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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023 GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



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## Introduction

We are pleased to present the Annual Report 2023 of the Graduate School of Social Sciences at the University of Copenhagen.

Graduate students constitute the backbone of much of the high-quality and pioneering research being undertaken at our faculty. The fundamental goal of our school is research training at a high international level, and we achieve this goal by letting our graduate students work in the strong academic environments at our faculty and by letting them visit strong research environments abroad. Across the six PhD programs, we see exciting research that holds real potential to impact the society around us – how we make policies, how we think about salient political issues, and how we should go about our life. The lists in this report of both new graduate students enrolled and PhD degrees awarded in 2023 confirm this, along with the highlighted case story.

We are also looking to improve our school with the hope of facilitating more interaction among graduate students across PhD programs. In 2023, we have begun working on setting up new courses that are relevant to all graduate students. One course will focus on how to make one's research count outside academia, including how to impact policy-makers and other stakeholders. Another course will focus on the transition to the job

market after the PhD is completed, with a specific focus on the transition to the non-academic job market in the public or private sector. We hope that these course initiatives will not only provide graduate students with important skills and insights, but also give them the opportunity to interact across disciplines, potentially fostering new collaborations.

We are also continuing our focus on being better at recruiting internationals for our PhD programs. Data show that about 4 out of 5 of our graduate students are Danish citizens, and this proportion has not changed much in past five years. We are therefore looking into ways of improving our searches for new PhD scholars when we advertise new positions. We hope to find inspiration in other European universities that have been successful in creating highly internationalised PhD schools.

To summarize, in the Graduate School of Social Sciences, we will keep on providing the best opportunities for our graduate students to become researchers at a high international level, and we will continue to work on facilitating better opportunities for interdisciplinary interactions among our graduate students.

We want to sincerely thank all those who have contributed to the success of the Graduate School of Social Sciences. This includes the Heads of PhD Programmes, PhD supervisors, PhD administration, PhD committee members, and everyone else involved. Most importantly, a big thank you goes out to our outstanding graduate students!

**Professor Mikkel Vedby Rasmussen,**  
Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

**Associate Professor Kristian Bernt Karlson,**  
Head of the Graduate School of Social Sciences



MIKKELVEDBY RASMUSSEN,  
DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF  
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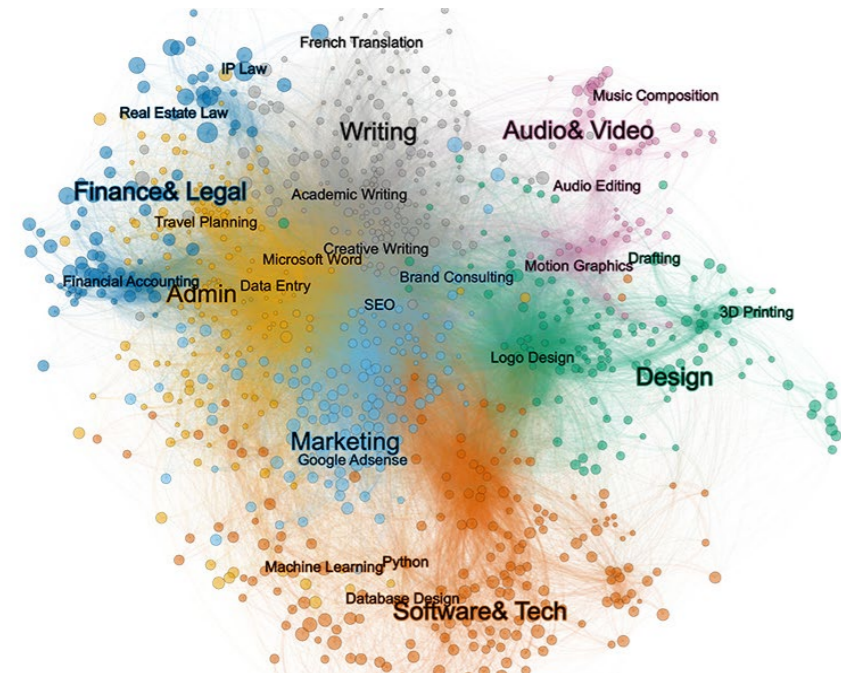
KRISTIAN BERNT KARLSON,  
HEAD OF THE GRADUATE  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

## Strong AI skills significantly raise salaries

PhD Fellow Ole Teutloff, Copenhagen Centre for Social Data Science (SODAS), has studied the added value of acquiring AI competencies. In a study, he mapped the value of 962 work-related skills and showed that knowledge of artificial intelligence (AI) has become highly valued. On average, acquiring specific AI skills increased remuneration by 21 per cent.

What kind of professional skills are particularly needed in a labour market characterised by technological breakthroughs? And how can individual employees acquire new skills that are in high demand and ultimately better paid?

These questions are at the centre of a new scientific study that has mapped and valued 962 work-related skills and their interrelationships.



The study's visual mapping of skills, showing how individual work skills are connected and clustered.

The study shows that there are significant differences in the value of specific professional skills. AI-related skills in particular are significantly better paid than most others. On average, acquiring specific AI skills increases remuneration by 21 percent.

"The higher value of this type of work reflects the fact that artificial intelligence is developing rapidly and that competences in this area are in demand. But AI competences are also a good example of a type of skill that can be used in many work contexts, and which therefore adds extra value," says Ole Teutloff from the Copenhagen Centre for Social Data Science (SODAS) at the University of Copenhagen.

Together with Fabian Stephany from the University of Oxford, he is behind the study, which is published in the journal Research Policy.

In the study, the two researchers use data from 50,000 freelance jobs advertised on a large US online platform between 2014 and 2022. Since such freelance platforms, both indicate salary levels and specify requirements for qualifications and skills, data analyses make it possible to map the interrelationships and value of the various skills in detail.

This also applies to specialised AI skills: Here, skills related to 'machine learning' top the list with a relative extra value of 40%, followed by a range of other

AI-related skills such as knowledge of 'deep learning' (27%), 'data analysis' (14%) and AI relevant programmes such as Python (8%) and Java (5%).

### Study can guide the choice of continuing education

More generally, the study shows that the value of a skill or competency is significantly higher if it can be fruitfully combined with skills from other areas. In other words, it is a plus if you can add a completely different but sought-after skill to your professional toolbox.

For example, specific skills from the software and tech field are generally of high value to people working in marketing or law and finance. This is a case of what the researchers label complementarity. Conversely, 'photo retouching' is an example of a narrow skill that is harder to combine with other competences and therefore has less complementarity and value.



"But when it comes to AI skills, I would argue that they are hard skills, just as projects posted on freelance platforms can contain very complex tasks.

OLE TEUTLOFF, PHD FELLOW

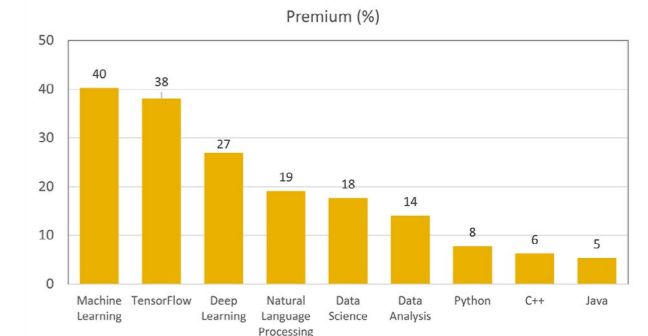
According to Fabian Stephany, mapping such relationships provides new insights into how individuals can best develop their skills to match labour market demand.

"Our findings have profound implications for individuals, businesses, and policymakers. By recognising the value of complementarity, we can better guide workers on their individual reskilling journeys," he says.

According to the researchers behind the study, it is important to note that the data is based on freelance assignments offered on an American online platform, which does not necessarily always reflect a European reality or the everyday life that permanent employees encounter at their workplace.

"Permanent employees will often work in teams and organisational hierarchies that also require a range of softer social skills," explains Ole Teutloff.

"But when it comes to AI skills, I would argue that they are hard skills, just as projects posted on freelance platforms can contain very complex tasks. Therefore, a project on machine learning doesn't have to be very different from a project in a company when we talk about skills. So also here in Europe, I think we can learn from the study."



The figure shows the value of acquiring specific AI skills. On average, an additional AI skill will increase remuneration by 21%. For all skills it is 4% on average.

### ABOUT THE STUDY

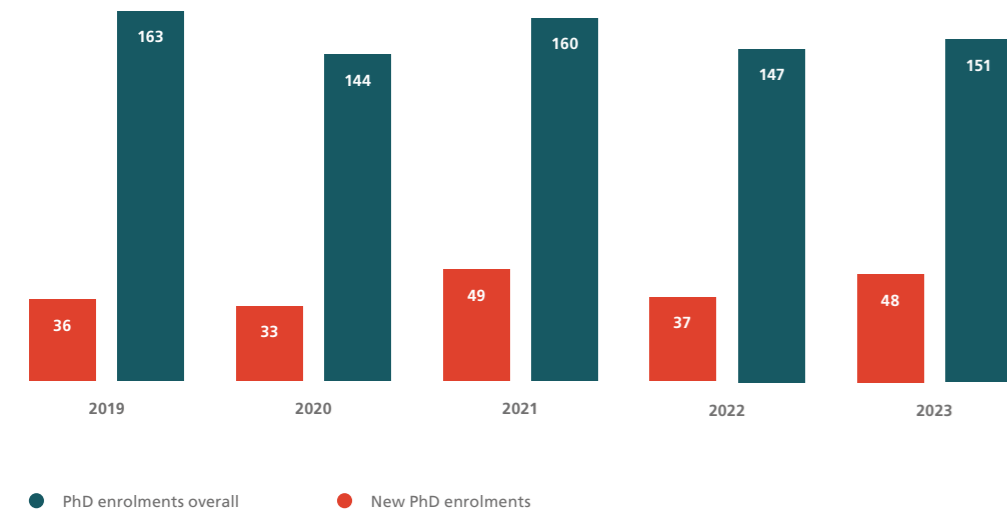
The study entitled 'What is the price of a skill? The value of complementarity' is published in the scientific journal Research Policy.

Behind the study are Fabian Stephany, who is a research lecturer at the Oxford Internet Institute (OII) at the University of Oxford, and PhD fellow Ole Teutloff from the Copenhagen Centre for Social Data Science (SODAS) at the University of Copenhagen.

The study examines the value of 962 different work-related skills and their interrelationships. The data is based on approximately 50,000 jobs advertised between 2014 and 2022 on a large US online platform for freelance work. The specific platform is anonymised in the study.

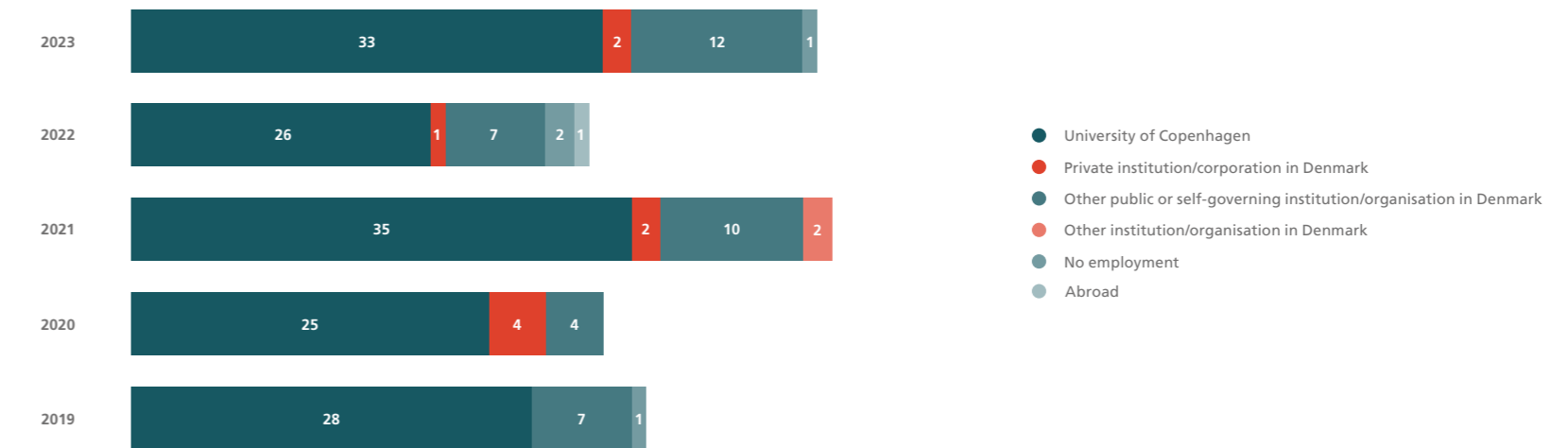
## PhD students enrolled

By 31 December 2023, the Graduate School of Social Sciences had a total of 151 enrolled PhD students. The number includes PhD students on leave. A total of 48 new PhD students were enrolled in 2023.



## PhD students enrolled by place of employment

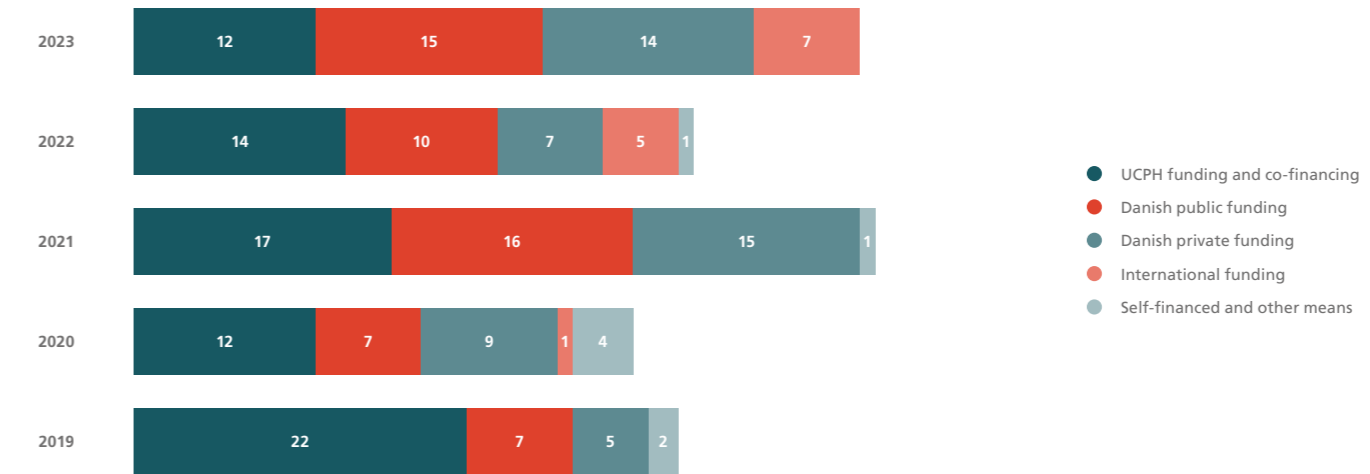
This figure shows the distribution by place of employment in six overall categories: University of Copenhagen, private institution/corporation in Denmark, other public or self-governing institution/organisation in Denmark, other institution/organisation in Denmark, no employment, and abroad.





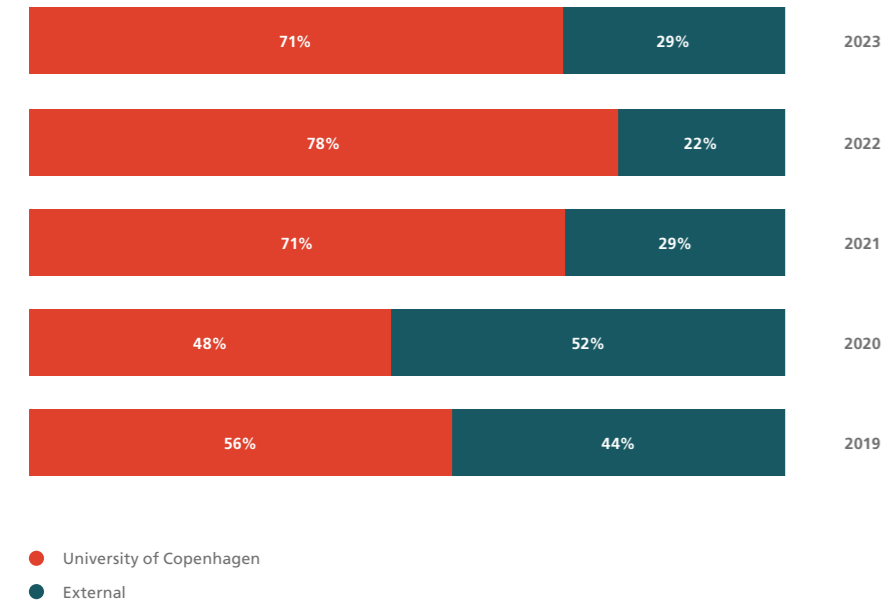
## PhD enrolments by funding

This figure shows the distribution of PhD funding in five overall categories: UCPH funding and co-financing, Danish public funding, Danish private funding, International funding, Self-financed and other means.



## Enrolled PhD students by qualifying degree

Most newly enrolled PhD students held a qualifying degree from UCPH.

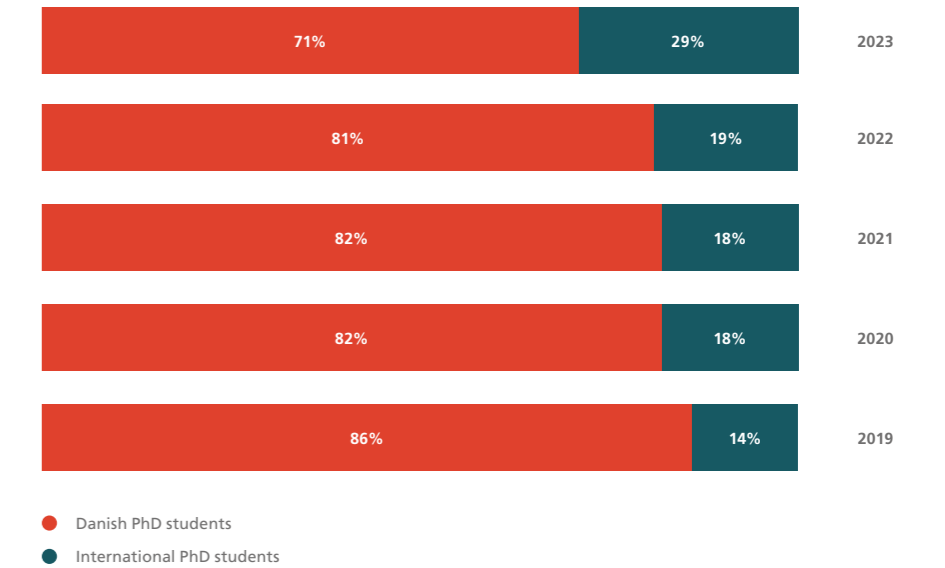
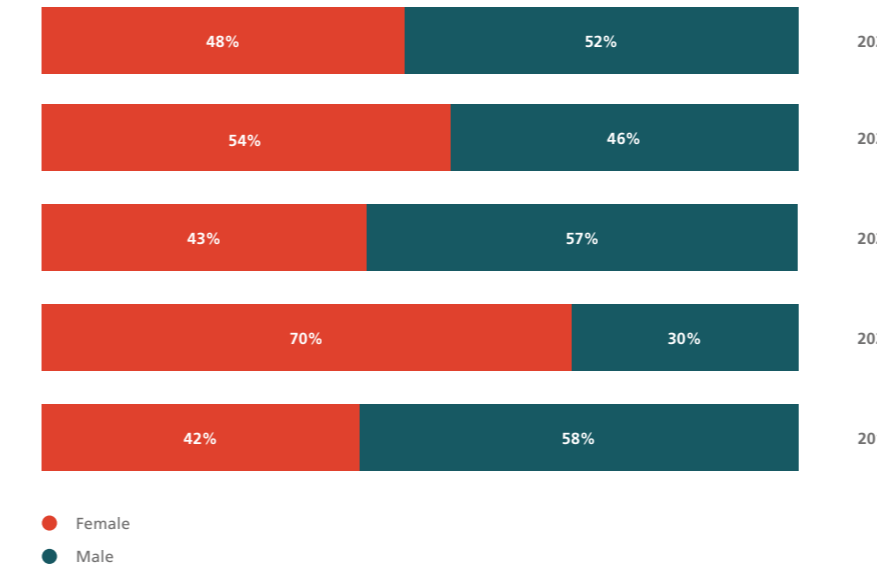


## PhD students by gender and nationality

The gender distribution of the 33 new PhD students enrolled in 2023 is 48 % female and 52 % male. The number of international PhD students is higher than previous years and the majority of PhD students are Danish.



### Gender

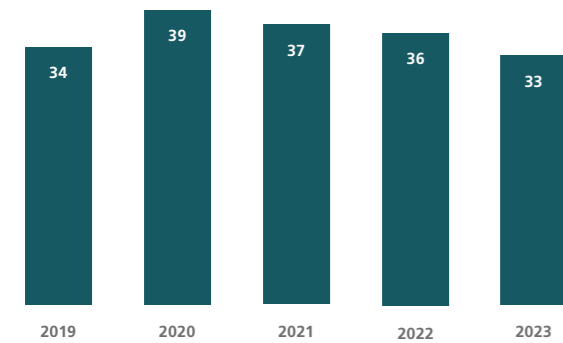


## PhD degrees awarded

A total of 33 PhD degrees were awarded in 2023. The numbers include PhD degrees awarded without prior enrolment (also known as §15,2). The PhD degree is awarded when the PhD thesis is positively reviewed by an assessment committee and afterwards successfully defended at a public defense.

 **33**  
PhD degrees awarded in 2023

### PhD degrees awarded during the year

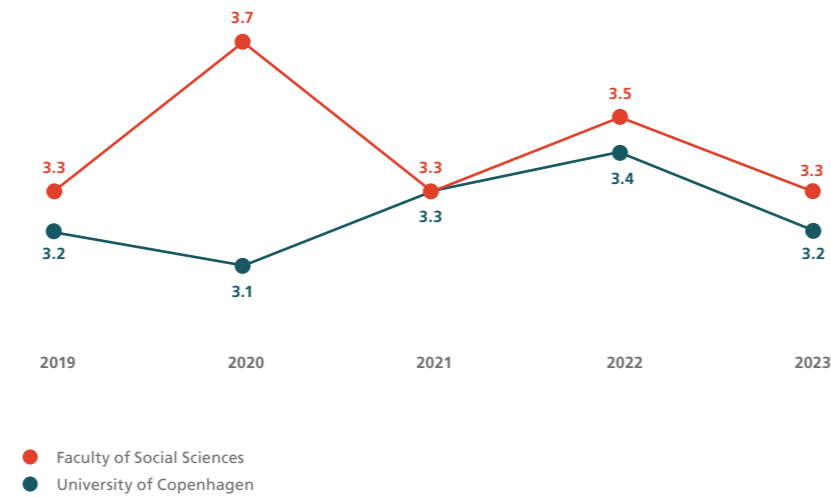


## Duration of PhD study

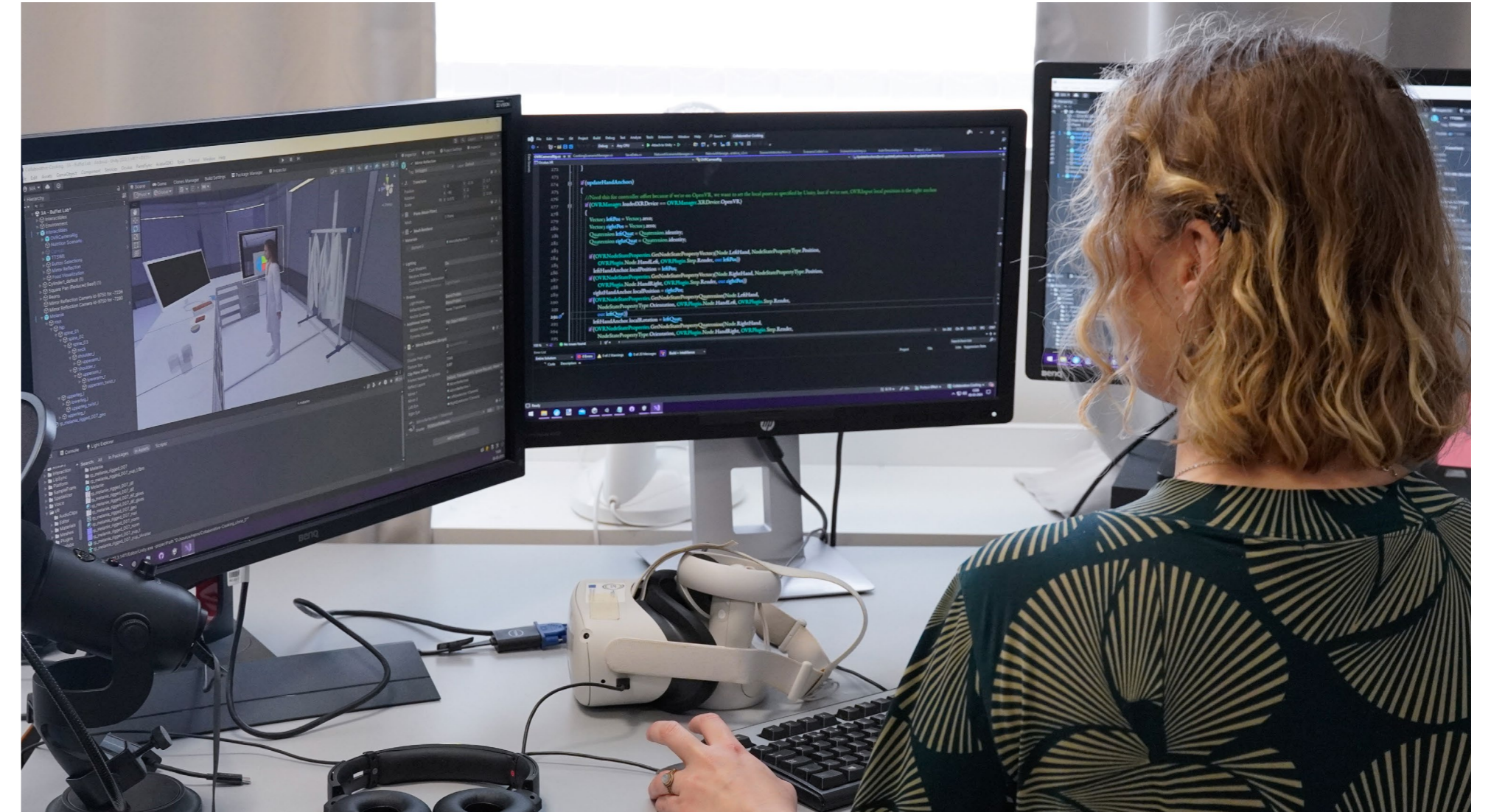
The average length of the PhD study at the Faculty of Social Sciences is 3.3 years in 2023. This length of time is almost equal to the average of the University of Copenhagen. The average is calculated as the period of time from enrolment date to the date of submission of the thesis. Periods of all kinds of leave are excluded.

 **3.3 Years**  
Duration of PhD study in 2023

### Average duration of PhD study

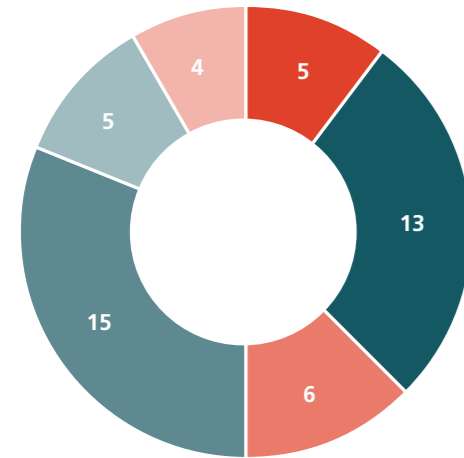


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## PhD students enrolled by programme in 2023

This figure shows the distribution of enrolled PhD students by the PhD programmes at the Graduate School of Social Sciences.



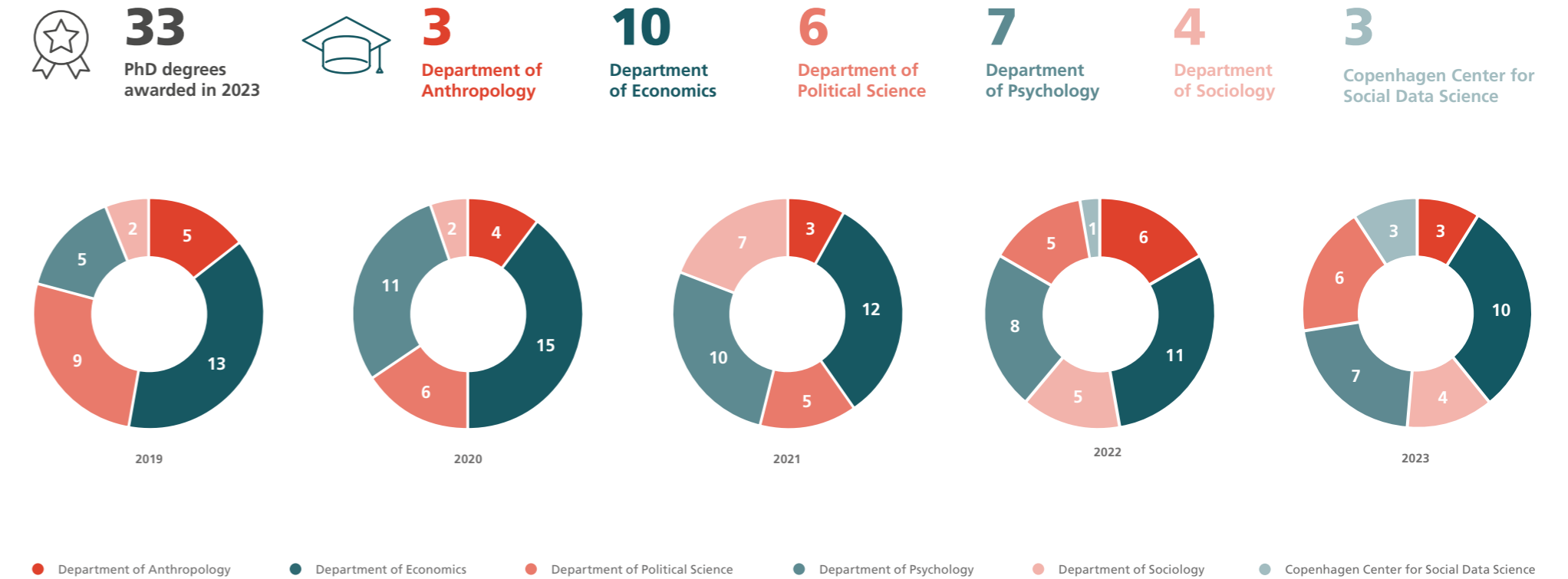
PhD students enrolled during the year by PhD Programme

- Department of Anthropology
- Department of Economics
- Department of Political Science
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Sociology
- Copenhagen Center for Social Data Science



## PhD degrees awarded by programme

This figure shows the distribution of the 33 PhD degrees awarded by the PhD programmes at the Graduate School of Social Sciences (by the end of the year).





## PhD students enrolled in 2023

The list below contains the names of the PhD students enrolled in 2023, the title of the PhD project and the name of the principal supervisor.

### DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

#### Anne Sofie Beer Nielsen

Coastal Conflicts: Protecting values and perceiving risks along Danish coastlines.  
*Supervisor: Kristoffer Albris*

#### Cristian Felipe Roa Pilar

Mennonites and their search of fertile land: Fire, settler-colonization and political power in Bolivia.  
*Supervisor: Stine Krøijer*

#### Fernanda Victoria Maria Gallegos Gutierrez

A collision of pyropolitics: A rhetoric of fire in Chilean contemporary political struggles.  
*Supervisor: Stine Krøijer*

#### Maria Athena Campbell

Do-It-Yourself Dads: A cross-cultural analysis of paternal care in the context of pediatric Type 1 diabetes and technology.  
*Supervisor: Hanne Overgaard Mogensen*

#### Signe Gerd Kieffer-Døssing

3rd wave Pan-Africanism: Digital activism, local protest, and geopolitical change in West Africa.  
*Supervisor: Karen Waltorp*

### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

#### Adam Hallengreen Jørgensen

Household inequality in a limited commitment setting.  
*Supervisor: Thomas Høgholm Jørgensen*

#### Anna-Maria Kyritsaki

No Such Thing as A Free App: The Freemium Business Model in Digital Applications.  
*Supervisor: Nick Vikander*

#### Annasofie Marckstrøm Olesen

Great Expectations: How future wealth shocks affect intra-household allocations through anticipatory behavior.  
*Supervisor: Thomas Høgholm Jørgensen*

#### Christian Fogel Henneberg

Essays on Economics of Education: School Choice and Student Well-being.  
*Supervisor: Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen*

#### Emilie Vestergaard

Labor market effects of new technology and a declining labor share.  
*Supervisor: Jakob Roland Munch*

#### Frederik Brandt

Green Transition of the Car Fleet.  
*Supervisor: Mogens Fosgerau*

#### Jacob Emil Thorn Røpke

Solving economic models with deep reinforcement learning.  
*Supervisor: Jeppe Druedahl*

#### Katrin Menne

Merchanting, Factoryless Production and Supply Chains: Evidence from Danish Firms.  
*Supervisor: Jakob Roland Munch*

#### Mads Rahbek Jørgensen

Household finance in inflationary times.  
*Supervisor: Asger Lau Andersen*

#### Magnus Eldrup

Income Taxation in a Development Context: A Structural Approach.  
*Supervisor: Niels Johannesen*

#### Marius Fredagsvik Gunnesmo

Welfare and economic development: Lessons from the origins of the welfare state.  
*Supervisor: Casper Worm Hansen*

#### Naeim Simmelkjær Samandari

The economic consequences of insurance mechanisms & health shocks.  
*Supervisor: n. Meltem Daysal*

#### Simon Killebæk Andersen

Gender Inequality: Income Expectations and Household Bargaining.  
*Supervisor: Claus Thustrup Kreiner*

### DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

#### Karl-Emil Svenningsen Bendtsen

Inequalities and digitalization of the public sector.  
*Supervisor: Mogens Jin Pedersen*

#### Lin Alexandra Mortensgaard

Disassembling the great Arctic melt: The scientific production of international politics through melting ice.  
*Supervisor: Kristian Søby Kristensen*

#### Maevia Laureen Griffiths

A New Research Method: Filmmaking as a Tool of 'Presencing' Between Materiality, Affect And Violence.  
*Supervisor: Jonathan Luke Austin*

#### Mariia Vladymyrova

Self-Assertion in a Space of Vulnerability: Russian Deterrence at Sea.  
*Supervisor: Maria Mälksoo*

#### Matilde Bro Hansen

Negotiating and regulating – the making of 'digital sovereignty' in EU institutions.  
*Supervisor: Rebecca Adler-Nissen*

#### Yi-Hui Lin

Untangling China: On the Everyday Making of Sovereignty.  
*Supervisor: Peter Marcus Kristensen*

### DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

#### Anders Bock Kjærgaard

Development, evaluation, and implementation perspectives of a military mental health training program to promote mental health and operational readiness in Danish soldiers.  
*Supervisor: Karen-Inge Karstoft*

#### Anna Louise Zheng Malfilâtre

Brutal Honesty.  
*Supervisor: Seamus Anthony Power*

#### Emilie Hestbæk Jacobsen

Minding the Parents Project: A randomized controlled trial of a transdiagnostic mentalization-based intervention for parents with a mental disorder.  
*Supervisor: Mette Skovgaard Væver*

#### Emilie N. Birkebæk Poulsen

Cognitive deficits and behavioral changes in Huntington's disease gene-mutation carriers.  
*Supervisor: Asmus Mejling Vogel*

#### Eya-Mist Rødgaard

Transdiagnostic and diagnosis-specific features of cognitive impairment in neuropsychiatric populations: A large-scale register-based study (TRANSCIN).  
*Supervisor: Kamilla Woznica Miskowiak*

#### Johanna Mariegaard

ALTIBRAINI.  
*Supervisor: Kamilla Woznica Miskowiak*

#### Julie Ertman Nørkær Lundsgaard

Attention, Memory, and Emotion Management for OCD (AMEMO).  
*Supervisor: Signe Allerup Vangkilde*

#### Maud Eline Ottenheijm

Causal Modelling in Cognitive Motor Control.  
*Supervisor: Mark Schram Christensen*

#### Søren Bothe

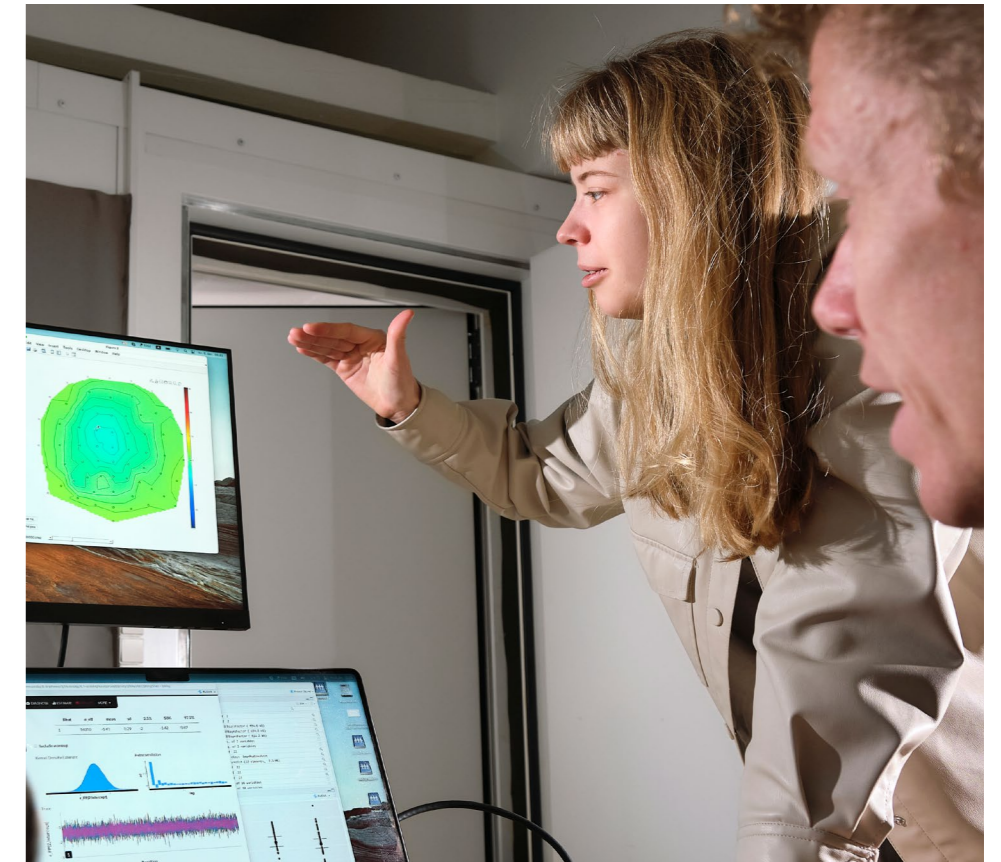
Neuropsychologisk test for traumatiserede flygtninge.  
*Supervisor: T. Rune Nielsen*

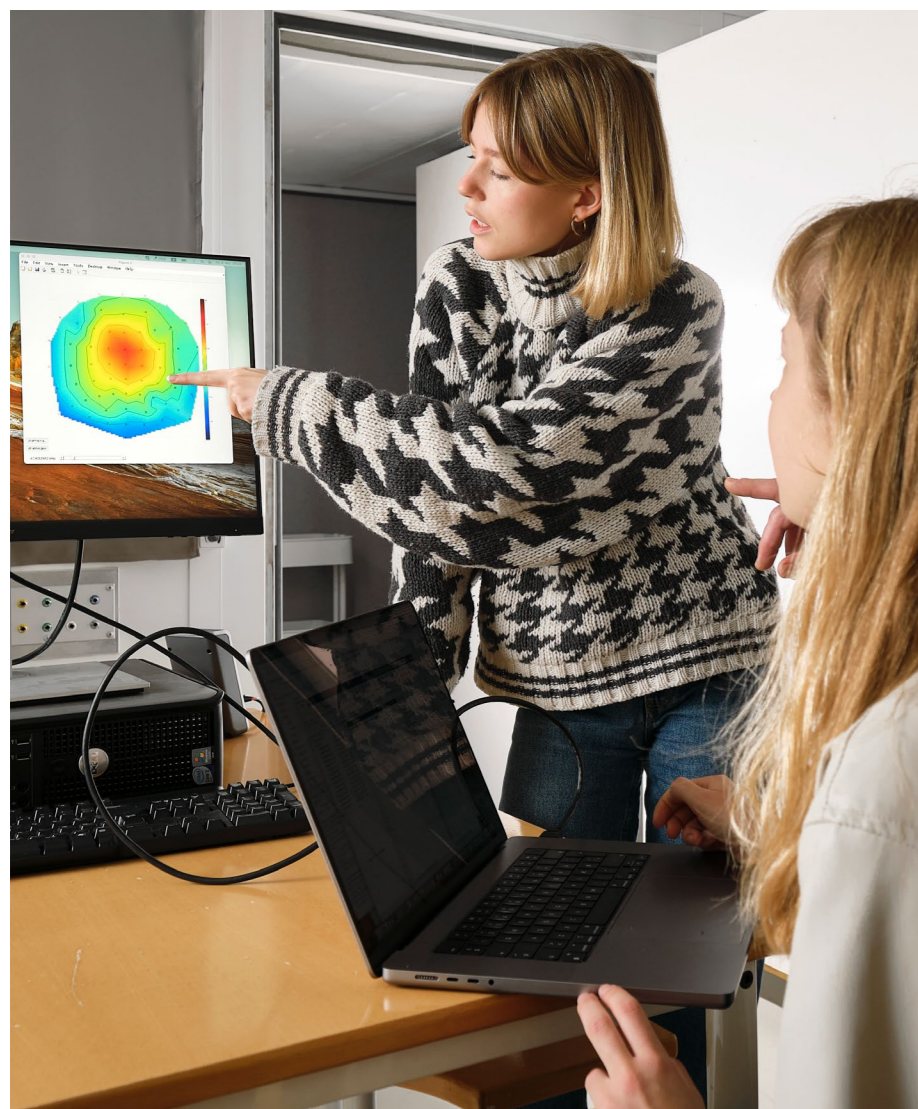
#### Nina Kappel Hansen

The Dialogue Study: A Randomized Clinical Trial Evaluating the Effect of Virtual Reality-based Psychotherapy for Patients with an Eating Disorder.  
*Supervisor: Louise Birkedal Glenwthøj*

#### Kristina Ballestad Gundersen

Social cognition and grey matter structure in antipsychotic-naïve patients at ultra-high risk for psychosis for enhanced outcome prediction and guidance to personalized treatment strategies.  
*Supervisor: Louise Birkedal Glenwthøj*





**Rachele Mazzini**

Dishonesty in Close Relationships.  
Supervisor: Ingo Zettler

**Sidsel Høgsgaard Andersen**

Is music a hidden therapist in psychedelic intervention?.  
Supervisor: Dea Siggaard Stenbæk

**Tina Wahl Haase**

The Copenhagen Daycare Project: Enhancing the role of daycare providers in supporting young children's social and emotional development.  
Supervisor: Mette Skovgaard Væver

**Viktoria Damgaard**

Altitude-like hypoxia cognition training to target brain erythropoietin as a novel mechanism of long-lasting enhancement of neuroplasticity and cognitive functions (AL-TIBRAIN).  
Supervisor: Kamilla Woznica Miskowiak

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**Kristoffer Magnus Bjerre Aagesen**

Veje ind og ud af ungdomskriminalitet: Et sociologisk studie af hybriddigitale muligheder for gerningspersoner.  
Supervisor: Jakob Johan Demant

**Nanna-Katrine Gram Lange**

Diversitet i Entreprenørskab.  
Supervisor: Mathias Nielsen

**Rikke Haudrum Rasmussen**

Lifestyle Discrimination and Inequality (LIFEDISC).  
Supervisor: Mads Meier Jæger

**Tobias Sønderby Jørgensen**

LGBTQIA+ people's experiences with family formation.  
Supervisor: Claire Maxwell

**COPENHAGEN CENTER FOR SOCIAL DATA SCIENCE**

**Daniel Juhász Vigild**

Examining the digitalization of the public sector. PhD project.  
Supervisor: Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen

**Jacob Aarup Dalsgaard**

Bias Explained: Pushing Algorithmic Fairness Bias Explained: Pushing Algorithmic Fairness.  
Supervisor: Roberta Sinatra

**Marten Appel**

Cooperation - Predictor and Predicted.  
Supervisor: Roberta Sinatra

**Vincent Holler Gadegaard**

GENDERED (Gendered Democratic Participation on Social Media).  
Supervisor: Rebecca Adler-Nissen

**Zoe Hufumiao Horlacher**

Turning green: Fostering pro-environmental behavior through an intervention targeting people's personality.  
Supervisor: Ingo Zettler

## PhD degrees awarded in 2023

The list below contains the names of those who have been awarded a PhD degree in 2023, the title of the PhD thesis and the name of the principal supervisor.

**DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Ayo Marie Degett**

Recognising refugee endeavours: South Sudanese participation in humanitarian action in Uganda – and Jordanian juxtapositions.  
Supervisor: Susan Reynolds Whyte

**Eva Iris Otto**

Coding [Values]: App-making in the Danish digital attention economy.  
Supervisor: Morten Axel Pedersen

**Ida Marie Lind Glavind**

Loss and Belonging - Life with Alzheimer's Disease in Denmark.  
Supervisor: Hanne Overgaard Mogensen

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**August Emil Twile Nielsen**

Essays on the Green Transition of Manufacturing.  
Supervisor: Peter Birch Sørensen

**Edith Zink**

Empirical Essays on the Political Economy of Social Exclusion.  
Supervisor: Pablo Antonio Selaya Elio

**Emil Chrisander**

Essays on Student Behavior: Peer Conflicts, Honesty, and School Choice.  
Supervisor: Pablo Antonio Selaya Elio

**Hanna Maren Berkel**

Informality and Firms. Essays in Development Economics.  
Supervisor: Finn Tarp

**Janek Bligaard Eskildsen**

Integrating Technology and the Environment in Computable General Equilibrium Models.  
Supervisor: Peter Birch Sørensen

**Joachim Kahr Rasmussen**

Essays on the Economics of Intergenerational Mobility and More.  
Supervisor: Søren Leth-Petersen

**Jonathan Leisner**

Essays in Environmental Economics: Technology, Trade and the Labor Market.  
Supervisor: Jakob Roland Munch

**Kristian Urup Olesen Larsen**

Gender Inequality, Labor Supply and New Structural Methods.  
Supervisor: Claus Thustrup Kreiner

**Pernille Plato Jørgensen**

Empirical Essays on Labor Market Disruptions Automation, Worker Health, and Human Capital Responses.  
Supervisor: Jakob Roland Munch

**Shan Huang\***

Essays on the economics of health care provision.

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Frederik Kristoffer Kjøller Larsen**

More Than A Job? Essays on Public Officeholders' Rewards and Representation.  
Supervisor: Lene Holm Pedersen

**Matthias Humer**

Visual Vulnerability and the Iraq War: The Family Home and the Army Base as Gendered Sites.  
Supervisor: Lene Hansen

**Minda Holm**

Towards a Social Theory of International Ideology, Ideological Scripts, and Counter-Ideology: Rethinking 'Liberal International Order' and the Far Right's Critique.  
Supervisor: Ole Wæver

**Paw Havaard Hansen**

Frontline work and beneficiary contact: Essays on interpersonal dynamics during welfare encounters.  
Supervisor: Mogens Jin Pedersen

**Simon Polichinel von der Maase**

A Lens To Learn Through: Conflict Studies in the Age of Computational Methods.  
Supervisor: Lene Hansen

**Tobias Heide-Jørgensen**

Pocketbook or Principles? Beyond the Value-Interest Dichotomy in Public Opinion.  
Supervisor: Peter Thisted Dinesen

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**Ana Paula Souza Santana**

Prosociality in health decisions: Addressing the social dilemma in infectious diseases.  
Supervisor: Robert Böhm

**Anders Essom-Stenz**

Imagination, subjectivity and visual art: A study in phenomenological psychology.  
Supervisor: Tone Roald

**Benedikte Kudahl**

Phenomenology of beauty. On the experience of beauty in visual art.  
Supervisor: Tone Roald



**Kathrine Sørensen**  
 Leadership Behaviours and Workers' Risk of Depressive Disorder and Health-related Early Exit from Employment.  
*Supervisor: Paul Maurice Conway*

**Onyekachi Prince David\***  
 Internally Displaced Children and Adolescents in North-East Nigeria An Investigation of Traumatic Stress Events, Coping Strategies, Coping Resources and Mental Health Problems.

**Sophia Armand**  
 Affective cognition and brain serotonin in healthy individuals.  
*Supervisor: Dea Siggaard Stenbæk*

**Velisar Manea**  
 Testing the Infant Altercentrism Hypothesis.  
*Supervisor: Victoria Helen Southgate*

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**Julie Kaas Seerup**  
 Ready to read. Exploring school-based tutoring interventions for struggling readers.  
*Supervisor: Bente Halkier*

**Kira Solveig Larsen**  
 Transitions and Transmissions: Four Essays on Educational Decisions and Criminal Pathways in an Intergenerational Perspective.  
*Supervisor: Mads Meier Jæger*

**Mikkel Haderup Larsen**  
 Limits of Solidarity in Increasingly Diverse Societies: The role of deservingness perceptions and the radical right in the formation of chauvinistic attitudes towards the welfare state.  
*Supervisor: Merlin Schaeffer*

**Morten Wendler Jørgensen**  
 Dietary Change Toward Less Meat Consumption: A qualitative investigation of dietary change in everyday food practices.  
*Supervisor: Bente Halkier*

**COPENHAGEN CENTER FOR SOCIAL DATA SCIENCE**

**Terne Sasha Thorn Jakobsen**  
 Biases in Natural Language Processing.  
*Supervisor: David Dreyer Lassen*

**Thyge Ryom Enggaard**  
 Discursive Cartography: Computing and Interpreting Maps of Online Communication.  
*Supervisor: Morten Axel Pedersen*

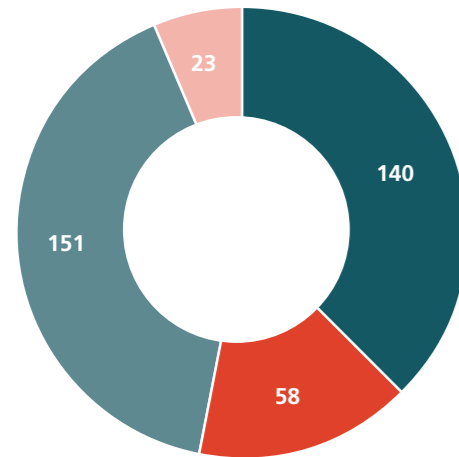
**Yangliu Fan**  
 Research in the era of social media: communities, methodologies, and author trajectories.  
*Supervisor: Anders Blok*

*\*Have submitted according to §15 section 2 and do not have an associated supervisor.*

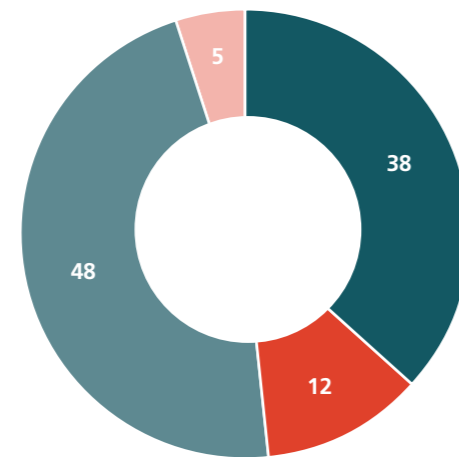


## Key PhD statistics for the Faculties of Humanities, Law, Social Sciences, and Theology

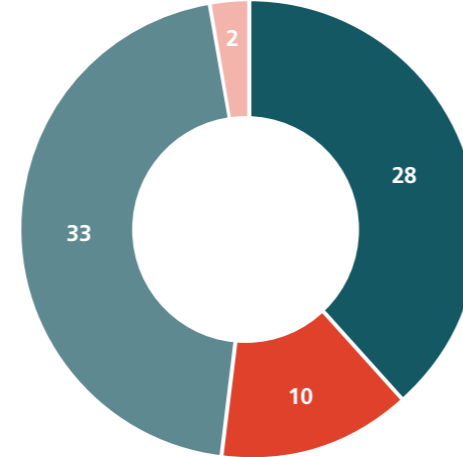
In these figures we present a comparison of the above mentioned faculties at the University of Copenhagen on key numbers: PhD enrolments and PhD degrees awarded during the year, as well as the number of enrolled PhD students by the end of the year.



Total number of enrolled PhD students at the end of the year



PhD students enrolled during the year



Awarded PhD degrees during the year

● Faculty of Humanities
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