

# Wednesday Evening 20:30

## "USA, the World Society and the Presidents 1914-2010: From Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama"

**The chess player, historian, author and now famous TV-personality will give a presentation of all the American Presidents in the cafeteria at 20:30. The presentation will be in two 45-minute sessions.**

**From Wikipedia:** Hans Olav Lahlum (born 12 September 1973) is a Norwegian historian, chess player and organizer, and politician. He has written biographies on Oscar Torp and Haskin Lie, and a history book about all the US presidents. Soon his first novel will be in the stores: "Menneskefluene" (means Human Flies)



Lahlum is known for his unconventional style, including letting his beard grow only on the left side of his face. In chess tournaments, Lahlum has on occasion sported large earmuffs! He has profiled some of this eccentricity in chess tournaments he organizes.

Lahlum is an active chess player with a FIDE rating of 2204 as of November 2009, and he has been an International Arbiter since 2000. Lahlum played in the top section of the Norwegian Chess Championship in 2001, and was in the sole lead after four rounds, but a string of losses left him at +3=2-4 and 10th place in the end.

Lahlum plays for the chess club in Porsgrunn, and has been captain for his club in team chess events. He is otherwise well-known for organizing and arbitrating several tournaments. He was editor of the Norwegian Chess Federation's publication *Norsk sjakkblad* in 2006. Lahlum's style in organizing tournaments is also original, with round reports featuring a description of every game played, player portraits, and grading each player's performance. “

This picture is taken from one of his many TV appearances.

On this occasion it looks like he is falling from his chair.

More than one million viewers have seen this clip on Youtube.

