

SCANDINAVIA AND THE GREEK MILITARY DICTATORSHIP

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From the very first weeks following the coup of April 21, 1967, the governments of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark established themselves internationally as the most vocal critics of the Greek Military Junta. The Scandinavian countries solidified this reputation in September 1967 when they accused Greece of violating multiple articles of the European Convention on Human Rights, ultimately leading to Greece's withdrawal from the Council of Europe two years later. Despite its significant contribution, Scandinavia remains a relatively underexplored chapter in the historiography of the international anti-dictatorship movement, surviving primarily through the memoirs of diplomats and activists who were part of the Scandinavian movement against the dictatorship. The upcoming presentations aim to partially address this research gap, exploring new dimensions of the Scandinavian anti-dictatorship movement and the external relations between Greece and Scandinavia during the Junta years.

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*The Scandinavian anti-Junta Network and the
Interplay between Diplomacy and Activism*

Stan Draenos
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*Scandinavian solidarity and Cold War
power dynamics during the Junta*

Nikolas Manitakis
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*Greek-Scandinavian Cooperation in the
Council of Europe and the Issue of Torture*