

Research Ethics Following the Case of the Agricultural Report

Despite CBS' many quality control mechanisms and long history of providing research of the highest standard, in 2016 we faced severe external and internal criticism regarding the so-called Agricultural Report. As a result, Academic Council and Senior Management, jointly filed a complaint to the Practice Committee. The case was finally decided in April 2017.

Based on the decision by the Practice Committee, senior management has continuously discussed the lessons learnt. With this note, Senior Management sums up the primary lessons and identifies existing policies, which CBS will work to reinforce.

Recruitment

CBS recruits faculty of the highest standard – and ensures that all members of faculty are familiar and comply with the criteria defined in the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. Heads of department, senior management, assessment committees, and the CBS-Wide Appointments Committee (CWAC) are responsible for quality in recruitment. The REEAD initiative supports this effort as do information campaigns on integrity in research.

Research projects

Members of faculty individually ensure that research projects at all stages are in line with standards of good research practice, as defined in the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. CBS maintains relevant institutional policies and an environment in line with research integrity as defined in the Danish Code of Conduct. For leaders at CBS this implies making sure that research projects, particularly with external funding, are set up with sufficient and functioning quality control mechanisms such as peer review, arm's length principles, and steering groups. The dean of research is in continuous dialogue with the heads of department to ensure that such mechanisms are in place.

Publication of reports etc.

Research at CBS is based on the principle of freedom of research. Consequently, the individual researcher is responsible for the integrity of his/her research outputs as described in CBS' note on Academic Citizenship. Heads of department and other leaders do not control research output before or after publication. Given this freedom, the individual researcher must ensure compliance with the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. When using CBS' name or logo for public reports or when press releases are issued, particular attention must be paid to declaring authorship and disclose external contribution or possible conflicts of interest if relevant. Heads of departments ensure such procedures are in place.

Research integrity

Finally, CBS emphasises the role of the Practice Committee and the Named Person. The committee promotes good research practice and will publish a user's manual on research integrity and the Practice Committee's procedures. All departments initiate activities to promote the Practice Committee and the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

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