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To me, PaTHES represents what I believe academic communities should strive to become: an open, inclusive, democratic, creative, and critical gathering of scholars. Since co-founding PaTHES, I have had the greatest pleasure (and honour) to see the society grow and become a highly active, vibrant, and dynamic community. The range of offers includes annual conferences, an associated journal, regular newsletters, active social media presence, regular informal online club meets, a reading group, regular webinars, a lively website with an active blog, and much more. PaTHES has become a members' society – and it attains increasing diversity in its cross-disciplinary, cross-institutional, cross-country, and cross-generational endeavours. It has been an honour and a privilege to have been the Chair of PaTHES since 2018, and I hope that I'll have the opportunity to continue my work and collaboration with fellow PaTHES members. It's vital that we get to know and interact even more with each other and that the PaTHES Board will continue its fruitful and constructive collaboration. What I aim to develop further in the coming term as Chair are elements especially in relation to the Society's:

1. **Growth:** Increase of membership and strengthen collaboration with sister societies
2. **Reach:** Continue series of webinars, activities, events, and publications
3. **Community:** Sustain our open and inclusive informal and social forums
4. **Collaboration:** Connect PaTHES members and mediate joint projects

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I live in Aarhus, Denmark, with my wife and our two sons (aged 17 and 14), and I enjoy walks and runs in the forest and by the sea (nearby), listening to rock and pop music from the 1990s (a decade where I, musically, seem to be stuck) - especially Nirvana, REM, and Radiohead - and reading about (and tasting!) wine. As for casual reading, I recently enjoyed reading Susanna Clarke's book *Piranesi* (read it!!) and have now begun Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*.