** Tax transparency and legal visibility

**Lunch | 13:00 – 14:00**

**Panel 3** Nordic Systems and Problems | 14:00 to 16:00

- **Marianne Henriksen** The Norwegian Tax Administration and the need for an holistic identity management
- **Tobias Wijk** Swedish tax, population registration and identity management
- **Marte Kjørven & Tone Linn Wærstad** Societal security and digital identities
- **Trude Åsrum** The response to identity questions of refugees from Ukraine: the Norwegian experience
- **Pål Nesse** – IDs and related obstacles to basic rights and integration for refugees and asylum seekers in Norway

Summary Reflections on Day 1

- Comments **Mia Harbitz**

**Dinner at [Colonialen Litteraturhuset](#) | 18:00**



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***Tuesday, June 28th***

Start time: 9:00am

**Panel 4 Capabilities and Exclusion | 9:00 to 11:00**

- **Romesh Silva** Measuring the Invisible: Data and Estimates of the Population Lacking Proof of Legal Identity(Precirc)
- **Imke Harbers and Wendy Hunter** Social Policy and the Inclusion of Older Women in Registration Systems
- **Fernando de Medina-Rosales** Documentation and Health: Challenges and Opportunities for Displaced Persons

**Coffee break | 11:00 to 11:30**

**Panel 5 Capabilities and Digital Identification | 11:30 to 13:00**

- **Edgar A. Whitley and Emrys Schoemaker** How can digital identity systems contribute to developmental social justice? Evidence from three digital identity initiatives
- **Babatunde Okunoye** SDG 16.9 vs SDG 11: Situating digital Identity enrollment in Africa within the context of broader sustainable development goals. Nigeria as a case study
- **Silvia Masiero** Digital Identity as Platform-Mediated Surveillance: A Study of Design Properties

**Lunch | 13:00 to 14:00**



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Panel 6 Recent Histories (4 papers) | 14:00

- **Alena Thiel, Byron Villacis (Berkeley), Daniel Capistrano (UC Dublin), and Christyne Carvalho da Silva (INEP)** Statistical innovation in the Global South: vectors of translation in the population censuses of Brazil, Ecuador, Ghana and Sierra Leone
- **Georges Eyenga** Undocumented at home? The identity tensions of biometric registration in Cameroon
- **Eve Hayes de Kalaf** The Windrush Scandal in a transnational and Commonwealth context

Concluding discussion | 16:00 - 17:30

- Comments : **Simon Szreter and Keith Breckenridge**





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### *City of Bergen, Norway*

Bergen is the second largest city in Norway with a population of 275 000, and the administrative and educational center of Western Norway. Naturally framed by mountains and the sea, Bergen is known as the “Gateway to the Fjords” and “the City Between Seven Mountains”. The city was founded in 1070, and the rich medieval history is still present today in the compact city centre and at the UNESCO world heritage site at Bryggen.

### *Things to do in and around Bergen*

Bergen is a UNESCO World Heritage City with a small-town feel and offers “ the ideal combination of nature, culture and exciting urban life all year around” according to the official Visit Bergen website.

<https://en.visitbergen.com/>

Tripadvisor also offers list of things to do and to see

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g190502-Activities-Bergen\\_Hordaland\\_Western\\_Norway.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g190502-Activities-Bergen_Hordaland_Western_Norway.html)

### *Some of Mia’s personal favorites in no particular order or ranking:*

Catch a concert at Troidhaugen, Edvard Grieg’s home

<https://griegmuseum.no/en>

Norway in a Nutshell: A fabulous day trip, rain or shine

<https://en.visitbergen.com/things-to-do/norway-in-a-nutshell-r-p825223>



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Ice cream on Mt. Fløyen (especially after hiking up)

<https://en.visitbergen.com/things-to-do/floibanen-funicular-p822813>

The Maritime Museum <https://sjofartsmuseum.museumvest.no/english/>

The Leprosy Museum

<https://bymuseet.no/museum/lepramuseet-st-jorgens-hospital/?lang=en>

Bryggen <https://en.visitbergen.com/things-to-do/bryggen-in-bergen-p878553>

(A guided tour is planned for Sunday June 26, details to be confirmed)

The Ulriken cable car will take you to the top of Bergen

<https://ulriken643.no/en/ulriksbanen/>

There is a restaurant at the top. For the extra adventurous, the hike from Ulriken to Floyen is well marked and takes about 5 -6 hours.