

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic positions

2020- Associate Professor, Department of Management, Politics and Philosophy, Copenhagen Business School

2016-20 Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Politics and Philosophy, Copenhagen Business School (until 01.07.2018 at Department of Business and Politics) (parental leave, September 2017-January 2018 & June-August, October-November 2020).

2011-15 Doctoral Student, Department of Philosophy and The History of Ideas, Aarhus University.

2015 External lecturer, Department of Culture and Society, Aarhus University (spring).

2014 Teaching assistant at the Bachelor Study Programme in Social Science, Roskilde University (fall).

2013 Visiting Scholar, *Centre d'études des normes juridiques – "Yan Thomas"* (CENJ - YT), EHESS (l'École des hautes études en sciences sociales), Paris, with Professor Paolo Napoli (spring semester).

2011 Visiting scholar, Exzellenzcluster Normative Orders, Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main, with Professor Rainer Forst (spring).

Academic degrees

2016 Ph.D. in The History of Ideas, Aarhus University. Thesis: *Sovereign bodies. Constitution and construction of State, subject and corporation*. Supervisor: Mikkel Thorup, Professor, Department of Philosophy and The History of Ideas, Aarhus University. Secondary supervisors: Peter Niesen, Professor of Political Theory and The History of Ideas, University of Hamburg & Paolo Napoli, Professor at the CENJ – YT, EHESS, Paris.

2012 MA in The History of Ideas, Aarhus University. Thesis: *The State of the Company. The Trading Company in 17th Century Political Thought*. Supervisor: Mikkel Thorup.

2008 B.Sc. in Business Administration and Philosophy, Copenhagen Business School.

2003 Upper Secondary School Leaving Examination (linguistic), Christianshavns Gymnasium.

Languages

Danish (native), English and German (fluent), Swedish, Norwegian and French (proficient), Spanish (lesser degree), Latin (basic knowledge).

Academic interests

State; corporation; sovereignty; association; democracy; governance; history of political and economic thought; law; legal history; (political) sociology; business in society; political and economic theology; organization; government; administration; civil society; political philosophy; political thought; political theory; neoliberalism.

Peer-reviewer

Theory, Culture & Society; American Political Science Review; Voluntas – International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations; Ephemera – Theory & Politics in Organization, Systems Research and Behavioral Science; K&K – Kultur & Klasse; Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie, Aarhus University Press.

Grants

- 2020 CBS Strategic Thematic Initiative: *Transformational Economies and Societies* (800.000 DKK/€107.500)
- 2020 CBS Strategic Thematic Initiative: *The Nordic Model of Governance* (250.000 DKK/€33.500)
- 2019 ReNEW (Reimagining Norden in an Evolving World) (NordForsk) grant for workshop, *Neoliberalism in the Nordics – developing an absent theme*, CBS, 2-3 December 2019 (approximately €5.400).
- 2019 Post doc-grant (2 years), research project Comparative Perspectives on Associative Governance in Norden, CBS Center for Civil Society Studies, funded by the RealDania and Tuborg Foundation.
- 2016 Post doc-grant (2 years), research-project CISTAS (Civil Society in the Shadow of the State), funded by the Carlsberg Foundation.
- 2013 Grant for research stay at the EHESS, Paris from the Augustinus-Foundation & Knud Højgaard Foundation (approximately €2750).
- 2011 Erasmus Scholarship, University of Frankfurt, Excellenzcluser Normative Orders (March-July).
- 2011 PhD Scholarship, Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University.

Publications

PhD-dissertation

1. **Jessen, M.H.** (2015) *Sovereign bodies. Constitution and construction of State, subject and corporation*, Department of Philosophy and The History of Ideas, Aarhus University. Defended 30.03.2016. Assessment Committee: Professor Mark Neocleous, Brunell University; Professor Marieke de Goede, Amsterdam University & Associate Professor Morten Haugaard Jeppesen, Aarhus University (chairman).

Peer-reviewed journal articles

2. **Jessen, M.H.** (2020). "Civil Society in the Shadow of the Neoliberal State. Corporations as the Primary Subjects of (Neoliberal) Civil Society". *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society* (online first 27.08), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10767-020-09376-2>.
3. **Jessen, M.H.** & Eggers, N.v. (2020). "Governmentality and Statification. Towards a Foucauldian Theory of the State", *Theory, Culture & Society*, vol. 37, issue 1, pp. 53-72, DOI: 10.1177/0263276419849099.
4. **Jessen, M.H.** (2019). "Rescuing Welfare Society. Political Strategies for Mobilizing Civil Society in Denmark, 2010-2018", *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organization*, vol. 39, Issue 2, pp. 369-380. DOI:10.1007/s11266-018-00064-6.
5. **Jessen, M.H.** (2018). "Civilsamfund som værdi og ressource. Konstruktionen af civilsamfund og frivillighed i danske civilsamfundsstrategier, 2010-2017", *Dansk Pædagogisk Tidsskrift*, nr 4, *Frivillighed og velfærdsarbejde*, s. 26-34.
6. **Jessen, M.H.** (2017). "Statens livsnødvendige cirkulation. Handel som livsvigtigt princip for den moderne stat" (The vital circulation of the state. Trade as a vital principle of the modern state), *K&K – Kultur & Klasse*, 124, *Handel*, pp. 71-88.
7. **Jessen, M.H.** (2015). "Forvaltningen af det bestående. Guvernamentalitet, regering og økonomi hos Giorgio Agamben" (The administration of the given. Governmentality, government and economy in Giorgio Agamben) in *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, 72, *Giorgio Agamben*, pp. 17-35.
8. **Jessen, M.H.** (2013). "The practico-inertia of institutional practices" *LIR, journal* (Journal for Literature, History of Ideas and Religion, University of Gothenburg, Sweden), 3(2013), pp. 7-19.
9. **Jessen, M.H.** & Eggers, N.v. (2013). "Kongen hersker, men regerer ikke. Guvernamentalitet, statificering og statspraksis hos Foucault" (The king rules, but does not govern. Governmentality, statification and statepractice in Foucault), *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for Idéhistorie*, 66, *Michel Foucault*, pp. 89-107.
10. **Jessen, M.H.** (2013). "De retslige, administrative og normative dispositivers autonomi. Interview med Paolo Napoli" (The autonomy of legal, administrative and normative dispositifs. Interview with Paolo Napoli), in *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 66, *Michel Foucault*, pp. 109-125.

11. **Jessen, M.H.** (2012). “The State of the Company. Companies, Colonies & Corporations in *Leviathan*”, *Journal of Intellectual History and Political Thought*, 1(1), pp. 56-85.
12. **Jessen, M.H.** (2012). “Kan et privat firma føre en retfærdig krig?. Hugo Grotius og det Hollandske Østindiske Kompagni” (Can a private company wage a just war? – Hugo Grotius and The Dutch East India Company), *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 63, *Krig (War)*, pp. 49-63.
13. **Jessen, M.H.** (2010). “Den filosofiske politiker. Frederik den Store og statsræsonen” (The Philosophical Politician. Frederick the Great and the Reason of State) in *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 59, *Den politiske filosof (The political philosopher)*, pp. 55-69.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

14. **Jessen, M.H.** (2021). “Civilsamfundet i velfærdsstatens skygge – Velfærdsstaten og det gode civilsamfund”, in Lars Bo Kaspersen & Liv Egholm (eds), *Kampen om civilsamfundet – som begreb og realitet*, København: Hans Reitzels Forlag (forthcoming).
15. **Jessen, M.H.** & Hansen, A.D. (2020) “Analysestrategi med Foucault og Laclau – Civilsamfundet som styringsteknologi og flydende betegner” (Analytical strategy with Foucault and Laclau – Civil society as governmental technology and floating signifier), in Justine Grønbek Pors & Emil Husted (eds.) *Eklektiske analytiske strategier (Eclectic analytical strategies)*, København: Nyt fra Samfundsvidenskaberne, pp. 63-86.
16. **Jessen, M.H.** (2020). “Civil Society in the Shadow of the Welfare State”, in Lars Bo Kaspersen & Liv Egholm (eds.), *Civil Society Between Concepts and Empirical Grounds: A Processual-Relational Attitude to Civil Society*, London: Routledge.
17. **Jessen, M.H.** (2016). “Trade is a Kind of Warfare. Corporations and Mercantilism in the Thought of Josiah Child”, in Mikkel Thorup (ed.), *Intellectual History of Economic Normativities*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 41-55.

Peer-reviewed edited journals

18. **Jessen, M.H.**, Eggers, N.v & Eriksen, C.B (2015). *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, 72, *Giorgio Agamben*.
19. **Jessen, M.H.** & Eggers, N.v. (2013). *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, 66, *Michel Foucault*.
20. **Jessen, M.H.**, Hansen, D.M.M & Jensen, M.S. (2012). *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 63, *Krig (War)*.

Book chapters

21. **Jessen, M.H.** (2017) ”Den dødelige gud. Thomas Hobbes læser Trump” (The mortal god. Thomas Hobbes reads Trump), in Mikkel Thorup (ed.) *Uhørt! Idéhistorien læser Trump*, Baggrund.
22. **Jessen, M.H.** (2014). “Romerret” (Roman Law), in Hans-Jørgen Schanz (ed.) *50 idéer, der ændrede verden (50 ideas that changed the world)*, Aarhus Universitetsforlag (Aarhus University Press), pp. 260-267.

23. **Jessen, M.H.** (2013). "Max Horkheimer. Og den kritiske tænkings uafsluttede dialektik" (Max Horkheimer – and the unending dialectics of critical thinking) in *Marxismen efter Marx. 12 strømninger i det 20. århundrede*, Frederiksberg: Frydenlund Academic, pp. 127-146.

Edited books

24. **Jessen, M.H.**, Flohr, M., Popp-Madsen, B.A. & Jacek, K.M. (2017). *Den Russiske Revolution* (The Russian Revolution), Aarhus: Forlaget Slagmark (Slagmarks Revolutionsserie).
25. **Jessen, M.H.**, Thorup, M., Eggers, N.v., Nygaard, B. & Kjærgård, J.R. (2015). *Den Franske Revolution* (The French Revolution), Aarhus: Forlaget Slagmark (Slagmarks Revolutionsserie).
26. **Jessen, M.H.**, Johansen, T.P., Jørgensen, E.K., Sørensen, E.B. & Damkjær, N.W. (2013). *Marxismen efter Marx. 12 strømninger i det 20. århundrede*, (Marxism after Marx. 12 Currents in the 20th Century), Frederiksberg: Frydenlund Academic.
27. **Jessen, M.H.**, Thorup, M. & Eggers, N.v. (2012). *Den Amerikanske Revolution* (The American Revolution), Aarhus: Forlaget Slagmark (Slagmarks Revolutionsserie).
28. **Jessen, M.H.**, Andersen, A.N., Boiesen, J.R. & Blinkenberg, K. (2011). *Venstrefløjens nye tænkere. En introduktion* (The New Thinkers on the Left. An Introduction), Aarhus: Forlaget Slagmark.

Other articles and on-line publications

29. **Jessen, M.H.** (2020). "The Corporate State", The Transnational Institute, State of Power 2020, theme: The Corporation. <https://www.tni.org/en/publication/the-corporate-state>.
30. **Jessen, M.H.** (2017). "Statens krop", Friktion – Magasin for køn, krop og kultur, nr. 12, årg. 4, *Bodies*, <https://friktionmagasin.dk/statens-krop-e810e2c00d0d>.
31. **Jessen, M.H.** (2017). "Should Civil Society Be Political? The Political Role of Civil Society in Light of the Refugee Crisis", *Department of Business and Politics Blog*, <http://blog.cbs.dk/dbp/>.
32. **Jessen, M.H.** (2016). "Hvilket Folk er Folkemødet til for?", Atlas magasin, atlasmag.dk.
33. **Jessen, M.H.** (2016). "Du kan takke Romerriget for, at du skal følge loven", www.videnskab.dk, Forskerzonen.
34. **Jessen, M.H.**, Thorup, M., Eggers, N.v., Nygaard, B. & Kjærgård, J.R. (2015) "Det er ikke en revolte, det er en revolution", www.baggrund.com.
35. **Jessen, M.H.** (2014). "Vær realist, kræv det umulige", *Nyt Fokus – fra økonomisk vækst til bæredygtig udvikling*, nr. 2 – October 2014, pp. 24-26.
36. **Jessen, M.H.** (2014). "Til rekonstruktionen af luttens omfangslogiske status – Luttens som regeringsparadigme", *Semikolon – tidsskrift for idéhistorie, filosofi og semiotik* (Semikolon – Journal for the history of ideas, philosophy and semiotics, Aarhus University), nr. 26, årgang 14, *Musik*, pp. 27-35.
37. **Jessen, M.H.** (2013). "Klosteret – byen – firmaet - ?. Om privilegerede steder for økonomisk og

- politisk praksis” *Semikolon – tidsskrift for idéhistorie, filosofi og semiotik*, nr. 25, årgang 13, pp. 25-34.
38. **Jessen, M.H.**, Johansen, T.P., Jørgensen, E.K., Sørensen, E.B. & Damkjær, N.W. (2013). ”Marxismen efter Marx”, www.baggrund.com.
39. **Jessen, M.H.** (2013). ”Hvem bestemmer over det åbne hav?”, www.baggrund.com.
40. **Jessen, M.H.**, Thorup, M. & Eggers, N.v. (2012). ”Den amerikanske revolution. Revolution med paryk på”, www.baggrund.com.
41. **Jessen, M.H.** (2010). ”Kritikkens (u)mulighed – Superflex som sociale entreprenører”, Turbulens.net – Forum for samtidsrefleksion.

Review articles

42. **Jessen, M.H.** (2016). Review of Knut Ove Eliasson, *Foucault's begreber* (Spartacus Forlag/Scandinavian Academic Press 2016), *Nordic Journal of Aesthetics*, no. 52, pp. 105-113.
43. **Jessen, M.H.** (2015). ”Korporativ suverænitæt”, *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 66, *Giorgio Agamben*. Review of Joshua Barkan, *Corporate Sovereignty – Law and Government under Capitalism* (Minnesota University Press 2013), pp. 192-94.
44. **Jessen, M.H.** (2015). ”Giorgio Agambens politiske filosofi”, *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 66, *Giorgio Agamben*. Review of Rasmus Ugilt, *Giorgio Agamben: Political Philosophy* (Humanities Ebooks 2014), pp. 189-191.
45. **Jessen, M.H.** (2015). ”Midler uden mål”, *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 66, *Giorgio Agamben*. Review of the Danish translation of Giorgio Agamben’s *Means without end* (Forlaget Wunderbuch 2015), pp. 186-88.
46. **Jessen, M.H.** (2012) ”Agamben, Agamben og mere Agamben: eden og nøgenheden”, *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 65, *Helte og skurke*. Review of the Danish translations of Giorgio Agamben’s *The sacrament of language* (Forlaget Wunderbuch 2012) and *Nudities* (Forlaget Anis 2012), pp. 184-88.
47. **Jessen, M.H.** (2012). ”Suverænt?”, *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 64, *Praksis*, Review of Quentin Skinner & Hent Kalmo (ed.), *Sovereignty in Fragments – The Past Present and Future of a Contested Concept* (Cambridge University Press 2010), pp. 162-63
48. **Jessen, M.H.** (2011) ”Magten i det politiske sprog”, *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 60, *Historiepolitik*, pp. 208-210. Review of the Danish translation of Victor Klemperer’s *LTI – Lingua Tertii Imperii* (Forlaget tekst og tale 2010), pp. 208-210.
49. **Jessen, M.H.** (2010). ”Oplysning om oplysningen”, *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*, nr. 59, *Den politiske filosof*. Review of Jonathan Israel, *A Revolution of the Mind* (Princeton University Press 2010), pp. 173-175.

Editorial positions

- 2012- Co-editor of the book series *Revolutions* at Forlaget Slagmark (Slagmarks revolutionsserie).
- 2011-18 Member of the editorial board of *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie* (Danish Journal of the History of Ideas). In charge of the publishing section: Forlaget Slagmark.
- 2012 Editor-in-chief of *Slagmark – Tidsskrift for idéhistorie*.

Teaching

- 2020- Teaching, *Magt og kommunikation* (Power and communication), Cand. Soc. in Political Communication and Leadership, CBS
- 2019- Coordinating and teaching, *Strategi og samtidsdiagnostik* (Strategy and contemporary diagnostics), BSc in Business Administration and Communication, CBS
- 2019- Teaching, *Fundamentals of Social Theory*, BSc in Business Administration and Sociology, CBS
- 2017-19 Coordinating and teaching, *Theories of Contemporary Society 1*, BSc in Business Administration and Sociology, CBS
- 2017-18 Coordinating and teaching, *Philosophy of Science*, BSc in Business Administration and Sociology & BSc in Business Administration and Psychology, CBS
- 2015 Coordinating and teaching, *Economy in Society II & Ideas of Time and History*, Bachelor Supplementary Education in Cultural Analysis of Society and Economy (CASE), and *Sociologisk kulturanalyse* (Sociological Cultural Analysis), Bachelor Supplementary Education in Sociology, Department of Culture and Society, Aarhus University
- 2014 Teaching Assistant at the Bachelor Study Programme in Social Sciences at Roskilde University. Teaching Sociology, Philosophy of Science and supervising group projects
- 2010-12 As PhD Student and Teaching Assistant at The History of Ideas, Department of Culture and Society, Aarhus University: *Global Perspectives on the History of Ideas – Colonial Empires* (MA), *The History of Political and Economic Ideas* and *The History of Philosophy* (BA)

Organization

- 2019 Organizing the workshop *Neoliberalism in the Nordics – Developing an absent theme*, CBS, 2-3 December (funded by ReNEW)
- 2019 Organizing the panel *Neoliberalism in the Nordics – Developing an absent theme*, SASE (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics) Annual Conference, New School, New York, 27-29 June

- 2017 Organizing the workshop *Should Civil Society be Political? The Political Role of Civil Society in Light of the Refugee Crisis*, CISTAS (Civil Society in the Shadow of the State) practitioner workshop, Vartov, Copenhagen
- 2014 Organizing the seminar *Agamben after 2007: Theology, administration and method*, Aarhus University
- 2012-14 Organizer of the *Colloquium of The History of Ideas*, Aarhus University
- 2010-12 Coordinator of the study circles *Political Normativity and War, Order & Sovereignty*, Nordic Summer University (organizing winter meetings and summer session)
- 2011 Co-organizing the seminar *Global perspectives on intellectual history*, Oxford University

Dissemination and media appearances

- 2020 Interview, newspaper. 'Covid-19 smitter ikke kun mennesker. Den kan også ramme stater – og derfor frygter Mette Frederiksen den så meget'. *Altinget*, March 13.
- 2019 Public lecture. "Michel Foucault", *Fransk filosofi i det 20. århundrede*, Folkeuniversitetet Aarhus (DPU), February 26.
- 2018 Podcast: "UHØRT #2: Den dødelige gud – Thomas Hobbes læser Trump (af Mathias Hein Jessen), Baggrund podcast, <https://soundcloud.com/user-957621566/uhort-2-den-dodelige-gud-thomas-hobbes-laeser-trump-af-mathias-hein-jessen?in=user-957621566/sets/uhort-1>.
- 2016 Newspaper article. "Valgkampen har revolutionære rødder", *Dagbladet Information*, Moderne Tider, Weekend, October 29-30 (with Nicolai von Eggers & Mikkel Thorup).
- 2016 Feature article. "Selskaberne er en del af staten", *Dagbladet Information*, Moderne Tider, Weekend, April 16-17.
- 2016 "Statens suveræne krop", *Dagbladet Information*, Moderne Tider, Weekend, April 16-17 (review of my PhD-defence, by Søren Mau).
- 2016 Public lecture. "Ting i filosofien", *Ting*, Folkeuniversitetet Aarhus (DPU), May 3.
- 2016 Public lecture. "Revolutionernes århundreder", *Verdens historie – Historien om verden*, Folkeuniversitetet Aarhus (DPU), March 8.
- 2015 Public lecture. "Jacques Rancière", *Filosofiens nye tænkere*, Folkeuniversitetet Aarhus (DPU), June 17.
- 2014 Interview, newspaper. "Battle på idéer: Her kommer retfærdigheden fra", *Jyllands-Posten*, October 9.
- 2014 Interview, television. DR2 Deadline, January 17.
- 2013 Feature article. "Skal politikerne altid bare spille spillet?", *Dagbladet Information*, June 12.
- 2013 Interview, newspaper. "Karl Marx' tanker er blevet en ny trend", *Kristeligt Dagblad*, January 17.
- 2013 Interview, radio. P1 morgen, February 22.
- 2010 Feature article. "Der er aldrig en skid der ændrer sig", *Dagbladet Information*, Weekend, July 23-24.

Conference participation (selection)

- 2019 “Corporate Constitutions: Danish Models of Corporate Legitimacy and Sustainability (DAMOCLES), *Neoliberalism in the Nordics – Developing an absent theme*, CBS, 2-3 December (with Andreas Mulvad).
- 2019 “Civil Society and Neoliberalism in Denmark”, SASE (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics) Annual Conference, New School, New York, June 27-29.
- 2019 “Civil Society as Value and Resource: Civil Society, Neoliberalism and the Third Way in Denmark”, ReNEW (Reimagining Norden in an Evolving World) 3rd Nordic Challenges Conference, March 6-8, CBS.
- 2018 “Civil Society, Neoliberalism and Third Way Social Democracy in Denmark”, *Neoliberalism in the Nordics – Developing an absent theme*, ReNEW workshop (Reimagining Norden in an Evolving World), December 6-7, Sciences Po, Paris
- 2018 “Authoritarian Neoliberalism, Civil Society and the Future of Democracy”, XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, July 15-21, Toronto
- 2017 “Civil Society in the Shadow of the Neoliberal State: On the Depoliticization of Civil Society, 1992-present”, *42nd Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA)*, November 2-5, Montreal.
- 2016 “The Universal Corporation: The Constitution of the State in England and its Corporate-Judicial-Theological Heritage”, *Constitutionalising Europe – After the Heritages from Catholicism, Calvinism and Lutheranism*, December 9-10, Sandbjerg, Denmark.
- 2016 ”The Corporate State”, MANCEPT (Manchester Centre for Political Theory), workshop *Rethinking the Collectice – Addressing the Political*, September 7-9, Manchester.
- 2015 “The Corporate State”, *Democracy Rising*, First World Conference, GCAS (Global Center for Advanced Studies), July 16-19, Athens.
- 2013 “Corpus, corporation, persona – The (human) body in the construction of political institutions (and vice versa)”, *Negotiating the Humanities*, November 14-15, Aarhus University, Denmark.
- 2012 “The State of the Company – On Sovereignty, Corporations and Trading Companies”, *Empire and Sovereignty*, June 22-23, European University Institute, Florence.
- 2012 “The Sovereignty of the Company – Dominion, Property and Trading Companies”, *Third London Conference in the History of Political Thought*, May 14-15, University College London.