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## Profile

Researcher, teacher, author, and editor working at the intersection of social theory, historical sociology, and critical urban planning studies. My research examines democracy, civic infrastructures, non-profit housing, and inclusive urban development, with particular attention to addressing the intertwined crises of sustainability and biodiversity through democratic and collective forms of action. I have published and edited books on governance and urban development and have forthcoming book projects with publishers including Palgrave Macmillan and Edward Elgar. Coordinator of the CBS research group ORGADIVA (Organizing Democracy, Diversity, and Alternatives).

## Main Research Areas

Genealogical and interpretive methodologies  
Democracy, civil society, and commoning  
Urban sustainability and civic infrastructures

## Current Positions

### Postdoctoral Researcher

Copenhagen Business School (2024–)

Research on housing, democracy, and socially sustainable cities, focusing on genealogical analyses of civic, institutional, and collaborative infrastructures.

### External Lecturer

Roskilde University (2024–)

Teaching and supervision in urban planning and social science methods, including historically grounded and interpretive approaches, and teaching-based field trips as part of courses on “liveable” and “green” cities.

## Education

### PhD in Social Science

Roskilde University

Dissertation: *Urban Community Gardens in Copenhagen: Democratising Local Engagements in Sustainability*

### Visiting Researcher

University of Oxford, School of Geography and the Environment (2019)

### MA (Cand.mag.) in Philosophy and Political Theory

Aarhus University

## Recent and Forthcoming Books

Christensen, S. (2024). *Urban Community Gardens in Copenhagen: Democratizing Local Engagements in Sustainability*. Roskilde University.

Lund, A. B., Byrkjeflot, H., & Christensen, S. (eds.) (2024/2025). *Associative Governance in Scandinavia: Organizing Societies by "Combining Together"*. London: Routledge.

Christensen, S., Bærenholdt, J. O., Fogelman, T., Koefoed, L., & Pinder, D. (eds.) (2027/28, forthcoming). *Nordic Urban Planning: Making Inclusive, Sustainable and Liveable Cities*. Edward Elgar.

Rigkos-Zitthen, I & Christensen, S. (2028/2029, forthcoming). *The Urban Anthropocene: Thinking Politics and Policy through Care, Populism and the Commons*. Palgrave Macmillan.

## Selected Journal Articles

Christensen, S. B. P., & Rigkos-Zitthen, I. (2026). *Infrastructures of care: Beyond the Janus-face of urban community gardens in Copenhagen*. *Geoforum*, 174.

Christensen, S., Jaganjac, E., Simonsen, K., & Kvist, A. T. (2026). *Domicide in Danish: A critical phenomenological exploration*. *Nordic Journal of Urban Studies*, 5(2), 1–16.

Malberg Dyg, P., Christensen, S., & Peterson, C. J. (2020). *Community gardens and wellbeing amongst vulnerable populations*. *Health Promotion International*, 35(4), 790–803.

Christensen, S., Malberg Dyg, P., & Allenberg, K. (2019). *Urban community gardening, social capital, and "integration"*. *Local Environment*, 24(3), 231–248.

## Selected Recent and Forthcoming Book Chapters

Risager, B.S. & Christensen, S. (2027, forthcoming). *The Struggle for Urban Housing Commons: Enclosure and Reclamation in Denmark's 'Ghettos' and the Restructuring of Nordic Housing*. In *Nordic Urban Planning: Making Inclusive, Sustainable and Liveable Cities*. Edward Elgar.

Christensen, S. (2027, forthcoming). *Nordic Urban Sustainability Planning and Degrowth*. In *Nordic Urban Planning: Making Inclusive, Sustainable and Liveable Cities*. Edward Elgar.

Christensen, S., Bærenholdt, J. O., Fogelman, T., Koefoed, L., & Pinder, D. (2027, forthcoming). *Nordic Urban Planning in the 21st Century*. In *Nordic Urban Planning: Making Inclusive, Sustainable and Liveable Cities*. Edward Elgar.

Christensen, S., et al. (2024). *Scandinavian Perspectives on Associative Governance*. In A. B. Lund et al. (eds.), *Associative Governance in Scandinavia: Organizing Societies by "Combining Together"*. Routledge.

Christensen, S., Lund, A. B., Byrkjeflot, H., & Madsen, B. A. P. (2025). *Premises and promises of associative governance*. In *Associative Governance in Scandinavia: Organizing societies by "combining together"*. London: Routledge.

Lund, A. B., & Christensen, S. (2025). *Governing people's homes: organizing housing associatively in Scandinavia*. In A. Brink-Lund, H. Byrkjeflot, & S. Christensen (Eds.), *Associative Governance in Scandinavia Organizing Societies by "Combining Together"*. London: Routledge.