

# Morten Overgaard

Born November 5<sup>th</sup> 1975, Glostrup, Denmark

## Current position

Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, CFIN, Institute of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University  
Senior researcher in Consciousness Research and Neurorehabilitation, Dept of Neurology, Aarhus University Hospital  
Visiting Professor, Dept of Philosophy, Lund University, Sweden

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Universitetsbyen 3, building 1710, 8000 Aarhus C, Denmark

## Education

2003 Ph.D. Faculty of Social Sciences, Aarhus University  
2000 MA Psychology, University of Copenhagen  
1998 BA Psychology, University of Copenhagen

## Employment history

2026- Visiting Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Lund University, Sweden  
2024- Senior researcher in Consciousness Research and Neurorehabilitation, Dept of Neurology, Aarhus University Hospital  
2012- Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, CFIN, Institute of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University  
2020-2021 Jens Christian Skou Professor, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies  
2011- 2015 Professor of Neuropsychology MSO, Dept. of Psychology and Communication, Aalborg University  
2007 - 2012 Associate professor, CFIN, Institute of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University  
2005 - 2012 Senior research fellow, Hammel Neurorehabilitation and Research Unit  
2005 Post Doc, Hammel Neurorehabilitation and Research Unit  
2003 – 2005 Post Doc, CFIN, Dept. of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University  
2001 Visiting researcher, University of Arizona, USA  
2000-2003 Ph.D. student, Dept. of Psychology, Aarhus University  
1997-2000 Teaching assistant, Dept. of Psychology, University of Copenhagen

Research stays at University of Arizona (2001), City University of New York (2011), Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris (2012)

## Positions of trust

2025 Commissioner for The Lancet Neurology Commission on Neurorehabilitation  
2022- Head of the CFIN Scientific Advisory Board  
2021- Fellow of Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies  
2020 Steering committee of the National PhD school in neuroscience  
2019- Head of the study board, BA in Integrative Neuroscience, Aarhus University  
2016-2023 Scientific board member for Bial Foundation, Portugal  
2013-2015 Board member of the Young Academy of Europe  
2013- Board member of Danish Neuroscience Center, Aarhus University Hospital  
2011 - CFIN/MindLab board member

## Major grants

2020	The Jens Christian Skou Fellowship, AIAS
2019	NFORM – SDG Network grant from AU (1 Mio DKr)
2016	Grant from The Danish Council for Independent Research (FKK) for the project “Synaesthesia – the roles of association learning and of differential brain development” (6.4 Mio DKr)
2012	Grant from The Danish Council for Independent Research (FKK) for the project “Phenomenal consciousness and cognitive motor control” (6.3 Mio DKr)*
2010	Grant from The Danish Council for Independent Research (FKK) for the project “Intentional action, attention to objects, and working memory” (7.8 Mio DKr)
2010	The “Starting Grant” from The European Research Council – the MindRehab project (12.5 Mio DKr)*
2007	Grant from the COST scheme, The European Commission: “Consciousness: A transdisciplinary, integrated approach” (3,8 Mio DKr)
2007	Grant from the European Commission – FP6-NEST-PATHFINDER, the MindBridge project (14.5 Mio DKr)*
2007	Grant from the European Commission – FP6-NEST-PATHFINDER, the MINET project (1.8 mio DKr)
2003	Grant from Carlsberg Foundation*

\* = Role as coordinator

Several minor grants (<1 Mio DKr) from e.g. Lundbeck, Karen Elise Jensen Foundation, The Fetzer Institute, University of Arizona, The Danish Council for Independent Research (FSS)

## Scientific Awards and honours

2023	Foundation for Neurofeedback and Neuromodulation Research (with Timo Kvamme)
2015-	Honorary Professor, Aalborg University
2015	Young Scientist Award from World Economic Forum (given to the world’s top 40 scientists among all disciplines younger than 40 years old)
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2013	Award from "Savværksejer Jeppe Juhl og hustru Ovita Juhl's Mindelegat"
1999	Silver medal, University of Copenhagen

## Leadership

2015-	Founder and head of a BA and MA education initiative in integrative neuroscience at Aarhus University
2012	Co-founder and head of Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, Aalborg University
2010 – 2015	Head of the ERC Starting Grant MindRehab project
2007-2011	Member of the Management Committee for EU COST-action ”Consciousness: A transdisciplinary, integrated approach”
2007-	Founder and head of Cognitive Neuroscience Research Unit (CNRU)
2007- 2010	Head of the EU NEST-PATHFINDER initiative MindBridge (more than 30 scientists involved; 141 scientific publications)
2005-2010	Founder and head of Neuropsychological Laboratory, Hammel Neurorehabilitation and Research Center

2001-2006 Founder and head of Nordic Network for Consciousness Studies

### **Supervision:**

2005-: 9 Post Docs, 16 Ph.D. students, >70 masters students and student research projects.

### **Editorial and reviewing commitments**

2025- Editor, *Proceedings of The Royal Society of London – Series B: Biological Sciences*  
2023- Editor, *Brain Sciences*  
2021- Editor, *Scientific Reports*  
2018- Consulting editor for *Psychology of Consciousness*  
2015-2020 Series editor for *Current Issues in Consciousness Research*, Psychology Press  
2014-2018 Chief editor for *Frontiers in Psychology: Consciousness Research*  
2010-2014 Associate editor for *Frontiers in Psychology: Consciousness Research*  
2002-2007 Editorial board member for *Science and Consciousness Reviews*

Ad hoc reviewer for a large number of scientific journals, including high impact journals e.g. *The Lancet*, *Nature Communication*, *The Lancet Neurology* and *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*

Panel member for European Research Council evaluations (2016-). Panel member for Academy of Finland (2015-), Scientific Expert for The National Research Agency of France (2015) and The Paris Institute of Advanced Studies (2015). Grant application reviewer for several international grant programmes, e.g. The National Science Centre Poland (2015). Leverhulme Foundation UK (2015), The Netherland Organisation for Scientific Research (2013), and The Research Grants Council Hong Kong (2010)

Referee for 9 Ph.D. projects covering different scientific fields in Lund (Sweden), Cape Town (South Africa), Aarhus, and Copenhagen.

External examiner in psychology for all Danish universities (2004-2014). External examiner in neuroscience and neuroimaging, Sino-Danish University, Chinese Academy of Science (2015-)

### **Teaching and lectures**

2023- Organizer of the European Summer School in Sensory Neuroscience, held in Pisa (Italy)  
2021- Coordinated and taught the Summer School in Cognitive Neuroscience, Aarhus University  
2015- Developed and coordinated a BA and MA initiative in integrative neuroscience at Aarhus University  
2011-2015 Developed, coordinated and taught an MA in neuropsychology at Aalborg University  
>50 university courses in cognitive science at the psychology departments in Copenhagen, Aarhus and Aalborg. 2 courses at Dept. of Philosophy, Aarhus University  
>100 public lectures on various topics in cognitive neuroscience  
> 20 courses in neuropsychology for psychologists, MD's and therapists

### **Scientific dissemination**

> 50 invited presentations at international institutions, including Cambridge University ("The Zangwill Lecture" 2019, 2018), Ecole Normale Superieure Paris (2019, 2012), Oxford University (2015), New York University (2011),

- > 40 invited presentations at international conferences and seminars, including The Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies (Venice, 2020), the European Conference for Visual Perception (Belgrade, 2014), Annual Meeting of the New Champions (Tianjin, 2014), XXXII European Workshop on Cognitive Neuropsychology (Bressanone, 2013), Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness (Brighton, 2012), Varieties of Human Cortical Color Perception (Vancouver, 2011)
- > 80 invited presentations in Denmark including The Royal Danish Academy for Sciences and Letters, 2021, The Danish Society for Neuroscience, 2013
- > 100 appearances in Danish and international media including “Faith, hope and science” (Danish National Television, 2016) "The Evening Show" (Danish National Television, 2013), *New Scientist* (2011); *Neurology Today* (2011), *Nature* (2001)