

2016 COURT TOUR
Denmark and Sweden



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A high-security court in Frederiksberg, Denmark - brings light in while providing high level of protection.

Courts throughout the western world are experiencing rapid change. Older court buildings are being phased out or transformed. New courthouses increasingly represent principles of access and efficiency rather than authority or threats of state violence. Adversarial processes in the courtroom and obscure legal language are being challenged by restorative approaches and plain language. Court staff are increasingly service-oriented. More attention is paid to the rights of victims, litigants and visitors. Justice processes are going digital, with documents stored electronically, evidence presented on screens rather than on paper and participants linked by video. Meanwhile security fears are re-shaping courtrooms and court entrance areas.

To understand what these changes mean in practice, we have run a series of five executive research court tours since 2005. Judges, architects, court executives, planners and academics learn by visiting several carefully-chosen sites, talking to their counterparts from other jurisdictions and exploring issues of current concern. While the group is expected to come mostly from Australia and New Zealand, France and other parts of Europe, Canada and the US, participants from other countries are also most welcome. This executive research tour is co-sponsored by the Court of the Future Network in Australia and New Zealand, and the *Institut des Hautes Études sur la Justice* in France.



Triple height entrance atrium in Roskilde District Court, Denmark - all are welcome, spaces are not intimidating.



reflections
2011 european courts
executive research tour

The first tour in 2005 included memorable new French courts, including those by Jean Nouvel, Richard Rogers and Henri Cirani. One highlight was a mock trial in a special terrorism courtroom in Paris, conducted in French, English and Chinese and displaying the different court layouts used by each legal tradition.

The second tour, in 2008, included European and international courts in Strasbourg, Luxembourg and The Hague. The tour included an architectural design exercise in the Peace Palace where groups outlined their ideal courtroom configurations for hearings involving alleged war crimes, human rights violations and disputes between nations.



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The third tour, also in 2008, visited courts in Victoria, Australia. Some of the highlights were a panel discussion on court security in an age of terror, and a visit to the indigenous court in Broadmeadows.

The fourth tour in 2011 involved courts in Barcelona and other parts of Catalonia, Luxembourg, Dusseldorf, and the historic *Kammergericht* in Berlin. In 2013, we visited Montreal and New York city, including the University of Montreal's cyberjustice lab, and the famous Red Hook Community Centre in Brooklyn.



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Join us for the sixth tour, of courts in Denmark and Sweden. Scandinavian courts demonstrate how to incorporate tradition into modern settings and processes, how to promote respect through elegant design, and how to provide security without undermining the rights of the accused or enhancing anxiety.



We hope the tour will result in ongoing collaboration across disciplinary and national boundaries, and encourage greater understanding of how good design - of buildings, technologies and processes - promotes better justice outcomes.

Clad in wood with narrow bands of glass, The Scania Appeal Court provides a novel image of a court building : Arkitekt Schmidt Hammer Lassen 2006-8

Schedule 2016

Monday 30 May	<i>Introduction and visit to Copenhagen City Courts</i>
Tuesday 31 May	<i>Malmö District Court, Scania Court of Appeals and walking tour of Malmö's innovation district</i>
Wednesday 1 June	<i>Frederiksberg: Denmark's high security court Afternoon group activity Tour dinner in the evening</i>
Thursday 2 June	<i>Helsingør and Helsingborg, two rural courthouses: one in Sweden, one in Denmark</i>
Friday 3 June	<i>Roskilde Court Lunch at 2.30pm</i>

Tour will be conducted in English.

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