

### **Holocaust in European Politics of Identity 1990 – 2010**

The research on Holocaust remembrance in European countries – especially in Germany – is comprehensive. There are numerous studies of European identity and politics. And it is agreed upon that the Holocaust especially since 1990, has become an important frame of reference in Europe.

Europe is however lacking a through study of the connection between remembrance, identity, and politics, that can answer the question why and how the Holocaust has become such an important factor in European politics of identity. It is exactly this gap that my PhD-project seeks to fill.

The project seeks to examine how the formation of identity in Europe is influenced by national and supranational/European politics and find out which role the Holocaust plays. To be more specific the project will examine how national and European politics of identity – as seen in political decisions, debates, treaties etc. – are affecting each other and how (and if) the Holocaust is used as a frame of reference in national and European politics of identity.

In order to do that I will take a closer look upon the EU and the four countries Germany, Great Britain, France and Denmark which will be representing the national level.

The project will not only answer the question of why and how the Holocaust has become such an important frame of reference in European politics of identity. It will also increase the understanding of which mechanisms and dynamics are dominant in European politics of identity. It will shed light on which players are affecting the agenda in Europe and thereby contribute to a broader discussion of how they interact.