

Carsten Jensen*Restructuring in Denmark and Great Britain.*

The politics of Thatcherism towards the state is compared to that of the conservative governments in Denmark in the 1980s. Thatcherism in Great Britain is described as an effort to roll back the public sector through confrontation politics combined with a two nations project. In contrast the Danish governments have been engaged in improvement of the public sector within fixed economic limits, consensus and one nation politics. The electoral system and the dominance of social conservatism in the governing coalition have limited the impact of thatcherite ideas in Denmark. Furthermore, also in Denmark there has been significant popular support of welfare politics.