**Session: Meet MetNet Scandinavia!**

In the fall of 2018 a new research network was formed: MetNet Scandinavia. The main goal of the network is to promote and collaborate on metaphor and other related forms of figurative language (e.g. metonymy, hyperbole, irony, etc.) in the Scandinavian context.

This theme session is a window into contemporary metaphor research involving five languages (e.g. Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian, and Swedish) in six different settings; in expert discourse, in news discourse, in royal discourse, in educational discourse, in the discourse of a campaign video, and in an electronic corpus of written and spoken language.

Individual papers as well as joint papers by scholars based in different Scandinavian countries are presented. The papers deal with a plethora of topics that shed light on different aspects of the relationship between metaphorical language and cognition. The topics include how spatial into relationships are used to construe abstract concepts in English (Johansson Falck), metaphoric vitality in expert terms on psychology (Mannsåker), the role of metaphor in L2 written production created in a high consequence, test-taking situation (Nacey), how metaphors flow within and between discourse participants (Boström), and how the web of metaphoricity is embedded in the trajectory, style and message of a campaign video (Wiben Jensen).

Moreover, cross-Scandinavian comparisons are made between the metaphors in Danish and Norwegian New Year’s Eve speeches (Nacey and Greve), between the metaphors used in English, Finnish and Swedish media in relation to migration issues (Penttilä and Nennonen), and between the ways in which the basic educational concepts of education and learning are conceptualized through figurative language in Danish, Finnish and Swedish (Hillbom, Penttilä and Greve).