International Carl Bernhard Wadström Conference on Human Rights and the Abolition of Slavery





- TIME: 6.00 pm 9.00 pm
- DATE: 02/06/2015
- ADMISSION: £12 or £8 (students)
- VENUE:Egyptian HallMansion HouseLondon EC4N 8BH
- NEAREST TUBE: Bank
- TICKETS: www.angloswedishsociety.org. uk/payment





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Organized by the Centre for Scandinavian Studies Copenhagen-Lund (CSS), in conjunction with the Swedenborg Society and the Anglo-Swedish Society, the International Carl Bernhard Wadström Conference on Human Rights and the Abolition of Slavery is a three-day conference on the life, work and impact of Carl Bernhard Wadström (1746-99).

This gala opening night, in the plush and Palladian surrounds of the Egyptian Hall at the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London, will feature speeches from **Alexander Malmaeus** (Chairman of the Anglo-Swedish Society), **Alderman Sir Roger Gifford** (former Lord Mayor of London) and **HE Nicola Clase** (Swedish Ambassador to the UK).

There will follow keynote lectures by Neil Kent (University of Cambridge) on 'The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: How Did it Really Function and How Effective Was its Abolition?' and Mark Florman (Chair of the Centre for Social Justice) on 'Abolition in the 21st Century: Britain and the Modern Slavery Bill'.

The ticket price includes complimentary wine and refreshments.

CARL BERNHARD WADSTRÖM (1746-99), was a Swedish economist, writer and Swedenborgian who is today chiefly remembered for his pivotal role in the antislavery movement. He worked tirelessly for the abolition of slavery, writing two hugely influential works on the matter: *Observations on the Slave Trade* (1789) and *An Essay on Colonization* (1794-5), the latter becoming the key text for the economic and humanist arguments against slavery. These books gained Wadström an audience with the British Prime Minister, William Pitt, and brought him into close contact and collaboration with the leading British abolitionists, William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson and Granville Sharp.