

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## SØREN MAU

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of Birth: March 30, 1989  
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### EDUCATION

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2019 PhD in Philosophy, Department for the Study of Culture, University of Southern Denmark. Thesis: *Mute Compulsion: A Theory of the Economic Power of Capital*.

2017 Visiting PhD, Department of European and International Studies, King's College, University of London.

2015 Master of Arts, Philosophy, Aarhus University.

2013 Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, Aarhus University.

### EMPLOYMENT

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2022-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy and the History of Ideas, Aarhus University.

2020-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Philosophy and Critical Thought, Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London and Department of Arts and Cultural Studies, University of Copenhagen.

2019-2020 Lecturer in Feminist Theory and the History of Philosophy, Department for the Study of Culture, University of Southern Denmark.

2018- External Examiner in Philosophy at Danish universities.

2016-2019 PhD Fellow, University of Southern Denmark.

2015- Freelance journalist and critic, *Dagbladet Information*.

2015 Teacher in Philosophy, Testrup Folk High School.

2013-2014 Teaching Assistant in the History of Philosophy, Aarhus University.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2021 Co-organiser of the sixth annual conference of the Danish Society of Marxist Studies, Aalborg University

2020 Co-organiser of the conference *Marx nu! 2020*, Copenhagen Business School

- 2020 Reviewer for the publisher Klim
- 2019-2022 Member of the editorial board, *Historical Materialism. Research in Critical Marxist Theory*.
- 2019 Co-organiser of the conference *Marx nu! 2019*, Danish School of Education, Aarhus University
- 2019 Co-organiser of the conference *The Rule of All: Democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, the Danish Institute in Athens.
- 2018 Reviewer for *Historical Materialism. Research in Critical Marxist Theory*.
- 2018 Co-organiser of the conference *Marx nu! 2018*, University of Southern Denmark.
- 2017 Co-organiser of the conference *Marx nu! 2017*, Roskilde University.
- 2016 Co-organiser of the conference *Marx nu! 2016*, Aarhus University.
- 2015- Member of the board, Danish Society of Marxist Studies.
- 2014-2015 Member of the board, Danish Society of Theoretical Psychoanalysis.
- 2011-2014 Member of the editorial board at Philosophia Press.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS:

- 2022 *Mute Compulsion: A Marxist Theory of the Economic Power of Capitalism*. New York & London: Verso Books. (translations into French and Arabic forthcoming in 2024)
- 2021 *Stum tvang: en marxistisk undersøgelse af kapitalismens økonomiske magt*. Aarhus: Klim
- 2021 *Stummer Zwang: Eine marxistische Analyse der ökonomischen Macht im Kapitalismus*. Translated by Christian Frings. Berlin: Karl Dietz Verlag.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- 2021 Stummer Zwang als besondere Form der Macht, *PROKLA: Zeitschrift für kritische Sozialwissenschaft*, 51(205). Translated by Christian Frings.
- 2021 ‘The Mute Compulsion of Economic Relations’: Towards a Marxist Theory of the Abstract and Impersonal Power of Capital, *Historical Materialism: Research in Critical Marxist Theory*, 29(3).
- 2020 Forord: Klima, magt, modstand [Preface: Climate, Power, Resistance], with Elisabeth Friis, Stefan Gaardsmand Jacobsen, Torsten Bøgh Thomsen og Signe Leth Gammelgaard, *K&K – Kultur og Klasse*, issue 129, pp. 3-7.
- 2018 Kommunale eder [Communal Oaths], pp. 109-128 in: *K&K – Kultur og Klasse*, issue 126
- 2018 Den dobbelte fordrejning: fetichismebegrebet i kritikken af den politiske økonomi [The Double Inversion: The Concept of Fetishism in the Critique of Political Economy], pp. 103-122 in: *Slagmark. Tidsskrift for Idéhistorie*, issue 77

- 2018 The Transition to Capital in Marx's Critique of Political Economy, pp. 68-102 in: *Historical Materialism. Research in Critical Marxist Theory*, 26(1)
- 2017 Fra væsen til stofskifte: Marx' arbejdsbegreber [From Essence to Metabolism: Marx's Concepts of Labour], pp. 95-111 in: *Slagmark. Tidsskrift for Idéhistorie*, issue 76
- 2016 Freudomarxismen – Hvad var det? Hvad gik galt? [Freudo-Marxism—What was it? What went wrong?], pp. 102-122 in: *Lamella. Tidsskrift for teoretisk psykoanalyse*, issue 1
- 2015 Om parlamentarismekritikkens potentialer [On the Potentials of the Critique of Parliamentarism], pp. 171-177 in: *Slagmark. Tidsskrift for Idéhistorie*, issue 72
- 2014 Kant's "Tenderness for the World", pp. 59-78 in: *TIDskrift*, issue 4
- 2012 Kærligheden til markedet – en lacaniansk undersøgelse af diskursen om markedet [Love for the Market—A Lacanian Analysis of the Discourse of the Market], in *TIDskrift*, issue 1

#### BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 2021 'Hvad er levende og hvad er dødt i marxismen?' ['What's Living and What's Dead in Marxism?'], in Ziegler, Magnus Møller; Nygaard, Bertel; Bek-Thomsen, Jakob (eds.): *Kapitalen på dansk*, Århus: Slagmark. (forthcoming)
- 2021 The Body, in Bromberg, Svenja; Skeggs, Beverly; Farris, Sara R.; Toscano, Alberto (eds.): *The SAGE Handbook of Marxism*, California: SAGE
- 2016 Det er ikke nødvendigt at leve i nødvendighed [It is not Necessary to Live in Necessity], pp. 224-253 in: Rasmussen, Anders Moe and Ziethen, Morten (ed.): *System, frihed og virkelighed*. Århus: Philosophia. (Co-authored with Henrik Jøker Bjerre)
- 2013 Den universelle indbydelse: Kierkegaard med Badiou [The Universal Invitation: Kierkegaard with Badiou], pp. 19-46 in: Mau, Søren and Hansen, Brian Benjamin (ed.): *Kierkegaard gentaget*, Århus: Philosophia.
- 2013 Forord [Preface], pp. 9-17 in: Mau, Søren and Hansen, Brian Benjamin (ed.): *Kierkegaard gentaget*, Århus: Philosophia. (Co-authored with Brian Benjamin Hansen)

#### EDITED VOLUMES:

- 2024 *Marxistisk feminisme: en antologi [Marxist Feminism: An Anthology]*, co-edited with Marie Louise Krogh, Århus: Klim (Forthcoming).
- 2020 Special issue (vol. 129) on 'Klima, magt, modstand' ('Climate, Power, Resistance') of *K&K: Kultur og Klasse*, co-edited with Stefan Gaardsmand Jacobsen, Torsten Bøgh Thomsen, Elisabeth Friis and Signe Leth Gammelgaard.
- 2013 *Kierkegaard gentaget [Kierkegaard Repeated]*, co-edited with Brian Benjamin Hansen, Århus: Philosophia Press

- 2013 Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling: *Filosofiske undersøgelser om den menneskelige friheds væsen og de dermed sammenhængende genstande*, co-edited with Anders Moe Rasmussen, Århus: Philosophia Press

TRANSLATIONS:

- 2020 Riddle, Amy: Petrofiktion og politisk økonomi i den sene fossile kapitals tidsalder (translation from English to Danish of 'Petrofiction and Political Economy in the Age of Late Fossil Capital'), with Anna Cornelia Ploug and Torsten Bøgh Thomsen, in *K&K – Kultur og Klasse*, issue 129
- 2012 G.W.F. Hegel, F.W.J. Schelling and/or J.C.F. Hölderlin: Den tyske idealismes ældste systemprogram (translation from German to Danish of 'Das älteste Systemprogramm des deutschen Idealismus'), with Søren Riis, in *TIDskrift*. Reprinted in Hölderlin, Friedrich: *Urdel. Digte, skrifter og breve*, edited by Jørn Erslev Andersen, Skive: Wunderbuch 2020.

## NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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BOOKS:

- 2015 *Hæv stemmen! [Raise Your Voice!]*, Copenhagen: Nemo Publishing

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS:

- 2015- More than 100 essays, book reviews, columns and interviews in *Dagbladet Information*. (see: [information.dk/soeren-mau](http://information.dk/soeren-mau))
- 2017 Kapitalens stratigrafiske signaturer [The Stratigraphic Signatures of Capital], *Eftertryk* ([eftertryk.dk](http://eftertryk.dk))
- 2016 Når krisen tager magten [When the Crisis Assumes Power], *Ødipus og Antigone* (programme for a play at the Royal Danish Theatre).
- 2015 Erfaringer fra kampen mod det kommercialiserede universitet [Experiences from the Struggle Against the Commercialised University], *Det Ny Clarté*, 28 (co-authored with Esben Bøgh Sørensen)
- 2015 Hvad er det i grunden, der er så fantastisk ved at have et arbejde? [What is really so wonderful about having a job?], *Politiken*, February 17.
- 2014 Højrefløjens succes skyldes venstrefløjens mangler [The Success of the Right is the Result of the Failure of the Left], with Esben Bøgh Sørensen, *Modkraft*, May 30.
- 2014 Uddannelse er mere end kroner og øre [Education is more than a question of money], *Politiken*, January 3.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 2018 Byen i kapitalens strøm [The City in the Stream of Capital], pp. 55-60 in: *Bypolitisk organisering* (ed.): *Bidrag til en nær bykritik*
- 2015 Forord [Preface], pp. 7-13 in: Mau, Søren (ed.): *Center for Vild Analyse: 85 vilde klummer*, Århus: Forlaget Findes.

EDITED VOLUMES:

2015 Center for Vild Analyse: *85 vilde klummer*, Århus: Forlaget Findes

PAPERS AND TALKS

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- 2023 On *Mute Compulsion*, Critical Theory Seminar Series, University of Oxford, June 13.
- 2023 Panel discussion about *Mute Compulsion*, London School of Economics and Political Science, May 23.
- 2023 On revolutions, Faglig Weekend, Department of Philosophy and the History of Ideas, Aarhus University, April 22
- 2022 ‘Kapitalismens stumme tvang’, Roskilde University, October 26.
- 2022 ‘Stum tvang’, Filosofisk Forening, Copenhagen, May 16.
- 2022 ‘There’s no such thing as the economy’, online panel discussion, Red May Seattle, May.
- 2022 On capitalism, economics and power, in conversation with Emma Holten. Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, February 23.
- 2021 ‘Stum tvang’, Symposion, University of Southern Denmark, November 25.
- 2021 ‘Stum tvang’, Idéhistorisk forening & Historisk studiekreds, Aarhus University, November 24.
- 2021 On *Stummer Zwang*, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, November 11.
- 2021 Panel discussion on Marxist research in Denmark at the seminar ‘*Capital* in Danish’, Aarhus University, June 11
- 2021 ‘Alienation or Power? On the Marxist Critique of Technology’, Seminar on Stig Børsen Hansen’s *Philosophers of Technology*, University of Southern Denmark, March 19
- 2021 ‘Mute Compulsion: Capitalism and Power’, talk at the research group ‘Pedagogy, Culture and Leadership’, University of Southern Denmark, January 20
- 2020 On Marx and the Body, Network for Critical Psychology, University of Southern Denmark, November 18.
- 2019 ‘On the Concept of Capital’, Berliner Verein zur Förderung der MEGA-edition, Berlin, November 25.
- 2018 ‘Corporeal Organisation: Marx’s Analysis of the Human Body’, *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Materialism Conference*, SOAS, University of London, November 11.
- 2017 ‘The Transcendental Power of Capital’, *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Materialism Conference*, SOAS, University of London, November 9.
- 2017 ‘The Power of Capital’, *Popular Sovereignty and the Will of the People*, the Danish Institute in Athens, September 12.
- 2017 ‘On Value and Class’, *Marx nu! 2017*, Roskilde University, September 2.
- 2016 ‘The Ideology of Crisis’, *Marx2016: International Conference of Contemporary Marxist Thought*, Stockholm, October 15.

- 2016 ‘Krisens ideologi’ [The Ideology of Crisis], Symposium, University of Southern Denmark, September 15.
- 2016 ‘Overgangen til kapital i Marx’ kritik af den politiske økonomi’ [The Transition to Capital in Marx’s Critique of Political Economy], *Annual Meeting of the Danish Society for Philosophy*, University of Copenhagen, March 5.
- 2015 On Reinhold’s *Neue Darstellung der Hauptmomente der Elementarphilosophie*, The Idealism Circle, Aarhus University, October 6
- 2015 On Marx’s *1844 Manuscripts*, The Idealism Circle, Aarhus University, April.
- 2014 ‘Freudo-Marxisme: Hvad var det, og hvad gik galt?’ [Freudo-Marxism: What was it, and what went wrong?], *The Nine Lives of Psychoanalysis*, Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, December 12.
- 2014 On Absolute Knowledge in Hegel’s *Phenomenology*, with Kresten Lundsgaard-Leth, The Idealism Circle, Aarhus University, December 9.
- 2014 ‘Hvad er kommunisme?’ [What is Communism?], Filosofisk Studenterkollokvium, Aarhus University, May 2.
- 2013 On F.W.J. Schelling’s *Weltalter Manuscripts*, The Idealism Circle, Aarhus University, April 9.
- 2012 “Ømhed for verden”—Hegel om Kants antinomier’ [‘Tenderness for the World’—Hegel on Kant’s Antinomies], Filosofisk Studenterkollokvium, Aarhus University, September 28
- 2011 ‘Kærligheden til markedet—en lacaniansk undersøgelse af diskursen om markedet’ [Love for the Market—A Lacanian Analysis of the Discourse of the Market], Filosofisk Studenterkollokvium, Aarhus University, November 11.

## RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2022 Nominated to Jyllands-Posten’s literary prize for non-fiction books (for *Mute Compulsion*)
- 2021 International Postdoctoral Grant, Independent Research Fund Denmark (individual grant)
- 2021 Reintegration Postdoctoral Fellowship, Carlsberg Foundation (individual grant)
- 2020 Award for the best PhD dissertation at the Faculty of Humanities in the academic year 2019-2020, University of Southern Denmark
- 2019 International Postdoctoral Grant, Independent Research Fund Denmark (individual grant)
- 2019 Writing Retreat at Krogerup Folk High School
- 2017 Travel grant, Oticon Foundation
- 2017 Travel grant, Augustinus Foundation
- 2017 Travel grant, Knud Højgaard Foundation

## TEACHING

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- 2019 Filosofiens historie 1 [The History of Philosophy 1], University of Southern Denmark (BA module).
- 2019 Filosofiens historie 2 [The History of Philosophy 2], University of Southern Denmark (BA module).
- 2019 Feministisk teori [Feminist Theory], University of Southern Denmark (MA module)
- 2018 Kritik [Critique], University of Southern Denmark (MA module).
- 2016 Politisk filosofi [Political Philosophy], University of Southern Denmark (BA module).
- 2016 Fortolkning i kontekst [Interpretation in Context], University of Southern Denmark (MA module).
- 2016 Projektuge [Project week], University of Southern Denmark (BA module)
- 2015 Ideologi og kapitalismekritik [Ideology and the Critique of Capitalism], Testrup Folk High School.
- 2014 Filosofiens historie 2 [The History of Philosophy 2], Aarhus University (BA module) (as teaching assistant).
- 2013 Filosofiens historie 1 [The History of Philosophy 1], Aarhus University (BA module) (as teaching assistant).

## DISSEMINATION, MEDIA, PUBLIC DEBATE, ETC.

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### INTERVIEWS:

- 2023 'Vi bliver kommunister', Missionen, Radio4, February
- 2022 'Den stumme tvang og kommunismen', Podcast, Utopisk Front, November
- 2022 'Kapitalisme-kritik m. Søren Mau', Podcast, Økonomi i Øjenhøjde, November
- 2022 On agriculture, capitalism, and communism, Revolutionen – en verden at vinde, 24syv, September 6
- 2022 'Søren Mau hader Jyllands-Posten, men vil gerne modtage stor pris og 150.000 kr.', Babylon, 24syv, August 2
- 2022 'Søren Mau on the Economic Power of Capital', Radical Thoughts Podcast, July
- 2022 'Forfatter Søren Mau: Fuck Jyllands-Posten', *Jyllands-Posten*, June 30
- 2022 On communism, Revolutionen – en verden at vinde, 24syv, June 21
- 2022 'Mute Compulsion', youtube video and podcast, 99 zu eins, May 29
- 2022 'Vi er slaver af kapitalen', Supertanker, P1, May 2
- 2022 'Kapitalismens økonomiske magt', Podcast, Institut for vild analyse, April
- 2022 On communism, Revolutionen – en verden at vinde, 24syv, February 8
- 2022 'Ideologie, Gewalt und stummer Zwang', Analyse & Kritik, January

- 2021 'Søren Mau: sådan bruger vi Karl Marx i dag', Podcast: Langsomme samtaler, *Dagbladet Information*, December
- 2021 On *Mute Compulsion*, the podcast 'Institut for Vild Analyse'.
- 2021 On *Mute Compulsion*, the podcast 'Fagbidder', Frederiksberg Public Library.
- 2021 'Søren Mau er bogaktuel: 'Den form for kommunisme, jeg abonnerer på, er en gennemgribende demokratisering af samfundet'', *Ræson*, October 13.
- 2021 'Søren Mau er marxismens nye danske håb: "Jeg har ikke noget imod at tale om revolution"', *Berlingske*, October 2.
- 2021 'Kapitalismeforsker: Cepos-typerne må gerne grine, bare de husker, at den, der ler sidst, ler bedst', *Politiken* (newspaper), September 25
- 2021 'Kapitalismen har intet hoved at kappe af', *Solidaritet* (online media), September 24
- 2021 'Ny bog: "Mere end nogensinde er kapitalismen ved at underminere grundlaget for menneskeliv"', *Bogfolk, Politiken* (Podcast), September 24
- 2021 'Den marxistiske kritik er tilbage', *Deadline, DR2* (TV), September 20
- 2021 'Karl Marx i dag', *Kraniebrud, Radio4*, July 22
- 2021 'Marx og menneskets kropslige organisation', *Turbulens*, February
- 2019 'Socialismen er blevet voksen og har tænkt sig om', *Dagbladet Information*, November 9
- 2019 'Alle verdens største problemer er én og samme krise, mente Marx. Og derfor er selv kapitalister begyndt at læse ham igen.' *Zetland*, October 9
- 2019 'De røde står til at få et kanonvalg. Men om det fører til rød politik, er mere usikkert', *Dagbladet Information*, June 1.
- 2018 On Karl Marx, *P1 Morgen* (radio), April 30.
- 2018 On Karl Marx, *Supertanker, P1* (radio), April 30.
- 2018 'Er Karl Marx værd at gemme på?', *Ny viden* (university magazine), March.
- 2017 On Karl Marx and *Capital*, *DR2 Dagen* (TV), September 15.
- 2017 On the Ideology of the Anthropocene, *Pakzads polemik, Radio 24syv* (radio), August 8.
- 2017 'I et venstrefløjsmedie kan man gå direkte til det vigtige', *Modkraft*, January 30.
- 2017 'Afstanden mellem venstrefløjen og folks hverdagsliv er blevet for stor', *Dagbladet Information* (newspaper), January 13.
- 2015 On the Danish general election, with Mikkel Bolt, *Mikrofonholder, Radio 24syv*, June 18
- 2015 'Stemmeprocenten skal ned på null!', *Politiken*, June 16.
- 2015 'Valgets diktatur', *Mandag Morgen*, April 20.
- 2015 On the general elections, *P1 Eftermiddag*, April 20.
- 2015 On the general elections, *Det Røde Felt, Radio 24syv*, April 6.
- 2015 On student protests, *Det Røde Felt, Radio 24syv*, January 5.



- 2014 Several interviews in radio, TV and newspapers as spokesperson for the student movement ‘Et andet universitet’.
- TALKS, PANELS AND LECTURES:
- 2022 Panel discussion about climate change and capitalism, Læger for klimaet, Klimafolkemødet, September 1.
- 2022 On *Mute Compulsion*, Global Aktion, Copenhagen, August 25.
- 2022 On work and capitalism, Krogerup Højskole, August 1.
- 2022 ‘Kapitalistische Logistik der Klimakrise’, Theorie Organisation Praxis, Berlin, July 2.
- 2022 On *Stum tvang*, Albertslund Public Library, April 28.
- 2022 Discussion with Emma Holten and Jeppe Druedahl about economics, power, feminism and capitalism, Eftertryk Magasin and Frederiksberg Public Library, Copenhagen, March 24.
- 2022 On *Stum tvang*, Faaborg Folkeuniversitet, March 21.
- 2022 On Karl Marx and revolution, Århundredets festival, Aarhus University, March 10.
- 2022 Conversation with Pelle Dragsted about his book, *Nordisk Socialisme*, Georg Brandes-selskabet, Copenhagen, March 2.
- 2022 On *Stum tvang*, Institute for Marxist Analysis, Copenhagen, February 16.
- 2022 On capitalism and socialism, conversation with Pelle Dragsted, Enhedslistens kulturfestival, January 29.
- 2021 On capitalism and communism, conversation with Rune Lykkeberg, November 10.
- 2021 On capitalism and economics, conversation with Emma Holten, BoForum, November 7.
- 2021 ‘What does it mean to say that climate change is “anthropogenic”?’’, Løgumkloster Folk High School, October 6
- 2021 On the corporeal roots of historicity, Testrup Folk High School, June 10
- 2020 On capitalism and climate change, Omtanke: rød og grøn debat, Copenhagen, March 5
- 2019 ‘The Economic Crisis’, Folkeuniversitetet, September 30 and November 20
- 2019 ‘The Mute Compulsion of Capital’, *Próblema*, Copenhagen, October 16.
- 2018 ‘Når det gamle ikke vil dø og det nye ikke kan fødes’ [When the old won’t die and the new cannot be born], *#Spoken18*, Odense, August 23.
- 2018 ‘On Political Interventions’, Institut for Vild Analyse, Aarhus, June 23.
- 2018 Karl Marx and the Concept of Fetishism, Løve’s Bog- og Vincafé, Aarhus, June 8.
- 2017 Revolution and Revolt, Eksistensfilosofisk akademi, Central Library of Copenhagen, May 1.
- 2017 On Democracy and the Danish Political System, Det Frie Gymnasium, Copenhagen, March 22.

- 2016 The Ideology of Crisis, University of Southern Denmark, April 30.
- 2015 On 'Et andet universitet', Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, October 2 and 9.
- 2015 Hæv stemmen! [Raise Your Voice!], Testrup Folk High School, October 27.
- 2015 On general elections and anti-capitalist strategy, International Forum, August 14.
- 2015 On Alain Badiou, Folkeuniversitetet, Copenhagen, June 10.
- 2015 Hæv stemmen! [Raise Your Voice!], Jyderup Folk High School, June 3.
- 2015 Hæv stemmen! [Raise Your Voice!], Ry Folk High School, June 1.
- 2015 Hæv stemmen! [Raise Your Voice!], Testrup Folk High School, April 27.
- 2015 On parliamentarism, Marxist Students, April 3.
- 2015 On student protests, Roskilde University, March 31.
- 2013 On Søren Kierkegaard, with Brian Benjamin Hansen, Golden Days Festival, Copenhagen, September 16.