

## Northern European Studies – and then what?

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#### Transcription episode 8: Language school founder

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#### How did you get into Scandinavian Studies?

Yes, I actually came to Scandinavian Studies through a small crisis of purpose. I somehow realized that this combined Bachelor's degree wasn't going to work for me, so I went to the University of Aarhus for an Erasmus semester with the sole aim of orienting myself and finding out what I actually wanted to do. That means I didn't take courses in Aarhus according to credits points, but really only according to interest, and that's how I came across seminars like "Introduction to Norse Mythology", seminars in literary studies that also dealt with a lot of Nordic literature. And, I had very inspiring professors at the time and realized, okay wow, this is something I had never dealt with before and for which I really developed a great interest and passion. And then, it was super cool to find out that you can simply continue studying this in Cologne.

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