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Professional Positions

- 01.02.2023 – Present** *Postdoc*, Dept. of Media and Journalism Studies, Aarhus University (AU).
- 11.10.2022 – Present** *Research Consultant*, Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom,
The European University.
- 07.10.2021 – 27.07.2022** *Pre-doctoral Research Fellow*, Yale Center for Cultural Sociology.
- 01.10.2019 – 15.04.2020** *Visiting Assistant in Research*, Dept. of Sociology, Yale University. (Supervisor:
J. Alexander)
- 16.10.2016 – 27.07.2022** *Doctoral Researcher*, Dept. of Communication and Journalism, The Hebrew
University of Jerusalem. (Supervisor: C. Baden)
- 10.01.2018 – 15.06.2018** *Research Assistant*, Dept. of Political Science, AU. (Supervisor: C.B. Laustsen)
- 15.09.2012 – 01.06.2013** *Student Archive Assistant*, Dept. of Science of Religion, AU.

Education

- 16.10.2016 – 27.07.2022** *PhD in Communication and Media Studies. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI):* “Media Securitization: How National Media Cover Migration and Its Empirical Conditions”. (Supervisors: C. Baden, HUJI and C.B. Laustsen, AU.)
- 01.09.2011 – 15.10.2015** *MA in Analytical Journalism. AU:* “To Legitimize War: A Critical Discourse Analysis of How ‘Operation Protective Edge’ was Legitimized within the Political Discourse of the Israeli Foreign Ministry”. (Supervisor: E. Hansen)
- 01.09.2008 – 01.09.2011** *BA in Philosophy. AU:* “The Affirming Aspects of Nietzsche’s Concepts the Eternal Recurrence, Will to Power and Übermensch”. (Supervisor: H.H. Laursen)

Publications, Peer-Reviewed

1. Simonsen, S. 2024. Discursive Blame Attribution Strategies in Migration News Frames: How blame for perceived migration-related problems is mediated in journalistic framing. *Discourse, Context & Media* 58.
2. Bødker, H., and **Simonsen, S.** 2023. Danish Public Service Online Weather from 2005-2022: From Meteorological Data and Information to Colloquial Commonality. *Media, Culture & Society* 46(3): 591-606.
3. Simonsen, S. 2023. Social Actor Representation in Media Discourse: How Neutral Linguistic Cues Get Endowed with Meaning that Signifies Ethnicity. *The Journal of Language, Discourse & Society* 11(1): 9–26.
4. Simonsen, S. 2022. Swedish Exceptionalism and the Sars-CoV2 Pandemic Crisis: Representations of Crisis and National Identity in the Public Sphere. *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy* 13(3): 277–295.
5. Zelinsky, D., Smith, P., and **Simonsen, S.** 2021. From Remarque to Rubbish: A Model of Literary Degradation. *Acta Sociologica* 65(2): 207–222.
6. Simonsen, S. 2020. Bacteria, Garbage, Insects and Pigs: Conceptual Metaphors in the Ultra-Orthodox, Anti-military “Hardakim” Propaganda Campaign. *Journal of Language and Politics* 19(6): 938–963.
7. Simonsen, S. 2020. Book Review: Israeli Discourse and the West Bank: Dialectics of Estrangement and Normalization. *Discourse & Society* 31(4): 452–454.
8. Simonsen, S. 2019. Discursive Legitimation Strategies: The Evolving Legitimation of War in Israeli Public Diplomacy. *Discourse & Society* 30(5): 503–520.

Research reports

9. Simonsen, S. Forthcoming 2024. Media Pluralism Monitor 2024. *Centre for Media Pluralism and Freedom*.
10. Simonsen, S. 2024. News Deserts in Europe: Assessing Risks for Local and Community Media in the 27 EU Member States. *Centre for Media Pluralism and Freedom*. Available at: <https://cmpf.eui.eu/local-media-for-democracy-country-focus-denmark/>
11. Simonsen, S. 2023. Media Pluralism Monitor 2023. *Centre for Media Pluralism and Freedom*. Available at: <https://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/75719>

Manuscripts currently in Peer-Review or Preparation

1. **Simonsen, S.**, and Baden, C. Migration on Digital News Platforms: Using large-scale digital text analysis and time-series to estimate the effects of socioeconomic data on migration content. (*Revise&Resubmit*)
2. Bødker, H. and **Simonsen, S.**, Seasonal Journalism: A Case study of the Annual Reporting on Beech Trees in Danish Journalism. (*In preparation for submission*)

Selected Conference Presentations (Peer-Reviewed, Full paper)

1. Simonsen, S. 2022. The Role of News Institutions in Prolonged Social Crisis: Time-Series Analyses on the Effects of Real-World Indicators on Framing. *ECREA 9th European Communication Conference* (Aarhus October 2022)

2. Simonsen, S. 2022. News as a Reflection of Reality? A Longitudinal Study of Whether and How News Coverage is Influenced by Socio-Economic, Real-World Developments. *72 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association* (Paris May 2022)
3. Simonsen, S. 2022. Blame Attribution as an Extension of Causality in Framing Processes. *72 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association* (Paris May 2022)
4. Simonsen, S. 2021. Reading Between the Lines: Covert Ethnic Cues and Migrant Representation in the News. *NordMedia Conference, Reykjavik* (Virtual, August 2021)
5. Simonsen, S. 2021. Ethnified Concepts and Journalistic Norms: A dilemma in Contemporary News Reporting. *International Association for Media and Communication Research, Nairobi* (Virtual, July 2021)
6. Simonsen, S. 2021. Semantic Ethnification: How Linguistics Devices get Endowed with Ethnic Meanings. *71 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association* (Virtual, May 2021)
7. Simonsen, S. 2021. Conspiracies and Russian Trolls: Communicative Strategies during Covid-19 in Sweden. *The 2nd. Communication, Media and Journalism Conference. University of Sheffield, England* (Virtual, January 2021)
8. Simonsen, S. 2019. New Dilemmas and Responsibilities of Journalism in an Era of Migration. *Haifa International Social Sciences Conference: Social Scientists of the Future; Haifa University, Israel* (June 2019)

Selected Invited Talks, Lectures, Conferences and Workshops

1. Simonsen, S. 2024. The Climate Crisis in Weather Forecasts as a Reflection of Culture, and Collective Values: Symbols, Imagery, and Aesthetics. *Danish School of Media and Journalism* (Scheduled Sept. 2024)
2. Simonsen, S. 2024. News Deserts and Local Media State of Play: *Denmark. Centre for Media Pluralism and Freedom, Firenze* (June 2024)
3. Simonsen, S. 2024. Danish Public Service Online Weather from 2005-2022: From Meteorological Data and Information to Colloquial Commonality. *SMiD Annual Meeting* (May 2024)
4. Simonsen, S. 2024. Accurate Representation or Moral Panic? The Role of News Institutions in Covering Migration. *University of Copenhagen* (March 2024)
5. Simonsen, S. 2023. Journalism and Crisis. *Aarhus University, The Erasmus Mundus Master's programme in Journalism* (May 2023)
6. Simonsen, S. 2022. How Newspaper Ideology and National Context Influence Blame in Migration News Content. *University of Birmingham* (September 2022)
7. Simonsen, S. 2021. Does Ethnicity Matter? Framing Migration as a Threat. *University of Bar-Ilan, Center for Cultural Sociology* (Ramat-Gan, June 2021)
8. Simonsen, S. 2019. Conceptual Metaphors in Propaganda. *Center for Cultural Sociology. Yale University* (New Haven, December 2019)
9. Simonsen, S. 2018. Developing and Researching Your Bachelor's Thesis. Immigrant Integration – Politically Contentious and Empirically Complex. *Bachelor's Thesis Seminar with Prof. K.B. Simonsen, Aarhus University, Dept. of Political Science* (Aarhus, February 2018)

10. Simonsen, S. 2017. Collective Memory and Cultural Heritage. *Rome International Seminar: "Mediterranean Crisis - University Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Peace"*; Rome Tre University, Italy (Rome, September 2017)
11. Simonsen, S. 2016. Israel-Palestine. Two Peoples, Two Narratives. *Anthropological Network, Horsens Denmark. Israel-Palestine Theme Week* (Horsens, February 2016)

Research Grants and Awards

2022	ECREA Young Scholars Network	400 €
2021	The International Office, HUJI <i>Impressive Achievements Award</i>	6000 €
2020	Dept. of Communication and Journalism, HUJI <i>The Securitization of Migration in Danish and Swedish print news</i>	8600 €
2020	The Smart Family Institute <i>Doctoral Researcher Award for Excellence</i>	6,950 €
2019	Dean of Students <i>Outstanding Doctoral Researcher Award</i>	3000 €
2019	Dept. of Communication and Journalism, HUJI <i>Advancements in Doctoral Research</i>	3450 €
2018	ERASMUS Mondus+ Academic Staff Mobility <i>Training in Advanced Statistical Methods</i>	5000 €
2017	ERASMUS Mondus+ Academic Staff Mobility <i>Advanced Course in Narrative Textual Analysis</i>	3000 €
2017	The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs <i>The Securitization of Migration in Danish and Swedish Print News</i>	5000 €
2016	Dept. of Communication and Journalism, HUJI. <i>Doctoral Proposal Grant</i>	3500 €
2016	The Augustinus Foundation <i>The Evolution of Migration News Frames</i>	4500 €
2016	The Danish Foundation of the Press <i>Migration in Danish News Discourse</i>	4500 €

Research Collaborations & Projects

01.01.2023 – Present	<i>Redressing Radical Polarisation: Strengthening European Civil Spheres facing Illiberal Digital Media.</i> COST Action. Management Committee Member. M. Luengo Cruz, Nadya Jaworsky, and more.
01.02.2023 – Present	<i>Seasonal Journalism as Vernacular Phenology.</i> H. Bødker, Bastian, M., and Oriël, L.

25. 08.2022 – Present	<i>Nordic Times and Climate Times</i> H. Bødker, R. Kunelius, Anna Roosvall, Andreas Ytterstad, Annika Egan Sjölander, and more.
15.05.2020 – 06.07.2021	<i>Moral Crisis in Art: Wagner in Israel</i> . P. Smith and F. Stoll
05.11.2019 – 16.03.2021	<i>Artistic Degradation</i> . D. Zelinsky and P. Smith
10.01.2018 – 15.06.2018	<i>Securitization and the Migration Crisis</i> . C.B. Laustsen
16.10.2016 – 27.07.2022	<i>Media Securitization: How National Media Cover Migration and its Empirical Conditions (PhD Project)</i> . Supervisors: C. Baden (HUJI) and C.B Laustsen (AU)

Service to the Field

2024 – Present	Editorial Board member of <i>MedieKultur: Journal of media and communication research</i>
2020 – Present	Reviewer for the <i>Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference</i> ; Journalism Division and Ethnicity and Race Division
2020 – Present	Reviewer for the <i>Journal Open Linguistics</i>

Academic Memberships

- Sammenslutningen af Medie- og Kommunikationsforskere i Danmark (SMiD)
- European Communication Research & Education Association (*ECREA*)
- International Communication Association (*ICA*)

