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Education

1995-99: PhD, Department of Politics, University of Edinburgh, UK. Funded by Economic and Social Research Council and Faculty of Social Sciences. (Awarded in 2000)
1992-93: Non-graduating studies, Department of Government, University of Essex, UK. Funded by German Academic Exchange Service.
1989-95: Diplom (MA) in Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, *sehr gut* (1st class), Ruhruniversität Bochum, Germany.

Employment and positions

2023 (April-July): Visiting Researcher, University of Auckland, School of Population Health, New Zealand.
2022-: Professor, Department of Public Health, Aarhus University, Denmark.
2017-2022: Associate Professor, Department of Public Health, Aarhus University, Denmark.
2014 (January-August): Visiting Researcher, McGill University, Department of Sociology, Canada.
2011-2018: Senior Researcher (part-time), DEFACTUM - Public Health and Health Services Research, Central Denmark Region, Aarhus, Denmark.
2006 (June): Danish National Institute of Social Research (SFI), Copenhagen, Denmark. Guest researcher as part of research monograph project on ‘Governing home care’.
2004-2022: Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Denmark. Since November 2011 at professorial level (*‘professoregne’*).
2003-2004: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Denmark.
1998-2003: Lecturer, Department of Politics, Brunel University, UK.

Scientific competences

Research areas:

Viola Burau has extensive experience in health services research in both university and applied settings. Her areas of research are: health policy and reform, health services organisation and change, health care professions and cross-country comparison.

Relevant academic courses:

1998-2000: Postgraduate Certificate in ‘Teaching and Learning in Higher Education’, Brunel University, Department of Education, UK.

Personal awards and external funding

2012: Guest Professorship for Ellen Kuhlmann. 4-month appointment funded by the Guest Researcher Programme of Aarhus University. Grant worth DKK 306,828 [€41,233].

2011: Guest Professorship for Robert Blank. 4-month appointment funded by the Guest Researcher Programme of Aarhus University. Grant worth DKK 256,344 [€34,366].

2009: Guest Professorship for Robert Blank. 4-month appointment funded by the Guest Researcher Programme of Aarhus University. Grant worth DKK 118,171 [€15,843].

2008: Guest Professorship for Robert Blank. 4-month appointment funded by the Guest Researcher Programme of Aarhus University. Grant worth DKK 269,200 [€36,091].

Research leadership and administrative work (since 2006, selected)

Principal /co-investigator:

2025-: Learning from the Global South: new avenues for strengthening the primary healthcare workforce. PI of 2-year collaborative research project.

2022-: Hospital-at-Home as alternative to hospital admission in frail elderly patients with acute disease. Co-applicant and lead of 3-year collaborative research project.

2022-: Organisational determinants of social inequalities in Health. PI and co-applicant on 6-year collaborative research project.

2022-24: One-stop health access to vulnerable families with families with diabetes during pregnancy. Co-applicant of 2-year collaborative research project.

2021-25: Problem-solving therapy for patients with coronary heart disease in general practice. Co-applicant and lead of 3-year collaborative research project.

2021-25: Sustaining well-functioning urgent primary care for all citizens. Co-applicant and co-lead of work package of 3-year collaborative research project.

2019-23: New Public Governance and its institutional contexts - a comparison of health care in Denmark and New Zealand. PI of 1-year collaborative project.

2018-23: FACE-IT-org. Organisational analysis of co-created, cross-sectoral health promotion programme for women with prior gestational diabetes and their families. Co-applicant and work package lead of 5-year collaborative project.

2017-2022: Scaling up coordination models for older people with chronic illness – successful implementation in general practice and municipalities. Principal investigator of 4-year collaborative project (extended).

2018-9: How professions drive organisational innovation: implementing care pathways in the municipal healthcare system. Co-applicant and research lead of 1.5-year collaborative project.

2017-18: The potential of personalised medicine. A political discourse analysis. Grant holder and principal investigator of 1.5-year collaborative research project.

2016: Making radical decisions in health services. The introduction of a new model of hospital funding. Grantholder and principal investigator of 1-year collaborative research project.

2015-: The governance of performance management in primary care: a cross-country comparison. Grantholder and co-principal investigator of collaborative research project.

2014-16: Health promotion in community mental health services. Principal investigator of work package of 2.5-year collaborative research project.

2014: The governance of coordination: coordinating public health services for migrants in Québec. Grantholder and principal investigator of 8-month research project.

2012-13: Evaluation of case load midwifery. Principal investigator of work package of 2-year Health Technology Assessment project.

2011-13: Control and post-operative treatment of patients with prostata cancer. Principal investigator of work package of 2-year research project.

2005-07: Governing doctors –comparing pathways of change. Grant holder and principal investigator of 2.5-year research project.

Professional and committee memberships:

2025: Research Assessment. Member of assessment committee. Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management, The Netherlands.

2021-25: RN2Blend – Research programme on differentiated nursing practice. Member of scientific expert committee of four-year research program funded by the Ministry of Health in the Netherlands.

2021-23: FACT. Sub-contractor on implementation project funded by the European Commission.

2014-18: Research Network 'Sociology of Professional Groups', International Sociological Association. Member of the Executive Board.

2014: Effective recruitment and retention strategies for health workers in the European Union. Country expert for Denmark for study by consortium led by the European Health Management Association.

2011-14: Research on marketisation in eldercare. Member of four-year Nordic network funded by the Swedish Research Council (FAS) and Nordic Research Council (NordForsk).

2010-13: Enhancing the role of medicine in the management of European health systems: implications for innovation, control and user voice. Member of Danish Research Group of EU COST Action ISO 903-301109-06364.

2009-11: Strengthening engagement in public health research. Member of the Management Committee of two-year research project, funded by the EU Science and Society Programme.

2008-12: Nordic Centre of Excellence on 'Reassessing the Nordic welfare model'. Member of four-year network project on 'Care in ageing and diversifying societies' (Strand 1), funded by NordForsk under the Nordic Council of Ministers.

2007-2011: *Politica* [Political Science journal published in Danish]. Member of the Editorial Board.

2006-2011: Research Network 'Sociology of Professions', European Sociological Association. Member of the Executive Board.

Membership of Professional Associations:

Dansk Selskab for Folkesundhed, ESPAnet (Network for European Social Policy Analysis); EUPHA (Section for Health Services Research, Section for Health Workforce Research); European Sociological Association (RN Sociology of Health and Illness, RN Sociology of Professions); International Sociological Association (RC Sociology of Health, RC Sociology of Professional Groups).

Research Management–Organisation of Academic Sessions and Conferences:

2024: International Research Society for Public Administration, Annual Conference, Tampere, Finland. Co-convenor of Workshop 'New Public Governance - how much is it spreading, and what are its limits?'

2022: International Public Policy Association, International Workshops on Public Policy, Budapest, Hungary. Co-convenor of Workshop 'What to learn from the "natural experiment" of the COVID-19 pandemic'

2019: European Public Health Association, Annual Conference, Marseille, France. Convenor of Panel 'Health workforce coordination and agency across sectors, organisations and professions'

2018: European Public Health Association, Annual Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Convenor of Panel 'How health workforce innovation in Europe supports interprofessional coordination across sectors'.

2018: International Sociological Association, World Congress of Sociology, Toronto. Convenor of Panel 'Creating a sustainable and people-centred workforce: connecting local and global perspectives'.

2017: International Sociological Association, Research Group 'Sociology of Professional Groups', Interim Conference, Oslo, Norway. Convenor of Panel 'How professional groups can contribute to changing public services'.

2016: European Public Health Association, Annual Conference, Vienna. Co-convenor of Panel 'How professional groups can contribute to health services innovation in European health systems'.

2016: International Research Society for Public Management, Annual Conference, Hong Kong. Co-convenor of Panel 'Health care governance and performance management – comparative perspectives'.

2015: International Sociological Association, Research Group 'Sociology of Professional Groups', Interim Conference, Milano, Italy. Convenor of Panel 'Public sector governance and professionalism: organizational practices and contexts in a cross-national perspective'.

2013: European Public Health Association, Annual Conference, Brussels, Belgium. Co-convenor of Panel 'Coordinating public health: comparing innovative approaches and practices across health systems in Europe'.

2012: Nordic Congress of Gerontology, Annual Conference, Copenhagen. Co-convenor of Panel 'Reforming old age care across Europe'.

2011: Nordic Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Vaasa, Finland. Co-convenor of Workshop 'The dynamics of the politics of care'.

2010: International Sociological Association, World Congress, Gothenburg, Sweden. Co-convenor of Session 'Transformations of health policy'.

2008: European Sociological Association, Research Network 'Sociology of Professions', Interim Meeting, Aarhus. Principal Organiser.

2008: 'Transforming elderly care at local, national and transnational levels', Copenhagen. International conference. Co-organiser.

2007: Danish Forum of Health Services Research, Annual Meeting, Aarhus, Denmark. Co-organiser.

2007: European Sociological Association, Research Network 'Sociology of Professions', PhD workshop, Glasgow, UK. Co-convenor.

2006: International Sociological Association, World Congress, Durban, South Africa. Convenor of Session 'Studying professions in a global context - methodological challenges'.

2006: Political Studies Association, Annual Conference, Reading, UK. Convenor of Panel 'Medical Governance: Europe: Medical Governance: 1' on 'The Dynamics of Governance: Contexts of Change'.

Peer review:

2024-: Sundhed i Midten. Research Foundation of Central Denmark Region. Chairperson of Scientific Assessment Committee.

2023-: Helsefonden. Member of Research Assessment Committee.

2019-20: Academy of Finland. Research Council of Biosciences, Health and Environment. Member of Assessment Committee.

2016-7: FORTE. Swedish Research Council for Health, Work and Welfare. Member of Assessment Committee.

Referee of papers submitted to:

Ageing and Society; BMC Health Services Research; Comparative Political Studies; Critical Social Policy; Equal Opportunities International; Health Economics, Policy and Law; Health Policy; Implementation Science; Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis; International Political Science Review; Journal of European Social Policy; Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law; Implementation Science; International Political Science Review; Lancet; Party Politics; Policy and Politics; Political Studies; Public Administration; Regulation and Governance; Social Policy and Society; Social Science and Medicine; Sociology of Health and Illness.

Book reviews for Edward Elgar and Policy Press.

2015: Review of report on 'Study on sound evidence for a better understanding of health literacy in the European Union. Final report. RfS Chafea/2014/health/01' prepared by NIVEL, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, EPHA, June.

2012: Review of report on 'Akutlægehelikopter i Jylland. Evaluering af forsøg med akutlægehelikopter i Region Midtjylland og Region Nordjylland' [Emergency helicopters in Jutland. Evaluation of pilot project with emergency helicopters in the Central and Northern Denmark Regions] prepared by the Danish Institute for Health (DSI), March.

2011: Review of report on 'Akutlægehelikopter i Danmark. Evaluering af forsøg med akutlægehelikopter på Sjælland' [Emergency helicopters in Denmark. Evaluation of pilot project with emergency helicopters in Sealand], prepared by the Danish Institute for Health (DSI), November.

Scientific publications

More than 80 peer-reviewed publications since 2008.

Please see [Viola Burau - Publikationer - Forskning - Aarhus Universitet](#) for details.

Conferences and workshops (invited presentations and conference papers) (since 2006, selected)

2026: Population Health, Health Services Research & Primary Care, University of Manchester (Invited presentation)

2025: European Conference on Integrated and Assertive Outreach, Copenhagen. (Conference paper)

2024: International Research Society on Public Management, Tampere, Finland. (Conference paper)

2023: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policy, online. (Invited presentation)

2023: School of Population Health, University of Auckland, Aotearoa/New Zealand. (Invited presentation)

2021: The Annual Conference of the European Public Health Association, online. (Conference paper)

2021: Fifth International Conference on Public Policy, online. (Conference paper)

2020: International Conference of the International Foundation for Integrated Care, online. (Conference paper)

2020: Meeting of the European Health Policy Group, online. (Conference paper)

2019: Fourth International Conference on Public Policy, Montréal, Canada. (Conference paper)

2018: The Annual Conference of the European Public Health Association, Ljubljana (Slovenia). (Conference paper)

2018: The International Conference on Integrated Care, Utrecht, Netherlands. (Conference paper)

2017: The International Health Policy Conference, London, UK. (Conference paper)

2017: The Interim Conference of the Research Committee 'Sociology of Professional Groups', International Sociological Association, Oslo, Norway. (Conference paper)

2016: The Annual Conference of the European Public Health Association, Vienna, Austria. (Conference paper)

2016: The Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management, Hong Kong. (Conference paper)

2015: The Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management, Birmingham, UK. (Conference paper)

2014: Seminar series of Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. (Invited presentations)

2014: The Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management, Ottawa, Canada. (Conference paper)

2013: The Annual Conference of the European Public Health Association, Brussels, Belgium. (Conference paper)

2013: The Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management, Prague, Czech Republic. (Conference paper)

2012: The Nordic Congress of Gerontology, Copenhagen, Denmark. (Conference paper)

2012: The International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies, Boston, USA. (Conference paper)

2011: Presentation as part of the COST Training School, Utrecht, The Netherlands. (Invited presentation).

2011: Conference of the European Sociological Association, Geneva, Switzerland. (Conference paper)

2011: Conference of the Nordic Political Science Association, Vaasa, Sweden. (Conference paper)

2010: COST meeting 'The relationship between medicine and management: How is it changing and why does it matter?', Lyon, France. (Invited presentation)

2009: Conference on 'Reassessing the Nordic welfare model. Taking stock of the work so far', REASSESS Network, Oslo, Norway. (Conference paper)

2009: The Conference 'Eldre, omsorg og verdighet – mangfold og funksjon' [Older people, care and respect –diversity and function], Oslo, Norway. (Conference paper)

2008: Regional Meeting of the Research Committee 'Comparative Health Policy', International Political Science Association, The Hague, the Netherlands. (Conference paper)

2008: Meeting of the European Health Policy Group, London, UK. (Conference paper)

2007: PhD Workshop on 'Professions, citizenship and the changing worlds of welfare governance', Research Network 'Sociology of Professions', European Sociological Association, Glasgow, Scotland. (Invited presentation)

2007: Joint Sessions of Workshops, European Consortium for Political Research, Helsinki, Finland. (Conference paper)

2006: World Congress of Sociology, Durban, South Africa. (Conference papers)

2006: Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association, Reading, UK. (Conference papers)

Please see [http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/viola-bureau\(6dad91a6-297b-4331-9397-44f2626d05f5\)/activities.html](http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/viola-bureau(6dad91a6-297b-4331-9397-44f2626d05f5)/activities.html) for a selected list of activities.

Current research grants

2025-: Aarhus University Research Foundation, 'Learning from the Global South: new avenues for strengthening the primary healthcare workforce', PI Viola Bureau (DKK 720,000; €96,510).

2024-: Novo Nordisk 'Organisational determinants of social inequalities in health' PI Viola Bureau (DKK 4,413,477 €592,315)

2022-: Novo Nordisk, 'Hospital-at-Home as alternative to hospital admission in frail elderly patients with acute disease', PI Lone Winther Lietze (DKK 3,164,139; €424,991)

Supervision

2025- Carina Ehlers (co-supervisor with Christian Bøtcher Jacobsen, Marie Højris Storkholm, Wilma van der Scheer, Erasmus University Rotterdam) *Towards unveiling physician leadership development: Exploring leadership identity and leadership practice among physicians*

2024-: Katrine Glinthorp Iversen (co-supervision with Michael Fehsenfeld, Andreas Nielsen Hald, Hester van de Bovenkamp, Erasmus University Rotterdam) *Negotiating integrated care access in social practice for more equitable care trajectories – the perspectives of people in vulnerable positions*

2023-: Anne Hedegaard (co-supervisor with Lone Winther Lietzen, Linda Huibers, Merete Gregersen, Lone Winther Lietzen) *Hospital-at-Home for older patients with frailty and acute disease*

2021-25: Katrine Bjørnshave Bomholt (co-supervisor with Morten Bondo Christensen, Linda Huibers, Anna Mygind Rasmussen) *Task substitution involving nurses at GP clinic consultations.*

2020-23: Andreas Nielsen Hald (main supervisor with Ulrika Enemark, Aarhus University, Mickael Beck, VIVE, Jay Shaw, University of Toronto) *Conditions for interprofessional collaboration in healthcare.*

2015-2018: Anne Døssing (co-supervisor with Janne Seemann, Aalborg University) Sygeplejefprofessionens funktion i inter-organisatorisk forløbskoordinering ved multisygdom [The roles of nursing in interorganisational case management in relation to multi-morbidity].

2008-2011: Yonathan Scharzmann (co-supervisor with Carsten Daugbjerg), Governance without government? Policy-strategier og netværker i innovative industrier [Governance without government? Policy strategies and network in innovative industries].

2006-2009: Carsten Jensen (co-supervisor with Christoffer Green-Pedersen), The politics of welfare services.

2005-2006: Marie Østergaard Sørensen (main supervisor with Lars Dahl Pedersen), Hvad er smertegrænsen for sociale ydelser? Om forholdet mellem socialpolitik og solidaritet i velfærdsstaten [What is the threshold for social services? Analysis of the relationship between social policy and solidarity in the welfare state]; (change of supervisor)

Teaching

Experience with course design, coordination and teaching since 1998.

In the areas of health care organisation, health policy and governance, public policy, social policy, sociology of health, qualitative methods, evaluation.

Teaching administration:

2023- : Member of the PhD committee, Faculty of Health, Aarhus University, Denmark

2023-5 : Chair of Teaching Team 'Public Health', Department of Public Health, Aarhus University, Denmark

2014-17: Member of Study Board for 'BA/MA Public Health', Department of Public Health, Aarhus University, Denmark.

2007-11: Chairperson of Committee on 'International Exchange Programmes', Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Denmark.

2005-07: Chairperson of Committee on 'Teaching and Learning', Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Denmark.

2002-03: Convenor for MA programmes, Department of Politics, Brunel University, UK.

2000-03: Degree Convenor for BA in 'Politics and Social Policy', Department of Politics, Brunel University, UK.