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## Research

I am currently employed as a postdoctoral researcher on the project *Edutopias. Reforms of Everyday School Practices. Denmark 1945–1975*, which investigates Danish school reforms during the post-war period and their impact on human relations, spatial arrangements, and material practices in everyday school life.

In April 2025, I completed my PhD on the history of women's education in Denmark between 1938 and 1968. The dissertation examined women trained in either nursing or home economics who chose to pursue further academic studies within their respective fields at Aarhus University. The project focused particularly on how these women experienced and understood the early academicisation of two gendered professional fields, as well as on the methodological and archival-theoretical approaches underpinning the research.

I hold a professional bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Health, specialising in Human Nutrition, awarded in 2010. As my interest in culture and history grew, I chose to pursue a new academic path and subsequently completed both a bachelor's and a master's degree in European Ethnology at University of Copenhagen, with a particular emphasis on gender studies and everyday life. In 2019, I was given the opportunity to undertake a diploma programme in pedagogy and didactics at University College Copenhagen. My PhD project, *Professional Women at Aarhus University*, in many ways reflects my own journey through the educational system—from professional training to the university—as well as my deep interest in new materialist gender theory, history, and everyday life studies.

## Educations

Europæisk Etnologi, University of Copenhagen  
Award Date: 9 Sept 2016

### Postdoc

Danish School of Education - Educational Sociology, Emdrup  
Aarhus University  
København NV, Denmark  
18 Mar 2025 → present

### PhD Student

Danish School of Education - Department of Educational Sociology  
Aarhus University  
København NV, Denmark  
10 Jan 2021 → present

### Former employments

2021-2025	PhD Student, Aarhus University
2020	Archivist, Gentofte Local Archives Teacher, Technical Education Copenhagen
2017	Volunteer, Immigrant Woman Center Nørrebro
2016/2017	Maternity leave
2015-2016	Copenhagen City Archives
2016	CoRe, Copenhagen University
2014-2015	Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics, project "Danish Voices in the USA and Argentina"
2013-2014	The Danish National Archives, Project: The Royal Orders of Chivalry
2010	Project Manager, Masanga Hospital Sierra Leone
2008-2009	Department of Human Nutrition, project "Toddlers' Diet and Well-being"