

# LEGAL AND SOCIAL THEORY OPEN SEMINARS NO. 3

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**MEETING OLE HAMMERSLEV  
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**Abstract:**

This talk charts the formative years of Scandinavian sociology of law, centring on the intellectual blueprints laid by its early pioneers – Aubert, Mathiesen, Stjernquist, and Bentzon. It examines their visions for the discipline and the divergent paths of its institutionalisation in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Though embedded differently within each national context, the field evolved in lockstep with the rise of the universal welfare state. These early scholars, in their own distinct ways, probed the legal dimensions of the welfare state, not merely as an academic exercise but as a means to sharpen its legal machinery – aiming, above all, to elevate the conditions of those with the least resources.

**Programme:**

- Presentation: Forging a Discipline: Early Developments and Diverging Paths of Scandinavian Sociology of Law. Comments by Zoltán Fleck, professor.
- Discussion

