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### **Special Forum: Sweden Edition**

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This *JTAS* Special Forum invites proposals that seek to adopt transnational frames of interpretation in understanding relations between the United States and Sweden. The two countries have been connected through, for example, migration, common liberal and democratic ideologies, industrial and social modernization, and ideas about race and ethnicity. These relations need to be understood beyond national categories.

By building on the foundations of existing research we wish to explore new ways of understanding Swedish and American interactions informed by the concepts of circulation and asymmetry. Adopting these concepts will enable us to reframe understandings of certain phenomena that have crisscrossed national borders, and allow us to analyze how power has shaped relationships between state and non-state actors.

Possible topics range from encounters in colonial North America, to migration and various trans-Atlantic genealogies, to the circulation of political ideas associated with the New Deal and the *Folkhem*, to commercialized popular culture, such as the Swedish and American versions of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, as well as social media interactions and cooperation surrounding global terrorist surveillance.

We anticipate contributions by scholars from a variety of disciplines including, but not limited to, history, literature, cultural studies, political science, and media studies. We are interested in proposals from a broad array of empirical and theoretical perspectives, as well as of interdisciplinary and collaborative character.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent to [dag.blanck@engelska.uu.se](mailto:dag.blanck@engelska.uu.se) and [adam.hjorthen@historia.su.se](mailto:adam.hjorthen@historia.su.se) by May 31, 2014. Full papers of 6,000 to 8,000 words (including endnotes and bibliography) are due by December 31, 2014.

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