

## Frederik Pedersen

### Short Bio

I teach the history of canon law and history of the family at The University of Aberdeen. I am a keen European who has maintained his Danish citizenship despite carving out a career in Great Britain. I was born in Denmark, but my academic training and career includes postgraduate degrees from the universities of Copenhagen, York and Toronto. I have been involved promoting knowledge about the intersection of religion and society in international and national fora from the beginning of my professional career. As a visiting scholar I have had extended stays at the Cambridge group for the history of population and social structure at the University of Cambridge and the *Forschingszentrum europäische Aufklärung* in Potsdam. I founded the organisation *Church Law and Society in the Middle Ages* which provided training for students of mediaeval canon law across Europe. In addition to my seat on the executive committee of EuARE I am a member of the business committee of the international mediaeval canon law society (ICMAC) and I sit on various committees and participate in the work of the arts and humanities research Council in Great Britain. I have had scholarships from international institutions and foundations—in Denmark, Great Britain, and Canada—for much of my academic career. I participated for almost 10 years in the work of various European Union Frameworks of Excellence where I was a task force leader for several activities

### Statement

I was the organisation's first president, and, having arranged our organisation's initial conference in Bologna 5-8 March 2018, I have continued in the role as member of the executive committee of our organisation. Keeping a firm eye on our commitment to provide an open forum for investigating the intersections of religion and society, the members of the committee have continued to organise our organisation's annual conferences and together they have ensured that the organisation successfully negotiated the challenges of the COVID pandemic, both in real life and online. As a professional working in the part of Europe that recently rejected membership of the European Union I feel that it is particularly important that we continue to build bonds and find fields of common interest in our professional lives and I am a firm believer in interfaith and interdisciplinary exchanges. If elected, I shall therefore contribute to the best of my ability to make sure that EuARE continues to offer an open and welcoming forum to scholars, universities, centres, research infrastructures, scientific journals and publishers whose endeavour lies in the study of the intersection of societies and religion and to ensure a continued vibrant exchange of knowledge and insights.

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Senior Lecturer in Medieval History at the University of Aberdeen, 1995-

Born 1956

Master of Arts in Medieval Studies (York and Toronto), 1982 & 1986)

*Magister* in English Language and Literature (Copenhagen), 1985

PhD in Medieval Studies (Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto), 1992.

Carlsberg-Clare Hall Fellow 1991-92

Carlsberg Visiting Fellow, Cambridge Group for the Study of Population and Social Structure 1992-1995

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, 2020-

### Books:

1. *Marriage Disputes in Medieval England*. London: Hambledon and London Books. 2000.
2. *"Romeo and Juliet of Stonegate": A Medieval Marriage in Crisis*. Borthwick Paper, no. 87. York: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, University of York. 1995.
3. *Ships, Guns and Bibles*. Edited by Allan Macinnes, Frederik Pedersen and Thomas Riis. East Linton: Tuckwell. 2000.
4. *Viking Empires* (with Angelo Forte and Richard Oram) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2005. (Polish edition: *Pánstwa Wikingów: Podboje - Władza - Kultura*. Translated by Maciej Nowak-Kreyer. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Nukwe PWN, 2010.
5. *Communities in Europe*, Edited by Juan Pan-Montojo and Frederik Pedersen. Pisa: Edizioni Plus. 2007.
6. *The social history of Marriage: The Medieval Age, 450-1500*. Edited by Frederik Pedersen and Joanne Ferraro and introduced by Frederik Pedersen. (Volume 2 of 6). Bloomsbury 2021

### Translations:

7. Andersen, Per *Legal Procedure and Practice in Medieval Denmark*. Translated by Frederik Pedersen and Sarah Pedersen. Leiden: Brill 2011.
8. Bysted, Ane L., Carsten Selch Jensen, Kurt Villads Jensen, and John H. Lind. *Jerusalem in the North: Denmark and the Baltic Crusades 1100–1522*. Translated by Frederik Pedersen and Sarah Pedersen. Outremer. Turnhout: Brepols, 2012.
9. Evald, Jens. *Alf Ross: A Life*. Translated by Frederik Pedersen and Sarah Pedersen. Copenhagen: DJØF, 2014.

### Latest Articles:

1. Pedersen, Frederik. "A Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven? Seasons and Litigants in the York Cause Papers." In *English Christianity in the Later Middle Ages*. A festschrift for F. Donald Logan, edited by Travis Baker. Turnhout: Brill, 2022.
2. Pedersen, Frederik. "Playing the System: Marriage Litigation in the Fourteenth Century." In *Petitions and Strategies of Persuasion in the Middle Ages: The English Crown and the Church, Circa 1200–1550*, edited by Helen Killick and Thomas Smith, 185–202. Martlesham: Boydell & Brewer, 2019.
3. Pedersen, Frederik. "Introduction." In *A Cultural History of Marriage in the Medieval Age*. Vol. 2 of *A Cultural History of Marriage*, 1–21. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019.
4. Pedersen, Frederik. "Motives for Murder: The Role of Sir Ralph Paynel in the Murder of William Cantilupe (1375)." In *Continuity, Change and Pragmatism in the Law: Essays in*

*Memory of Professor Angelo Forte*, edited by Andrew R. C. Simpson, Scott Crichton Styles, Euan West, and Adelyn L. M. Wilson, 68–93. Aberdeen: Aberdeen University Press, 2016.

5. Pedersen, Frederik. "‘A good and sincere man... even though he looked like a Slav’. Asger of Lund, canon law, and politics in Denmark, ca 1085–1140’." *Mediaeval Scandinavia* 20 (2010): 141–62. 2013.

**External committees and commitments:**

2021	Delegate at the G20 Interfaith Forum (September 2021)
2017-2018	Founding President of The European Academy of Religion
2018-	Member of the Executive Committee of The European Academy of Religion
2012-	Member of The Arts and Humanities Research Council Peer Review College
2008-	Member of Executive Board Iuris Canonici Medii Aevi Consociatio ( <i>International Society for Medieval Canon Law</i> ):
2006-	Founding president of <i>Church, Law, and Society in the Middle Ages</i> : an AHRB Research Network for medieval canon law.
2008-2011	CLIOHWorld: EU funded ERASMUS network. Task Force Leader.
2006-2010	CliohRes.net: EU funded trans-European research networks. Team leader. CLIOH-Net2, Award-winning ERASMUS funded trans-European advisory network: <a href="http://www.clioh.net">http://www.clioh.net</a> . Coordinator for University of Aberdeen, Task Force Leader.
2007	Mellon Foundation-funded Advisory Group for the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research.