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## Employment

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2 Mar 2022 → present

## Faglig profil

### Introduction to current research:

I am currently undertaking an independent research project as a double degree PhD fellow of Roskilde University, Denmark and East China Normal University, Shanghai CN, with a scholarship from the Sino-Danish Center for Research and Education. The research concerns Chinese students learning processes at a Sino-Danish University in Beijing. The PhD research builds on the findings from my master's thesis entitled "Students' Struggles for Cultural and Academic Recognition: A Socio-analysis of an Intercultural Learning Environment in a Sino-Danish Higher Education Collaboration" (Roskilde University, 2017).

Moving from socio-analysis to psycho-social theory, in my PhD I am exploring the significance of culture and socialisation to Chinese students' learning processes in a transnational education environment in China. I aim to understand the critical and utopian potential of international educational experience in a Chinese societal context, understanding cultural modernisation as an endogenous process, rooted in the concrete experience of humans and changes in their self-perception and social desires through education and in their everyday life.

### Background and qualifications:

I received my academic training as an educational researcher (MA) at Roskilde University (DK), Austral Universidad (ARG) and Aarhus University (DK). I have a strong experience in conducting ethnographic field work in educational settings and doing studies on higher education in a globalising world. More generally, I am occupied with the philosophical and sociological foundations of education, and the cultural and social foundations of human learning processes. I aspire to produce knowledge on education for a more socially just and peaceful world.

### Main areas of interest (research, theory and knowledge):

- Educational development
- The cultural foundations of learning
- International education
- The sociological and philosophical underpinnings of education
- Normativity and social critique
- Cultural diversity, tolerance and human rights
- Cultural modernization
- Life history and socialisation

### Other experiences:

Prior to commencing my doctoral research project I have worked with study- and career counselling and in educational management and development at Roskilde University.

For years, I have also been a volunteer for the international educational organisation CISV International. I have participated in several international CISV summer camps, as a child delegate, a youth leader, and as the leader of delegations of children, in places such as the U.S, the Philippines, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and Denmark. I have also volunteered as staff of a summer camp for 11-year olds from around the world in Denmark. There is a clear line between my international and educational experiences with children and adults in CISV, and the interest I pursue in my research, namely, the imagination and ideal of a more just and peaceful world society, built on cultural understanding, human rights, respect for biodiversity and conflict resolution in a global perspective.

## **Uddannelse**

2017

Master of Arts in Educational Studies and Social Science, Roskilde University