

Acknowledgements

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Present at this conference were most of the contributors to this volume. In January 2011, one of the contributors, Tøger Seidenfaden, sadly passed away – at the age of 53. As chief editor of one of the largest Danish national newspapers, *Politiken*, and as a major player in Danish (and European) politics, Seidenfaden was himself a participant in what has come to be known as the Danish cartoon crisis – the crisis which is the topic of his contribution.

This volume is dedicated to his memory.
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