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Scandinavia in the eyes of Australians



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RESEARCHERS

The Centre has a large international network of research associates

- Academics correspond with the Centre by email from their Universities in Europe, the United States, Australia and New Zealand
- Members of Flinders University have worked in Scandinavia and scholars from the North have come down under to discuss their research projects



HISTORICAL SCIENCES



The Centre investigates Nordic historical issues

- What is more important in shaping national identity: racial and linguistic roots, geographical determinism or a colonial relationship with a great and powerful near neighbour?
- What is the relationship between politics, diplomacy, literature, art, music, business, and government, and how is it personified in archetypal national heroes?
- How were the Scandinavian kingdoms and Finland transformed into modern states that work so well and continue to lobby for progress?

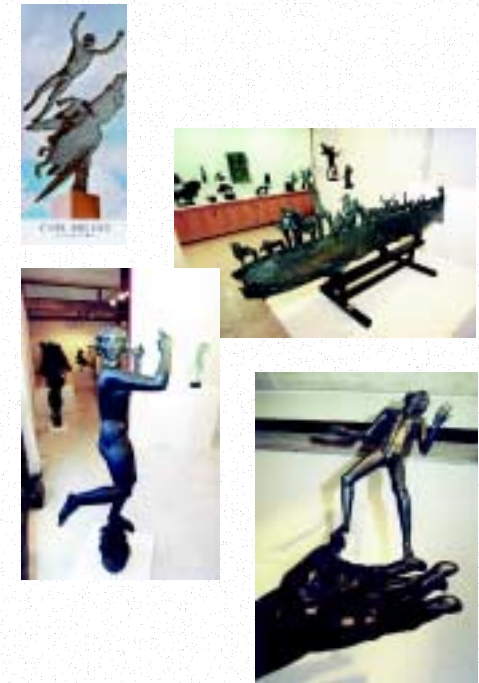
STUDENTS

Student interests are at the heart of the Centre's mission

- Scandinavian students studying in Australia work in a wide variety of fields including nursing, Australian studies, social welfare, legal studies, archeology and women's studies
- Australian students have in a reciprocal way studied in Scandinavia
- The Scandinavian Students Association is the most popular club on campus



EVENTS



The Centre helps exhibitions and assists performances

- Works by Carl Milles have been shown in Adelaide
- The achievements of Danish industry have been highlighted
- The finds of Finnish marine archaeologists have been curated and displayed