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Academic degree Dr. polit. (PhD) Sociology

Present posts Professor, Roskilde University, Denmark; Professor II, INN University, Norway etc.

Education

1997	Dr.polit., Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bergen
1989	Cand.polit., Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bergen
1986	Cand.mag., Danish and Sociology, University of Copenhagen and University of Bergen
2022-	Professor, Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University, Denmark (from 01.01.2022)
2023-2024	Professor II, Faculty of Social and Health Sciences, INN University, Norway
2019-2022	Associate Professor, Centre for Health Promotion Research, Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University, Denmark (from 15.03.2019)
2019-	Associate Professor, Centre for Health Promotion Research, Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University, Denmark (from 15.03.2019)
2018-2019	Researcher I, additional post 20 percent, Uni Research Rokkan Centre, Bergen, Editor in Chief, Tidsskrift for velferdsforskning [Journal of Welfare Research] (1,5 years)
2017	Visiting Professor, School of Health, Charles Darwin University, Australia (one week; Erasmus+)
2011-2013	Visiting Research Scholar, Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU), King's College London, UK (research project, leader: Welfare policy, migration and care work) (1 year)
2013-2017	Head of Department of Sociology, University of Bergen
2009-2020	Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen (from 15.09.2009) – On leave (orlov) 15.03.2019 – 14.03.2020
2009-2010	Researcher, Rokkan Centre for Social Studies, University of Bergen (additional post, part time position based at Centre for Care Research West Norway, Bergen University College)
2005-2006	Visiting Research Scholar, Rehabilitation Resource Centre (RRC), City University of London, UK (research project: User controlled personal assistance for disabled people in Norway and UK)
2000-2009	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen
1999-2004	Researcher, The Norwegian Research Council (research project, leader: Services for persons with intellectual disabilities), SEFOS, Senter for samfunnsforskning [Centre for Social Science Research], Berge, Norway
1999	Researcher, The Norwegian Research Council (project: Norwegian status report of care services), SEFOS
1996-1999	Researcher, The Norwegian Research Council (research project: The relationship between social care services and The Social Services Act), SEFOS
1992-1996	Research scholar (holder of a scholarship), The Norwegian Research Council (research project: Changes in Norwegian home based care services), SEFOS
1987-1992	Research assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen (research project: Changes in Norwegian home based care services)

Teaching

Teaching all levels within Health Promotion and Health Strategies/Critical Health Studies, Health and Society, since 2019.
Teaching all levels within the discipline of Sociology, bachelor level since 1992, master's level since 1993 and PhD level since 2005.

Supervising

Supervising all levels within the discipline of Sociology, bachelor level since 1992, master's level since 1995, all levels within Health Promotion and Health Strategies/Critical Health Studies since 2019. In total 54 master candidates finished:

26 within Sociology (60 ECTS), one within Nursing Science (60 ECTS), 15 within Health Promotion and Health Strategies (30 ECTS), 12 within Health Promotion (15 ECTS) and PhD level since 1998.

Currently supervising PhD candidates:

Ditte Finsten Jensen: Omsorgspraksisser i overgangen til utdanning og arbeid for unge på autismespektret. [Care practices in the transition to education and work for youths on the autism spectrum.] Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University, main supervisor.

Michelle Vestbo-Nielsen: Samarbejde og etik i kommunal rehabiliteringspraksis. En undersøgelse af forhandlinger, handlinger og etiske perspektiver i samarbejdet om rehabiliteringsindsatser med ældre borgere [Cooperation and ethics in municipal rehabilitation practice. A study into negotiations, actions, and ethical perspectives in cooperations of rehabilitation practice with older citizens]. Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University, co-supervisor.

Anne Sofie Fabricius Krarup: Mistrivsel blandt børn i familier med flygtningebaggrund [Dis-well-being among children of families with refugee background]. Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University, main supervisor.

Lise Marie Rønningen: Flyktningekvinner's møte med helsetjenester: Fortellinger om barrierer i tilgang til og bruk av helsetjenester [Refugee women's encounters with health services: Narratives about barriers in access to and use of health services]. Nord University, Norway, co-supervisor.

Tuba Ardic: Between mobility and belonging: A comparative perspective on youth migration from rural-to-urban areas among ethnic Norwegians and those with ethnic minority backgrounds. Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, co-supervisor.

Temporary supervision:

Katrine Staats: Den verdige døden. Verdighetsbevarende omsorg for hjemmeboende kreftsyke eldre kvinner. [Dignified death. Dignity preserving care for older home-dwelling women with incurable cancer]. Centre for Elderly and Nursing Home Medicine, Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, University of Bergen, co-supervisor (September 2020–July 2021).

Synnøve Fluge: Making user participation work – from policy to practise. Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, main supervisor (2017-2018).

Helle Vedsegaard: Borgere med multisygdom i rehabiliteringsforløb – erfaringer og betydninger for sundhedsfremme og et meningsfylt hverdagsliv [Citizens with multiple illnesses in rehabilitation processes – experiences of and influences on health promotion and a meaningful everyday life]. Roskilde University. Temporary supervisor, February and March 2018, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen.

PhD candidates finished:

Jonas Thorborg Stage, 2024: Struggles for getting involved – A critical examination of collaborative endeavours in Danish health research. Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University, co-supervisor.

Patience Kawamala, 2021: The role of cultural consciousness and knowledge development in managing multicultural staff in Norwegian nursing homes. Centre for Care Research, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (Høgskolen på Vestlandet), co-supervisor.

Katrine Mellingen Bjerke, 2020: Transnational Ageing in Place: The Case of Pakistani and Polish Migrants in Norway. Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, main supervisor.

Oddrun Sortland, 2020: Fordeling av gaver og oppgaver. En praxeologisk studie av hjelpe- og utvekslingspraksiser mellom eldre med hjelpebehov, familien og ansatte i kommunal eldreomsorg. [Distribution of gifts and tasks. A praxeological study of helping and interchanging practises between older people who need help, their family and employees within municipal elderly care.] Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, University of Bergen, co-supervisor.

Knut Magne Aanestad, 2016: A social climbing world: impaired corporeality and the meaning contents of physical activity. Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, main supervisor.

Sveinung Sandberg, 2009: Symbolic capital and linguistic practice in street culture. Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, main supervisor.

Kristin Heggdal, 2003: Kroppskunnskap. En grunnleggende prosess for mestring av kronisk sykdom [Creating body-knowledge. A basic process for coping with chronic illness]. Section for Nursing Science, Faculty of Medicine, University of Bergen, co-supervisor.

Doctor's degree committees

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| 2023 | 2023, 1st opponent, dissertation by Yngvild Brandser Alvsåker: Velferdsteknologi i norske hjemmetjenester. En praxeologisk studie om statlige visjoner i møte med markedskrefter og kommunale realiteter. [Welfare technology in Norwegian home-based services. A praxeological study into state visions meeting the market and municipal realities.] University of Bergen, Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, Bergen, Norway. |
| 2023 | Leader of the committee for Mai Nanna Schønau: (U)mulige narrativer om lungekreft - en etnografisk undersøgelse af small stories om operabel lungekreft. [(Im)possible narratives about lung cancer - an ethnographic study of small stories about lung cancer]. Roskilde University, Roskilde, Denmark. |
| 2022 | 1st opponent, dissertation by Lydia Mehrara: How universal i universal health care? A policy analysis of the provision of maternal health care for immigrant women in Norway. Nord University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Norway. |
| 2021 | 1st opponent, dissertation by Richard Gäddman Johansson: Managing vulnerability. Everyday interaction in sheltered accommodations. Uppsala University, Department of Sociology, Sweden. |
| 2018 | 2nd opponent, dissertation by Gøril Ursin: Medborgerskap som praksis: En studie om deltakelse og inklusjon i samfunnet for familier som lever med demens [Citizenship as practice: A study about participation and inclusion in society for families living with dementia]. Nord University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Norway. |

2017	2nd opponent, dissertation by Ciara Brennan: The Nordic experience of independent living and personal assistance: a human rights approach. University of Iceland, Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, Reykjavík, Iceland.
2017	Leader of the committee for Mariya Bikova: The egalitarian heart: glocal care chains in the Filipino au pair migration to Norway. University of Bergen, Department of Sociology, Norway.
2015	1st opponent, dissertation by Agnete Meldgaard Hansen: Rehabilitating elderly bodies and selves. New forms of care work, professional identity and status in rehabilitative home care. Roskilde University, Department of People and Technology, Roskilde, Denmark.
2015	1st opponent, dissertation by Katrine Syppli Kohl: Asylaktivering og ambivalens: Forvaltningen af ansylansøgere på asylcentre [Asylum activation and ambivalence: administration of asylum seekers in asylum centres]. University of Copenhagen, Department of Sociology, Copenhagen, Denmark.
2015	Leader of the committee for Kristian Mjåland: Makt, legitimitet og motstand. En etnografisk analyse av rus og rehabilitering i et norsk fengsel [Power, legitimacy and resistance: An ethnographic analysis of drug and rehabilitation in a Norwegian prison], University of Bergen, Department of Sociology/Stein Rokkan Centre – Uni Research, Norway.
2013	1st opponent, dissertation by Pernille Tufte: Time to care. Temporal conditions, work performance and meaning of work in the Danish home care sector. Roskilde University, Institute for society and globalization, and The national research centre for working environment, Roskilde, Denmark.
2009	2nd opponent, dissertation by Thurid Rødne: Kriterier for det vitenskapelige ved kvalitativt orientert samfunnsforskning [Scientific criteria of social science research using a qualitative approach], University of Tromsø, Department of Sociology.
2007	Member of committee (betygsnämnd), dissertation by Katarina Andersson: Omsorg under förhandling. Om tid, behov och kön i en föränderlig hemtjänstverksamhet [Negotiating care. On time, needs and gender in a changing home care service sector], University of Umeå, Institute of social work, Umeå, Sweden.
2006	1st opponent, dissertation by Helle Krogh Hansen: Ældreomsorg i et pædagogisk perspektiv [Eldercare from a pedagogical perspective], Roskilde University Centre (RUC), Institute of education research, Roskilde, Denmark.
2005	1st opponent, dissertation by Hege Gjertsen: Tap av ektefelle i eldre år: Sorg og mestring. En sosiologisk analyse [Loss of spouse in old age: grief and mastering. A sociological analysis], University of Tromsø, Department of Sociology, Norway.
2003	Leader of the committee for Trude Gjernes: Helseopplysning og motstrategier. Et studie av hvordan helseinformasjon blir mottatt av forskjellige grupper av kvinner [Health information and contra strategies. A study on how health information is received by different groups of women], University of Bergen, Department of Sociology, Norway.
2003	Leader of the committee for Siri Ytrehus: Mellom modernitet og tradisjon. Unge eldres syn på flytting [Between modernity and tradition. Young older people's view on moving], University of Bergen, Department of Sociology, Norway.

Other selected scientific committees

2024	Associate Professor position, Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University.
2021	Professor position, Department of Sociology and Human Geography. University of Oslo. Committee member.
2020:	PhD grant, University of Bergen; PhD grant, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences.
2020	Professor position, The Arctic University of Norway; committee chair.
2019	PhD grant, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences; PhD grant, Roskilde University
2019	Professor position, Oslo Metropolitan University; committee chair.
2019	Post doc. grant, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo.
2019	Reviewer of application, Research Council Faroe Islands, Faroe Islands.
2018	Associate Professor position, Roskilde University.
2017	Accreditation committee member for NOKUT (the Norwegian agency for quality assurance in education) related to the doctoral programme: Social work and social policy, University college of Oslo and Akershus applying for status as university.
2016	PhD grant, Bergen University College. Assessment of applications regarding research for persons with intellectual disabilities. Danish Health Authority (Sundhedsstyrelsen), Denmark.
2015	Professor position, KORA, The Danish Institute for Local and Regional Government Research, Copenhagen. Member of committee for bachelor- and master programme evaluation, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo.
2014	Associate Professor position, Bergen University College. Scholarship, Bergen University College. Assistant Professor position, Århus University. Member of committee for Forte – Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare, related to the programme: Ageing and health.
2013	PhD grant, Bergen University College.
2012	PhD grant, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen.
2011	Post doc. grant, Faculty of Social Sciences/Faculty of Law, University of Bergen. PhD grant, Bergen University College. Senior lecturer assessment, Roskilde University.
2008	Two PhD grants, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen.

2007	Post doc. grant, Centre for Women and Gender research, University of Bergen.
2006	Associate Professor position, Institute of Nursing Science and Health, University of Oslo.

Academic leadership

2023-2024	Research leader of: Empowering New Abilities for Better Learning and Employment (see: Research projects)
2020-	Member of leadership team at Centre for Health Promotion Research, Department of People and Technology, Roskilde University
2019-	Head of Master's Programme of Health Promotion, Roskilde University
2016-2017	Head of National academic council of Sociology, Norway
2014-2017/19	Co-leader of: Making User Participation Work – from Policy to Practise (see: Research projects).
2013-2017	Head of department, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen
2011-2012	Research leader of: Welfare Policy, Migration and Care Work. A Cross-National Norwegian/British Social Study of Migrants in Care Work (see: Research projects)
2009-2011	Coordinator of the research profile area: Welfare, inequality and life course, Department of Sociology
1999-2004	Research leader of: Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (see: Research projects)

International honorary title

2020-2023	Honorary Professor, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK.
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International partner/advisor

2019-2022	The AgeSam Network, Transnational knowledge in research and education in elder issues. Partners including five European countries. Project leader: Associate Professor Jonas Christensen, Malmö University.
2017-2020	Sustainable Care: connecting people and systems. Research project funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Principal investigator: Professor Sue Yeandle, University of Sheffield, UK.
2017-2018	Social innovation and eldercare. Network funded by Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). Principal investigator: Professor Ka Lin, Zhejiang University, China.
2015-2018	Personal assistance relationships and disabled people. Research project funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Principal investigator: Dr. Tom Shakespeare, University of East Anglia, UK. Blog at: http://parelationships.blogspot.no/

Journal editor

2018-2019	Editor in Chief, Tidsskrift for velferdsforskning [Journal of welfare research], (September 2018 – December 2019).
2017-2018	Guest co-editor, International Journal of Care and Caring with professor Yueh- Ching Chou, National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan.
2003-2005	Co-editor, Sosiologisk tidsskrift [Journal of Sociology] with professor Olav Korsnes (January 2003 – July 2003) and associate professor Johs. Hjelbrekke (August 2003 – December 2005).

Editorial board

2024-	Editorial board member, Tidsskrift for omsorgsforskning [Journal of care research].
2023-	Advisory board member, International Journal of Care and Caring.
2021-2022	Editorial board member, Tidsskrift for velferdsforskning [Journal of welfare research].
2019-2024	International Editorial Advisor, Journal of Social Policy, Cambridge University Press.
2006-2016	Editorial board member, Sosiologisk tidsskrift [Journal of Sociology].

Review work

Articles for journals:

Acta Sociologica

Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory

European Societies

Fontene forskning (Fontene research; leading Norwegian journal of social work, child welfare and social education)

International Journal of Ageing in Later Life

International Journal of Care and Caring

Journal of International Comparative Social Policy

Migration Studies

Nordic Journal of Migration Research

Nordic Journal of Social Research

Nordic Welfare Research
 Nordisk tidsskrift for helseforskning (Norwegian journal of health research)
 Social Policy and Administration
 Social Research Methodology
 Socialvetenskaplig tidskrift (Social scientific journal)
 Sosiologisk tidsskrift (Journal of Sociology)
 The British Journal of Social Work
 The European Journal of Social Work
 The Gerontologist
 The International Journal of Aging and Human Development
 Tidsskrift for arbeidsliv (Journal of working life)
 Tidsskrift for velferdsforskning (Journal of welfare research)
 Women's Studies International Forum
 Book manuscripts for publishers:
 Ashgate
 Bristol University Press
 Cappelen Damm Akademisk (Norwegian book publisher)
 Fagbokforlaget (Norwegian book publisher)
 Gyldendal Akademisk (Norwegian book publisher)
 Palgrave Macmillan
 Sage
 Samfundslitteratur (Danish book publisher)

Research involvement

2024-2027	Early intervention in long-term care: new model for tailored initial efforts and allocating of services (EARLY INTERVENTION) led by Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Centre for Care Research. Role: leader of WP4: Models of early interventions in Nordic countries.
2024-2027	Reframing menopause: an interdisciplinary approach to women's health and health care in the Norwegian Welfare State (MENO) led by the University of Bergen. Role: international partner, contribution to a work package.
2021-2022	Partnerskab og netværk mellem Roskilde Universitet og Steno Diabetes Center Sjælland [Partnership and network between Roskilde University and Steno Diabetes Center Zealand]. Role: senior researcher
2021-2022	Børn af forældre med type 2-diabetes – hvem er de, og hvordan er deres levevilkår, trivsel, sundhedskompetence og sundhedsadfærd? [Children of parents with type 2-diabetes – who are they, and how are their living conditions, well-being, health competence and health behavior? Collaboration between Roskilde University and Steno Diabetes Center Sjælland. Role: RUC project leader/advisor.
2021-2022	Forbedret egenomsorgsevne hos patienter med dårlig glykæmisk kontrol af deres type-2 diabetes – en SMS-baseret intervention [Improved self-care among patients with poor glycemic control of their type 2-diabetes – a SMS-based intervention], (SMS4change). Collaboration between Roskilde University and Steno Diabetes Center Sjælland. Role: senior advisor.

Research projects

2023-2024	Empowering New Abilities for Better Learning and Employment (ENABLE). Interreg Deutschland - Danmark, research leader
2021-2022	Everyday life and diabetes among migrants in Denmark - a pilot study based on naturebased health promotion. Steno Diabetes Center Zealand. Research leader.
2014-2017/19	Making User Participation Work – from Policy to Practise. Research partner of Lillehammer University College. The Research Council of Norway, programme: HealthCare.
2012-2013	Older Scandinavian Immigrants in London. (Carried out in London, while based at the Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU), King's College London, UK.)
2011-2012	Welfare Policy, Migration and Care Work. A Cross-National Norwegian/British Social Study of Migrants in Care Work. The Meltzer Foundation. Research leader
2005-2009	User Controlled Personal Assistance for Disabled People in Norway and UK. Contribution to the Stein Rokkan Project: Identity Politics among Disabled People and Public Service Provisions in a New Landscape. The Research Council of Norway, programme: Research on disablement and disabling conditions 2004-2009.
2001-2003	Gender and Power in Public Care Services. Part of: The Norwegian Power and Democracy Project 1998-2003.
1999-2003	Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. The Norwegian Research Council, NFR. Programme: Welfare and society – Research for disabled people. Research leader.
1999	Norwegian Status Report of Social Care Services. The Norwegian Research Council NFR, programme: Welfare and society.
1996-1999	The relationship between Social Care Services and The Social Services Act. The Norwegian Research Council, NFR, programme: Welfare and society – Evaluation of welfare acts.
1992-1996	Changes in Norwegian Home Care Services. The Norwegian Research Council, NAVF (Scholarship for doctor's degree), programme: Welfare and society.

Conference participation

- Christensen, Karen: 'Universalism in a diverse society: the case of Turkish migrants and their health in Denmark'. Paper (with Anne Leonora Blaakilde) and presentation at: Boundaries, transitions and crisis contexts, 6th Transforming Care Conference, Sheffield, 26-28 June, 2023
- Christensen, Karen and Skjødt, Ulla: 'Quality of everyday life in very old age'. Presentation based on COST application at: CareAge Conference – Ageing Societies: research, education, and practice, [CareSam network led by the University of Malmö], Nordic House, Brussels, Belgium, June 5-6, 2023.
- Christensen, Karen and Blaakilde, Anne Leonora (Roskilde University): 'Imagined return – the case of Turkish women's health in Denmark', presentation at: 21st Nordic Migration Research Conference, RE: MIGRATION - New perspectives on movement, research, and society, Copenhagen, August 17-19, 2022.
- Christensen, Karen and Blaakilde, Anne Leonora (Roskilde University): 'Hverdagsliv og diabetes hos aldrende migranter i Danmark' [Everyday life and diabetes among ageing migrants in Denmark], presentation at: Hverdagslivet med type-2 diabetes [Everyday life with type-2 diabetes], Roskilde, Denmark, March 3, 2022.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Citizen Involvement in social welfare services', presentation at: 15th Conference of the European Sociological Association 2021 (ESA), Online, August 31 to September 3, 2021.
- Christensen, Karen: 'A history of invisibility – the case of long-term care in Norway', presentation at: 5th Transforming Care Conference, Online, June 24-26, 2021.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Contextualising decision processes of migrant care workers in social care – the case of Norway, 4th Transforming Care Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 24-26, 2019.
- Christensen, Karen and Bikova, Mariya (University of Bergen): 'Making user participation work – on ethical dilemmas of long-term care work practice in context', 4th Transforming Care Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 24-26, 2019.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Independent Living inspireret ide om personlig involvering og borgerens styring af egne velfærdstjenester' [Independent Living inspired idea about personal involvement and the citizen's governance of own welfare services], Preconference – 9th Nordic Health Promotion Research Conference, Roskilde University, Roskilde, Denmark, June 12, 2019.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Tacit practices over time – the case of care work in Norway', presentation at: International Long Term Care Policy Network (ILPN) conference, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria, September 10-12, 2018.
- Christensen, Karen and Pilling, Doria (City, University of London): 'Policies of user participation: the case of older people and social care in Norway and England', presentation at: International Long Term Care Policy Network (ILPN) conference, London School of Economics (LSE), London September 4-7, 2016.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Solidarity, care work and disability: On migrant care workers supporting disabled people's participation in society', presentation at: 13th Research Conference, Nordic Network on Disability Research (NNDR) conference, Bergen, May 6-8, 2015.
- Christensen, Karen and Hussein, Shereen (King's College London): 'Migrant men in women's work: Temporariness and secondariness of long term care within the migratory journey', presentation at: Gender, Work and Organization, 8th Biennial International Interdisciplinary Conference, June 24-26, 2014 Keele University, Staffordshire, UK.
- Christensen, Karen and Guldvik, Ingrid (Lillehammer University College): 'Hvordan håndterer assistenter utfordringer i tette og personlige relasjoner til arbeidslederne?' [How do assistants handle close and personal relationships with their employers?], presentation at: 6th Research conference, Norsk nettverk for forskning om funksjonshemming (NNFF) [Norwegian disability research network], Lillehammer, May 5-6, 2014.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Active social citizenship: the case of disabled peoples' rights to personal assistance', presentation at: Nordic Network of Disability Research (NNDR) conference, Turku, Finland, May 30-31, 2013.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Life trajectories of migrants working for disabled people in Norway and the UK', Presentation at: Nordic Network of Disability Research (NNDR) conference, Turku, Finland, May 30-31, 2013.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Implementation of personalisation within long-term care in Norway and Britain – does it make any difference?', presentation at: International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care, London School of Economics (LSE), Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU), September 5-8, 2012.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Unintended consequences of marketization in eldercare: The Norwegian dilemma', presentation at: Nordic Centre of Excellence: Final international conference, Reassessing the Nordic Welfare Model, Oslo, August 21-22, 2012.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Velferdsrettigheter og velferdsrelasjoner. Turbulens i en etablert velferdshybrid' [Welfare rights and welfare relationships. Turbulence in an established welfare hybrid], presentation at: 4th Research conference, Norsk nettverk for forskning om funksjonshemming (NNFF) [Norwegian disability research network], Oslo, October 18-19, 2010.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Beyond public care services: The case of Norwegian long term care', presentation at: Social Policy Association Annual Conference, University of Lincoln, July 5-7, 2010.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Privatizations within Norwegian long term care', presentation at: Transforming Care Conference in Copenhagen, The Danish National Centre for Social Research, June 21-23, 2010.
- Christensen, Karen: 'Cash-for-care policies impacting on user-careworker relationships', presentation at: 9th ESA conference in Lisbon, Portugal, September 2-5, 2009.
- Christensen, Karen: '""Empowerment"" i forskjellige velfærds kontekster' ['Empowerment' in different Welfare contexts], presentation at: 3rd Research conference, Norsk nettverk for forskning om funksjonshemming (NNFF) [Norwegian disability research network], Bergen, October 6-7, 2008.

Christensen, Karen: 'Social capital in public home care services', presentation at: 8th ESA conference in Glasgow, UK, September 3-6, 2007.

Christensen, Karen: 'Magt i moderniseringen af den norske velfærdsstats hjemmebaserede omsorgstjenester' [Power in the modernisation of the Norwegian welfare state's home based care services], presentation at: Nordic symposium, Gentofte, Denmark, August 20-21, 2002.

Christensen, Karen: 'Fordeling af hjemmehjælp – mellem politikken og brugeren' [Distribution of home help – between politics and the user], presentation at: Closing conference, Norwegian Research Council programme about welfare legislation, Bergen, January 25, 2001.

Christensen, Karen: 'Hvordan kan forskningen udfordre den postmodernistiske subjektforståelse? Et eksempel fra omsorgstjenesten' [How can research challenge the postmodern understanding of the subject? The case of social care], presentation at: National research education course about women and gender research: Empirical research after post structuralism, Myrdal, September 23, 1999.

Christensen, Karen: 'Sosiale tjenester og forholdet til Sosialtjenesteloven' [Social services and their relation to The Social Services Act], presentation at: Closing conference, Norwegian Research Council programme: Welfare and society, Oslo, April 20-21, 1999.

Christensen, Karen: 'New processes in home care and nursing and their impact on the quality of these Services', presentation at: International conference about quality in personal social services, Helsinki, April 12-14, 1996.

Christensen, Karen: 'Forandringer i den åbne omsorg. Om dilemmaer i omsorgsgiver- og omsorgsmottagerrollen' [Changes in community care. On dilemmas in the caregiver and –receiver role], presentation at: 2nd National conference in social gerontology, Sundvolden, November 13-14, 1995.

Christensen, Karen: 'Om rollekonflikter i den åbne omsorg' [On role conflicts in community care], presentation at: Research Conference in Sweden, Social- og omsorgsförvaltningen, Örebro läns landsting, Örebro, March 24-25, 1993.

Christensen, Karen: 'Motsætningsfulde kundskabskrav i den hjemmebaserede omsorg' [Contrasting requirements of knowledge in homebased care], presentation at: National research course, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, 1992.

Publicity

Christensen, Karen (2024). Contributor to a panel debate about: Køn og sundhed – er kultur den "pille" der skal mindste ulighed i sundhed? [Gender and health – is culture the "pill" reducing inequality in health?] Workshop: Viden og forskning [Knowledge and research]. Kulturtræf24 (K24), Kulturmaskinen, Odense, 29 May.

Christensen, Karen (2024): Ældreformen forbigår ikke bare grundproblemet, men risikerer at skabe mere ulighed [The elderly reform does not only avoid the basic problem, but also increases the risk of creating more inequality]. Debate contribution on Seniormonitor, Politiken: <https://seniormonitor.dk/debat/art9868977/%C3%86ldreformen-forbig%C3%A5r-ikke-bare-grundproblemet-men-risikerer-at-skabe-mere-ulighed> (24 April).

Christensen, Karen & Blaakilde, Anne Leonora (2023): Sådan fremmer vi ikke-vestlige kvinders Integration. Podcast fra radio 24syv: <https://24syv.dk/episode/forskere-sadan-fremmer-vi-ikke-vestlige-kvindes-integration> (29. juni).

Blaakilde, Anne Leonora & Christensen, Karen (2022): Natur og sundhedsfremme for migranter [Nature and health promotion for migrants], arranged workshop for health promotion actors in NGOs and municipalities in Region Zealand 24 November, Byens hus, Roskilde.

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Christensen, Karen and Liv Johanne Syltevik (2009). Kvinners arbeid [Women's work]. An interview about the book on women's work, NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting System) radio P1, 27 January.

Christensen, Karen (2006). Metodeguru falt for avhandling om norsk mediehverdag [Method guru loved dissertation about the Norwegian media]. An article in På Høyden (local university newspaper, available at the website of University of Bergen) 29 September, based on an interview about Grounded Theory in connection with Barney Glaser's visit in Bergen.

Christensen, Karen and Even Nilssen (2003). Når omsorg blir til hverdagstvang [When care becomes everyday life compulsion]. An article available at the website of the Norwegian Research Council 30 September, based on an interview about research findings from the project about services for persons with intellectual disabilities.

Christensen, Karen (1999). Eldre i små kommuner får mest hjelp [Older people in small municipalities receive most help]. An article in Forskning 3/1999 (The Norwegian Research Council's magazine) based on an interview about research findings from the project about social services and The Social Services Act.

Christensen, Karen (1999). Contributor to an evening debate about scientific methods, arranged by Studentersamfunnet (Student association) 28 October. Other contributors were Per Solvang and Ottar Hellevik.

Invited project presentations related to stay abroad

Christensen, Karen (2017): Norwegian and Scandinavian elder care – trends and issues. Open lecture at Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Australia, 28 September (part of staff exchange, Erasmus+).

Christensen, Karen (2017): Migrant care workers in personalised care services in Norway and the UK – the project and its methodology. Lecture for academic staff at School of Health, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Australia, 27 September (part of staff exchange, Erasmus+).

Christensen, Karen (2013): Older Scandinavians in London. Presentation at a conference arranged by Making Research Count, Age UK London and Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU), King's College London, entitled: 'Invisible communities: Working with older people from Europe and beyond', at Henriette Raphael House, Guy's Hospital, London, 30 January.

Christensen, Karen (2012): Care worker strategies challenged by modern welfare systems in the UK and Norway. Presentation at Institute of Education, University of London, 7 February.

Christensen, Karen (2012): Comparing experiences of users/care workers in cash-for-care systems in the UK and Norway. Presentation at Social Care Workforce Research Unit (SCWRU), King's College London, 23 January.

Christensen, Karen (2011): Comparing experiences of users/care workers in cash-for-care systems in the UK and Norway. Presentation at Disability and Social Inclusion Seminars, City University London, 6 December.

Christensen, Karen (2007): Doing cross-national qualitative research into Direct Payments for disabled people. Presentation at qualitative research seminar, Rehabilitation Resource Centre, City University, London, 19 April.

Christensen, Karen (2006): Direct Payments and personal assistance in a late modern world. Presentation at Lunchtime lectures, Institute of Education, University of London, 14 February.

Christensen, Karen (2005): A presentation of an ongoing project: Personal assistance for disabled people in a late modern world. Presentation at RRC-seminar, Rehabilitation Resource Centre, City University London, 12 October.

Other invited presentations in Norway and abroad

Christensen, Karen (2023): Ageing and migration – a contribution to discussions and reflections based on own research. Presentation at the Danish Research Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Health (MESU), University of Copenhagen, 30 November.

Christensen, Karen (2022): Alderdom i endring – om utfordringer og paradokser i eldreomsorgstjenester i norsk og dansk kontekst [Ageing changing – on challenges and paradoxes in eldercare services in Norwegian and Danish context]. Presentation at the 7th national conference for care research (Omsorgskonferansen): Equal services (Likeverdige tjenester). Trondhjem, Norway, 20-21 October.

Christensen, Karen (2022): User involvement and citizenship – how are citizens involved in social welfare services? Webinar, TUI (The Urban Institute) seminar, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK, 26 January.

Christensen, Karen (2018): Ageing societies and social care work: what are the implications for migrant care work? Keynote at European Sociological Association RN33, Mid-term conference in Bergen, University of Bergen 14-15 June.

Christensen, Karen (2018): The ageing population and innovation in elderly care in Norway. Presentation at seminar on 'Welfare challenges: Chinese and Norwegian outlooks', Nordic Centre, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 20 April.

Christensen, Karen (2017): Policies and practices of home based care services – the case of Norway. Keynote at 4th National and International Home Care Congress, Istanbul, Turkey, 23. November.

Christensen, Karen (2016): Omsorgsarbeidets tause dimensjoner. Noen historiske, velferdspolitiske og kunnskapspraktiske momenter ved kvinners omsorgsarbeid [Tacit dimensions of care work. Some reflections about womens' work regarding history, welfare politics and practice based knowledge]. Keynote at a national conference at University college of Bergen: Den nordiske velferdsstats tause omsorgsfelt [The tacit care field of the Nordic welfare state]. Haraldsplass, Bergen, 8-9 November.

Christensen, Karen (2016): Personal assistance as part of changing welfare politics – possibilities and challenges. Keynote at the National conference on disability studies, Helsinki, Finland, 9-10 June.

Christensen, Karen (2015): Migrant care workers. Presentation of the book: Migrant Care Workers: Searching for New Horizons. Presentation at Disability and Social Inclusion Seminars, City University London, 12 May.

Christensen, Karen (2014): Sosialpolitiske refleksjoner over rehabilitering for eldre [Social political reflections on rehabilitation for older people]. Keynote at national gerontological conference on ageing and society, arranged by Dansk gerontologisk selskab, Middelfart, Denmark, 2 October.

Christensen, Karen (2013): Et kritisk komparativt perspektiv på omsorgsarbejde og migration [A critical comparative perspective on care work and migration]. Open lecture at Roskilde University, Health promotion (Sundhedsfremme), Roskilde, Denmark, 8 November.