The former Swedish prime minister Carl Bildt claimed that the election of Donald Trump meant the end of the west as we know it. Together with Brexit and the global surge of right wing populism, this has changed the conversations in politics, philosophy, and theology. 20th century perspectives such as Habermas’ faith in the rational public discourse or Fukuyama’s “end of history” no longer seem viable. Migration, digitalization, extremism, climate change, and perhaps also secularization are putting a growing pressure on liberal institutions, including Human rights. Is this a result of what Alasdair Macintyre has called the inevitable failure of the enlightenment project, or are there ways to renew and restore this project?

The University College Stockholm invites papers that engage these important topics.

Keynote speakers:

Patrick J. Deneen is Professor of Political Science and holds the David A. Potenziani Memorial Chair in Constitutional Studies at the University of Notre Dame. His latest book Why Liberalism Failed? has been described as one of the most important political books of 2018. It has inspired many conversations, and been commented on by among others David Brooks in the New York Times, and former president Barack Obama.

Catherine Keller is George T. Cobb Professor of Constructive Theology in the Theological School and Graduate Division of Religion of Drew University. She has published many influential books such as The Face of the Deep and Cloud of the Impossible, the former deemed “a brilliant and landmark text”. Keller’s work is widely discussed and her latest book Political Theology of the Earth has been received with much interest.

Susanne Wigorts Yngvesson is professor in ethics at University College Stockholm. She has published in a wide variety of topics within theology as well as human rights and has recieved much attention for Övervakad: människor, maskiner och Gud on the surveillance society. Her most recent research also includes the theology of hymns.
Further participants include:
Matthew Feldman (prof. and director of Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right), Elisabeth Gerle (prof. Ethics Lund University), Klas Grinell (researcher History of Ideas University of Gothenburg) Magnus Hagevi (prof. Political Science Linnaeus University), Anders Lundberg (senior lecturer Social Sciences Linnaeus University), Mattias Martinson (prof. Systematic Theology Uppsala University), Elena Namli (prof. Ethics Uppsala University), Maria Robaszkiewicz (assist. prof. Philosophy Paderborn University), Kristian Steiner (ass. prof Peace and Conflict Studies Malmö University).

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For registration, please contact: info@ehs.se Write your first and last name, organization/company, city, country and your e-mail address. Also, information about any dietary requests, and if you want to join the conference dinner (further information about the dinner see below). Sign up for the conference before August 30, 2019.

Venue
University College Stockholm, Åkeshovsvägen 29, Bromma (15-20 minutes with subway from Stockholm Central Station) https://goo.gl/maps/dNgoTgUEVs72.

Conference fee/Payment
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Conference dinner Thursday evening
A conference dinner will be held on Thursday evening. Please inform us in your application if you wish to attend the dinner. The dinner will be held in the restaurant of University College Stockholm with an added cost of 200 SEK.

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