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Riksbankens Jubileumsfonds Fellow, Alison Gerber, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Lund University, Sweden, giving an AIAS Monday Lunch talk.

DIRECTOR'S ACCOUNT 2025-2026: THE USEFULNESS OF UNCERTAIN KNOWING

Uncertainty is coming! Public distrust is rising! The world is on fire! AI will take our jobs! Alarmist accounts are everywhere, and indeed, not only the world, but also the way we get to know about it seems rapidly changing. This redefines what it means to be in 'knowledge making', and also what it is like to be an Institute of Advanced Study.

A RARE NICHE IN THE ACADEMIC ECOSYSTEM

This summer, we said goodbye to the first cohort from our core fellowship program, AIAS-AUFF. Some move back, some move on, some stay in Denmark – it has been a privilege and a joy to have them make AIAS their academic home. For the most recent call, we received more than 500 applications from every continent save Antarctica. This testifies to an increasingly competitive academic market, where there are few options for researchers in early career stages to define their own projects. Bottom-up driven research, interdisciplinary dialogues and global reach are defining features of an Institute of Advanced Study (IAS). Each project, each personal trajectory is unique, and jointly they, somehow, contribute to reproducing and developing that particular way of working, thinking and being together which is characteristic of AIAS. This is a rare niche in the current research landscape, and we are grateful to all the good forces that help maintain and support it within the current academic ecosystem.

CONNECTING INSTITUTIONS, CREATING FLOWS

The eight Nordic Institutes of Advanced Studies have recently launched a new NNF-IAS Fellowship Programme in Health and Sustainability. Over the next years, we will have 20 fellowships across the region within a shared framework, generously funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. The initiative complements our Riksbankens Jubileumsfond fellowship that each year brings in a researcher from Sweden to AIAS, and it shows the dedication of Nordic research foundations to the IAS infrastructure. The IAS networks extend well beyond the Nordic region, and we have co-organised events e.g. with the Hamburg Institute of Advanced Study (science diplomacy, AI in global perspective) and with the Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt, Germany and Institute for

Advanced Transdisciplinary Studies in Minas Gerais, Brazil (Inter-continental Academia Pluralities of Resonant Relationships). Thus, it's a key part of the AIAS DNA to sustain local and global networks that allow people and ideas to flow.

SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

In recent years it has become clear that almost every research collaboration touches on national strategic fields from security policy to business strategies. To understand this development better, and to provide inputs to research-informed ways of navigating it as individuals and institutions, we formed the Science Diplomacy research group at AIAS a year ago. They quickly established themselves at the centre of the field, in research (e.g. the conference Imagining New Ground for Science Diplomacy) and in policy (two group members, Casper Andersen (head of group) and Maria Rentetzi (AIAS-SD fellow), jointly appointed co-chairs of the EU Science Diplomacy Alliance 2026–2027). The work demonstrates that the 'advanced' in the name of an Institute of Advanced Studies needs not only imply difficult and theoretical. It can also mean that one moves into new fields of research with the aim of scouting, reflecting and informing an understanding of what it is that defines and affects research and researchers in the current landscape.

ENGAGING SOCIETY

In this understanding, an IAS is not a closed ivory tower. It's a site of curious discussions and serious engagement, not just between researchers, but also with stakeholders and in the public sphere. It is not only about providing answers but also about sharing a particular research stance, committed to exploring what can be known and what it means to know it. Importantly, this commitment to public research is as much about sharing processes as about the finalised products. This may take place in our own building, or in public spaces. In times of uncertainty and mistrust, safeguarding such ways of knowing and making discussions public seems an important remedy.

*Andreas Roepstorff,
AIAS, Summer of 2026.*



Photo: Kim Frost

↑ AIAS Director Andreas Roepstorff moderating the Science & The Flavour of Aarhus talk with sociologist Hartmut Rosa, April 2026.

AIAS SCIENCE & THE FLAVOUR OF AARHUS



Date: **29 April 2026**
Speaker: **HARTMUT ROSA**

AIAS HONORARY DOCTORATE FELLOW & PROFESSOR,
DIRECTOR OF MAX WEBER CENTRE FOR ADVANCED
CULTURAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES, ERFURT UNIVERSITY,
GERMANY

More about the Science & the Flavour of Aarhus' events:
aias.au.dk/events/science-and-the-flavour-of-aarhus

FELLOWS

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

& VISITING FELLOWS



ALISON GERBER

Riksbankens Jubileumsfonds Fellow
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Lund University, Sweden

Area of research: Sociology

Project title: 'Show & Tell: Representation, visualization, and evidence across epistemic cultures.'

Her project is entitled 'Show & Tell: Representation, visualization, and evidence across epistemic cultures.' In it, she will explore what happens when we encounter new kinds of images as evidence, such as brain scans and botanical illustrations. In her project, she is concerned with the specific features that make new kinds of images more (or less) credible for different audiences, as technologies, methods, images and people move between scientific, practitioner and professional communities.



ANDREI KALINICHEV

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Postdoc Researcher, Department of Biology – Microbiology, Aarhus University, Denmark

Area of research: Analytical and Physical Chemistry

Project title: 'Multiparameter Imaging for Soil Health: Advanced Optode-Driven Approach'

Chemical imaging is a powerful tool for studying complex systems such as soils. Soils release N₂O, which contributes to global warming. Chemical microenvironments within the soil, notable O₂, NH₄⁺, and H⁺ levels affect the amount of N₂O emissions. However, our understanding of how these factors interact is still lacking. It is crucial to have a tool that can map these parameters in 2D with high spatial and temporal resolutions to develop strategies for reducing N₂O emissions. To achieve this, I have proposed a project that integrates optical sensors (optodes), hyperspectral imaging, and machine learning (chemometrics). This project will focus on developing a methodology for the simultaneous and direct imaging of O₂, NH₄⁺, and H⁺ levels.



ANNA MARIA LANGMÜLLER

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Postdoc Researcher, Cornell University & University of Vienna, Messer lab & Hermisson lab, United States & Austria

Area of research: Evolutionary biology

Project title: 'How does environmental heterogeneity influence the genomic footprint of adaptation?'

Understanding how organisms adapt to rapidly changing environments is crucial, especially in the context of global climate change. Adaptation often involves evolutionary trade-offs, where adjusting to one challenge, such as insecticides, may affect other traits like heat tolerance. My research investigates how environmental heterogeneity influences the spread of adaptive mutations, considering these pleiotropic effects. In this context, classic population genetic models only provide limited insights as they assume random mating and spatial homogeneity. To address this, I employ individual-based simulations and statistical frameworks to explore how environmental heterogeneity shapes the genomic footprint of insecticide resistance and affects adaptation dynamics across time and space.

**ANNEKE KAMPMAN**

Artist-in-Residence Fellow
Artist and musician, London, United Kingdom

Area of research: Artist and musician

Research focus: 'Machine-Characters: The Choreographed Subjectivity of Platform Media Performance'

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**BHARTI ARORA**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of Delhi, India

Area of research: Gender Studies, Women's Fiction, Indian Literatures, Social Movements and Nation
Project title: 'Decolonial Aesthetics of Social Movements in Select Fiction of Postindependence India'

The project aims to explore the ways in which Hindi literary cultures reflected and shaped the political and revolutionary contexts of 1960s-80s north India. It argues that the Hindi fiction produced on and during these revolutionary decades maps the complex character(s) of social justice movements related to land, adivasi (indigenous people), gender rights and anti-caste activism in the country. It further posits how Hindi language (and literature), despite its political construction(s) as the dominant (even proposed 'national') voice of post-independence India challenged the core of this construction by foregrounding alternative regional, linguistic sensibilities, sexual desires and sensualities, class-caste and gendered perspectives, making epistemic and aesthetic dents in the dominant perception of culture and nation-state. In doing so, it performs a decolonial praxis of living, knowing, and sensing that challenges the colonial matrix of power and allied structures of the nation-state.

**BIRGITTE STOUGAARD PEDERSEN**

Carlsberg Monograph Fellow
Associate Professor, School of Communication and Culture - Aesthetics and Culture, Aarhus University, Denmark

Area of research: Sound Studies

Project title: 'Rhythms of Reading'

Digital systems change the rhythms of everyday life. Based on the increase in the use of audio and e-books in an on-demand culture, this volume will use rhythm as a scientific paradigm to examine how reading literature, as part of digital media routines in a matured digital culture, undergoes a cultural transformation and thereby calls for a new analytical and methodological framework.

**BRUNA NEVES DE FREITAS**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Research member, Interdisciplinary Research Group in Digital Dentistry, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Area of research: Digital Dentistry

Project title: 'Augmenting and Expanding the use of Intraoral Scanning in Dentistry'

Intraoral scanning (IOS) is a portable, radiation-free imaging modality used to digitise dental arches, producing high-resolution coloured 3D models. While IOS holds great potential in diagnosis and treatment planning of various dental conditions, its application is hampered by (1) image quality and performance influenced by multiple factors; (2) limited evidence for diagnostic tasks; and (3) user-dependent analysis. This project tackles these issues, aiming to optimize and expand the use of IOS in dental practice.

**CASPER ANDERSEN**

AIAS-Science Diplomacy Fellow
Professor, School of Culture and Society, History of Ideas, Aarhus University, Denmark

Area of research: History of Science and Technology

Project title: 'Dual use and diplomacy in science'

Casper Andersen is professor at History of Ideas at the School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University. His field of research is history of ideas, science and technology in imperial and global contexts. The focus of his current research is science diplomacy, history of nuclear weapons, and the role of UNESCO in history and heritage. His recent book, co-authored with Henry Nielsen, is titled: Seconds to midnight. A history of nuclear weapons (September 2025). From 2025 to 2027, he is a group lead of the Science Diplomacy Theme Group at AIAS, and works on research projects within 'Dual use and diplomacy in science'

**CHRISTIAN MARIO APPENDINI**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Professor, Engineering Institute, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico

Area of research: Coastal and Ocean Engineering

Project title: 'Assembling the Influxes of a Macroalgae: Interdisciplinary Knowledge for Sargassum Hazard Management'

Sargassum influxes pose significant environmental and economic threats to the coastal regions of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. This project aims to develop a comprehensive early warning system to detect, predict, and monitor these influxes, enabling timely and effective disaster risk management. The project will help us better predict where sargassum will go and its effects using advanced satellite detection, numerical modeling, and in-situ monitoring through fixed cameras and citizen science stations.

**CHRISTIAN ULRIK ANDERSEN**

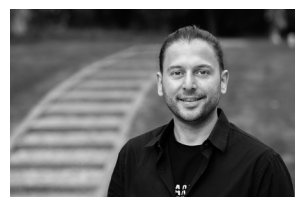
Carlsberg Monograph Fellow

Associate Professor, Department of Digital Design and Information Studies, Aarhus University, Denmark

Area of research: Digital Activism

Project title: 'Minor Tech'

Big Tech has been criticised for both flattening cultural expressions and resource overuse. This book uncovers how digital art and underground culture address Big Tech's environmental, cultural, and societal impacts from minority viewpoints. It explores how pluralism, diversity, and sustainability can be woven into tech practices, offering new insights for critiquing and designing technology.

**DARIO CAMPISI**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow

Previously Humboldt fellow at the University of Stuttgart, Germany, and postdoctoral at the University of Perugia, Italy

Area of research: Astrochemistry, Astrophysics, Computational Chemistry

Project title: 'Smart-Algorithms to bridge the gap between chemistry and astronomy'

Dario studies molecular processes on dust grains and in the gas phase of star-forming clouds to connect nanoscopic chemistry with astronomical phenomena. At AIAS, he published work in collaboration with Utrecht University on photodegradation effects on Martian polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. In collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics, he computed optical constants for nitrogen ice observations in disks. He currently studies peptide bond formation on silicates and develops smart algorithms to compute low-temperature bond-formation barriers, improve theoretical accuracy in astronomical models, and study primordial reaction dynamics in astrophysical environments.

**DONNA BRIGGS BØDTKJER**

Carlsberg Monograph Fellow

Associate Professor, Department of Biomedicine, Aarhus University, Denmark

Area of research: Human Lymphatic Vessel Structure and Function

Project title: 'Thomas Bartholin's discovery of the human lymphatic vasculature'

Thomas Bartholin was the first to publish descriptions of the human lymphatic system in the mid-17th century. Through comprehensive translation and interpretation of Bartholin's original Latin works, this monograph will bridge the divide between historical and contemporary knowledge of the lymphatic vessels and explore how Bartholin's discovery has influenced scientific knowledge making.

**ELENA-DANIELA ANA**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow

Postdoc, previously Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle/Saale, Germany

Area of research: Social Anthropology

Project title: 'Making sense of desertification: farmers' knowledge and soil politics on drying lands'

Soil is disappearing faster than it can renew, with desertification degrading drylands and harming farming communities. This project develops a framework for ethnographic research on desertification, focusing on environmental change, farmers' knowledge, and soil politics. It follows large-scale, production-oriented farmers transitioning to no-till agriculture under economic and climatic pressure in Romania's largest agricultural region. While not intended as an ecological shift, this practice helps mitigate pervasive soil degradation processes. By viewing soil as both political and experiential terrain, the project asks what it means when soil care emerges not from conservation ethics, but from the need to keep capitalist farming viable in an increasingly unstable environment.

**ELISABETTA FERRARI**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow

Lecturer, previously School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

Area of research: Digital Technologies, Activism

Project title: 'Don't abandon each other: mutual aid activism in the (post)pandemic'

During the Covid-19 pandemic, a grassroots mobilization brought people together to support the most vulnerable members of society in accessing food, medicines, and other necessities. This mobilization took the name of mutual aid: a form of activism that creates political solidarity while helping people meet their basic needs. Drawing on interviews with activists, I am writing a book examining (post) pandemic mutual aid projects in the UK, Italy and the US, focusing on how activists navigated the potentialities and limitations of digital technologies to organize for solidarity.

**EMILY COCKAYNE**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow

Associate professor, Faculty of Arts & Humanities: School of History and History of Art, University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom

Area of research: Cultural and Material (and Industrial) History

Project title: 'Recreating historical non-synthetic plastics: relearning Victorian recycling for environmental good'

Plastic development in the early twentieth century moved away from earlier industrial practices rooted in reuse of waste materials. In Victorian Birmingham, London and elsewhere, early plastics such as Bois Durci, Parkesine and Xylonite emerged from industries focused on recycling for papier-mâché and incorporated recycled materials and industrial by-products, imitating materials such as wood, horn, stone, ivory and metals. The project examines these early plastics and their long-term presence in soil and water, and reconsiders their production in relation to environmental impact. It also aims to build a network of researchers in Aarhus and beyond working on plastics, recycling, Environmental Humanities and History.

**ESTER SALGARELLA**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Postdoc, previously INSCRIBE Project, University of Bologna, Italy

Area of research: Aegean Bronze Age: Epigraphy, Archaeology and Linguistics
Project title: 'Engaging Mind & Materiality: Ideography Through Time'

My project aims to explore ideography through time (creation methods, transmission dynamics, applications, implications) by comparing a pre-modern context (Bronze Age Aegean 'early' writing, 2nd millennium BC) with contemporary examples (e.g. icons, symbols, signage, emojis/emoticons). Both contexts are investigated interdisciplinarily by combining approaches taken from linguistics, arts and graphic design, archaeology and anthropology, architecture, cognitive and social sciences, leading to an assessment of the implications of this phenomenon: which implications did ideography have for the workings of past societies and which implications does it have for contemporary communication? Can such an investigation inform future communication dynamics?

**FEDERICA CAVALETTI**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Tenure Track Researcher, Department of Promotion of Human Sciences and Quality of Life, Università Telematica San Raffaele Roma, Italy

Area of research: Theory of perception and Cognitive sciences
Project title: 'Improving Neurodiverse Cooperation in Academic Research: A Study on (Shared) Time Experience'

Time experience can vary across individuals with different psychological traits, and these differences can make collaboration challenging if not recognised and managed. This project focuses on improving neurodiverse collaboration in academia, where time-related expectations can contribute to occupational stress and work-life imbalance, particularly for neurodivergent people. Using theoretical elaboration, empirical phenomenology, and participatory tools, the project studies interactions between neurodivergent and neurotypical temporalities in academic research and aims to develop more effective forms of collaboration based on improved shared time.

**FIONA MÜLLNER**

AIAS-DANDRITE Fellow
Group Leader, The Danish Research Institute of Translational Neuroscience (DANDRITE), Aarhus University, Denmark

Research focus: Exploring how the brain shapes sensory perception
Area of research: Molecular Biology and Genetics

Fiona Müllner is leading the Thalamic Circuits group at DANDRITE, The Danish Research Institute of Translational Neuroscience at Aarhus University. Her group investigates how visual information is processed and modified by a deep brain region - the thalamus - using a combination of methods in the mouse model, including two-photon imaging, viral tracing, single-cell manipulation in vivo, and electrophysiology. The thalamus integrates sensory inputs and sends visual information from the retina to the cortex. Fiona Müllner and her team study how extraretinal circuits shape and refine visual information before it reaches the cortex.

**JAN LØHMANN STEPHENSEN**

Artist-in-Residence Tandem Fellow
Associate Professor, Department of Art History, Aesthetics & Culture, Aarhus University, Denmark

Area of research: Aesthetics and Culture
Project title: 'Machine-Characters: The Choreographed Subjectivity of Platform Media Performance'

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**KWADWO OPOKU**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Associate Professor, Centre for Social Policy Studies, University of Ghana, Ghana

Area of research: Development and Public Economics
Project title: 'Sustainable Financing of Long-Term Care in Lower Middle-Income Countries: Evidence from Ghana'

All countries, including low and lower-middle income countries (LMICs), will ultimately face an ageing population due to increased life expectancy and the associated problem of Long-Term Care (LTC), which remains the largest insurable risk facing elderly people. The older population in LMICs is projected to grow by an average of 6.2% from 2015-2050. However, many lower-middle income countries have not planned for this eventuality, the associated cost, and how resources will be mobilized to finance LTC where governments find it difficult to generate tax revenues. My research investigates how the critical drivers of LTC needs and use could be identified and quantify the future financing needs of elderly people in need of LTC taking into consideration individual behavioural responses to LTC policies including incentives to save or insure for LTC.

**MAGDA RITA HAMCZYK**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Postdoc, previously Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department, University of Oviedo, Spain

Area of research: Biomedicine, cardiovascular disease and aging
Project title: 'Fluid cellular identities in the cardiovascular system'

The traditional paradigm in cell biology states that tissues are mainly composed of quiescent somatic cells which are terminally differentiated, and their fate is settled until death. According to this model, tissue regeneration and maintenance rely on a small reservoir of non-differentiated cells, called stem cells. Multiple lines of evidence, mainly in developmental and pathological contexts, have challenged this simple model. Namely, under certain circumstances terminally differentiated cells can dedifferentiate or transdifferentiate contributing to tissue regeneration, repair and remodeling. In my research project at AIAS, I will study this somatic cell plasticity in the cardiovascular system. Thus, I will try to decipher the cues that aid cells in the acquisition and maintenance of a new cell identity. Characterizing how cells change their fates would also give us tools to influence cell identities against diseases and to explore the limits of tissue regeneration.

**MALENE FRIIS HANSEN**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow

Postdoc, previously Department of Anthropology, Princeton University, United States

Area of research: Behavioural Ecology, Cultural Anthropology and Conservation Biology

Project title: 'Towards a Cultural Biology'

Human-other-animal interfaces have existed for millennia, but recent human habitat expansions have increased the amount and intensity of the interfaces leading to conflicts and deleterious management decisions overshadowing the deep current and historical relations between sympatric humans and other animals. Understanding these relations, the adaptive responses and the co-constructed behaviors and niches can enable coexistence, yet this requires a novel transdisciplinary approach, such as Cultural Biology. This project seeks to develop the theory and methods of Cultural Biology through literature immersion, interdisciplinary workshops and inspirational field trips to human-macaque interfaces in Bali, Indonesia. Cultural Biology is an underexplored field of study that combines a suite of theory and methods from Anthropology and Biology to understand past and current human-other animal interfaces, their cultural relationships, individual choices, interspecific communication and social learning, and co-constructed ecologies.

**MARIA RENTETZI**

AIAS-Science Diplomacy Fellow

Professor, Science Technology and Gender Studies, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

Area of research: History of Science and Technology

Project title: 'Tracking Diamonds: How AI and Science Diplomacy Save Colonialism'

Looking at diamonds most of western consumers think of precious commodities, engagement rings and probably of ethical sourcing. There is hardly ever a thought of diamonds' strategic significance in geopolitics and international affairs. Tracking Diamonds aims to undermine the understanding of science diplomacy as merely a tool for building bridges among nations. Instead, focusing on the case of emerging AI technologies to track rough diamonds, it argues that science and technology-based diplomacy runs the risk of supporting colonialism while aiming to ensure an ethically sound diamond trade.

**MASOUMEH RAD GOUDARZI**

AIAS Fellow

Assistant Professor, Islamic Political Thought, University of Guilan, Iran

Area of research: Islamic Political Thoughts and Islamic Feminism

Project title: 'Shi'a Reformist Jurists and the Challenge of Women's Rights in Islam: Presenting an Egalitarian Reading of Religion'

The aim of the project is to identify and introduce how the reformist jurists have imposed these revolutionary changes in traditional jurisprudence. The project will specially concentrate on a set of questions: What are the most important governing and determining principles in the jurisprudential methods of reformists that enable them to reinterpret religious texts for the benefit of women's rights? How have these new principles of jurisprudence in working together led to the evolution of jurisprudential foundations in women's rights? What are the major changes in the attitudes of the reformist jurists toward the epistemological and theological foundations of women's rights compared to traditionalists?

**MATHIAS CLASEN**

Carlsberg Monograph Fellow

Associate Professor, School of Communication and Culture, Department of English, Aarhus University, Denmark

Area of research: Horror fiction and recreational fear

Project title: 'The Master of Fear: Why Stephen King Became Everybody's Favorite Boogeyman'

Stephen King is world-famous for his horror stories, yet the reason for his massive popularity remains unclear. This book uses insights from cognitive and evolutionary psychology, the science of recreational fear, and digital humanities to reveal how King's horror taps into deep psychological responses and emotional engagement, offering a fresh, data-driven explanation for his lasting success.

**MATTEO DE DONÀ**

AIAS-Science Diplomacy Fellow

Postdoc, Department of Political Science, Lund University, Sweden

Area of research: Environmental Social Science

Project title: 'Striving for epistemic pluralism in the International Seabed Authority (ISA)'

Science is widely considered a fundamental ingredient to address the global challenges the world faces today. At the same time, it can also be a powerful tool to facilitate dialogue across cultures, not least within diplomatic settings. Intergovernmental organizations of the UN system represent crucial venues in this particular regard. Nevertheless, the tendency of such organizations to privilege scientific knowledge over other forms of knowledge has come increasingly under scrutiny. My project investigates how the International Seabed Authority addresses contestation of its epistemic authority and seeks to meet increasing demands for epistemic pluralism. By offering insights into challenges and opportunities for knowledge inclusion in the framework of an increasingly relevant intergovernmental organization, the project aims to stimulate reflections on the role of knowledge diversity for effective and inclusive policy-making.

**NAZIK OGRETMEN**

AIAS-AUFF Fellow

Postdoc, Ocean and Climate Change Research Group, Center for Marine Sciences, University of Algarve, Portugal

Area of research: Geosciences, Micropaleontology, Paleoclimatology, Paleoceanography and Climate Geochemistry

Project title: 'Minimum Endmember of Paleo-salinity Spectrum from Subpolar and Equatorial Deep Ocean: DEEP'

Temperature and salinity are basic essential variables to describe global ocean circulation and its impact on climate and marine ecosystems. Among the two, salinity is largely understudied. Higher salinities enhance the ocean circulation, whereas lower salinities reduce it, leading to even collapse as projected in the near future. However, to date, the salinity of past ocean waters is a long-lasting unknown in paleoceanography and paleoclimate fields. Thus, the DEEP project aims to establish a proxy to reconstruct salinity changes using deep-sea benthic foraminifera. I will focus on the low salinity end of the calibration scale for the first time to tackle the impact of salt variation in the cold polar and warm tropical regions. I will then use the proxy in various salinity regimes to study past ocean circulation and climate changes that are analogs for modern and future climates.



PIERRE LOUIS DU PLESSIS
AIAS-AUFF Fellow
Assistant Professor, previously Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages,
University of Oslo, Norway

Area of research: Environmental Anthropology
Project title: 'Geographies of Beef: Shadow Ecologies of European Green in African Landscapes'

This project investigates on-the-ground social and ecological changes that emerge from a preferential trade agreement that brings large quantities of beef from Botswana to Norway. Building on previous research, it tracks the movement of knowledge, value, tastes, and species as they participate in the emergence of a non-contiguous zone of beef production that connects across the Global North and South. It does so through a multi-sited, multispecies ethnography, of 1) the expansion of landscapes of industrial beef production in Botswana; and 2) the transformation of beef producing landscapes in Norway. Through these connections, it shows how European trade agreements affect landscapes, more-than-human ecologies, and their social-environmental arrangements both within and beyond Europe. Critically, it examines how the European green transitions, through their connections to these agreements, may be implicated in forms of “green colonialism” that produce “shadow ecologies” in the Global South.



RACHEL FISHBERG
AIAS-Science Diplomacy Fellow
Postdoc, The Danish Centre for Studies in Research and Research Policy, Department of Political
Science, Aarhus University, Denmark

Area of research: Sociology of Science
Project title: 'The Role of Universities in Science Diplomacy: Institutional Dimensions and Academic Practices'

While the EU recognises Science Diplomacy’s global impact, little is known about how policies and discussions around Science Diplomacy manifest within academic institutions, leaving the processes that shape Science Diplomacy for many academics in Europe largely unexplored. This project examines how universities convey Science Diplomacy priorities and how academics navigate institutional policies on security, ethics, and global collaboration. Using Institutional Ethnography, it explores how researchers respond to these explicit and implicit cues, offering insights into how universities serve as key actors in shaping Science Diplomacy for academics across Europe.



Speed sketches of AIAS fellows and speakers at events at AIAS, drawn by AIAS Associate Fellow Catherine Williams during her two-year fellowship from 2024-2026.

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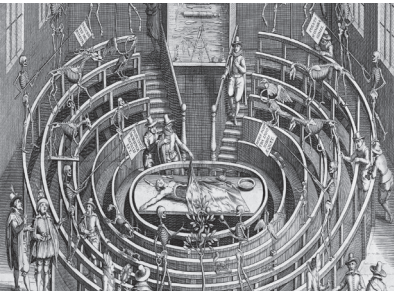
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3-2-1-GO! THEME GROUPS

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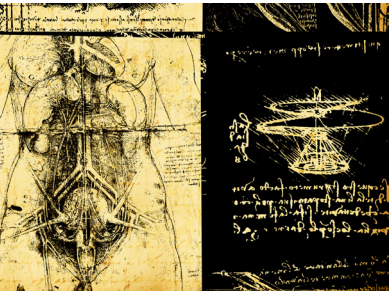
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FELLOWS' PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES



In this section follows a list of the books, book chapters and journal articles **published**, external **talks** given, the **awards or grants** received and the engagement **in the media** of the AIAS Fellows in the academic year of 2025-2026.

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PUBLICATIONS – BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen is author of the book chapter 'Audio Media Research' in: *Poetry in the Digital Age* by Claudia Benthien et al. (eds). De Gruyter, Berlin 2025.

Elena-Daniela Ana is co-author of the book chapter 'Pământuri fertile, politici sterile: Agricultura în România sub Klaus Iohannis (Fertile land, sterile policies: Agriculture in Romania under Klaus Iohannis)' in: *Epoca Klaus Iohannis? România în 2014-2025 (The Klaus Iohannis era? Romania between 2014-2025)* by C. Radoi et al (eds). Tact, Bucharest, 2025.

Ester Salgarella is author of the book *Writing in Bronze Age Crete 'Minoan' Linear A*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2025.

Lisa Wu and **Ali Amidi** are co-authors of the book chapter 'Sleep Disorders in the Elderly' in: *The Oxford Hand-book of Sleep and Sleep Disorders* by Espie et al. (eds.). Oxford University Press, 2025.

Masoumeh Rad Goudarzi is author of the book chapter 'Religious Minorities State Relations in Modern Iran from Safavid Era to the Islamic Republic Policies and Implications' in: *Handbook on Religious Toleration in Comparative Perspective* by Jonathan Laurence et al (eds). Springer Nature, Schweiz, 2026.

Masoumeh Rad Goudarzi is author of the book chapter 'Religious Minorities' Rights in Shiite Islam A Shift From Institutional Discrimination to Absolute Equality' in: *Handbook on Religious Toleration in Comparative Perspective* by Jonathan Laurence et al. (eds). Springer Nature, Schweiz, 2026.

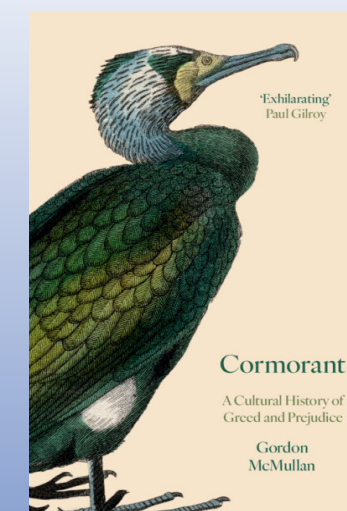
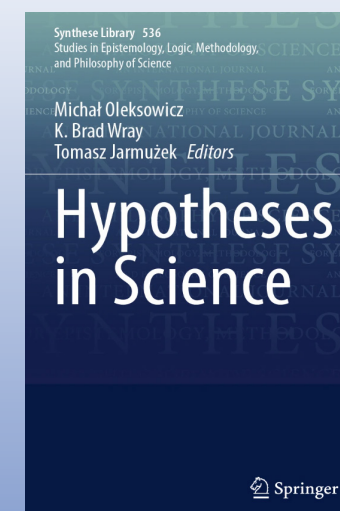
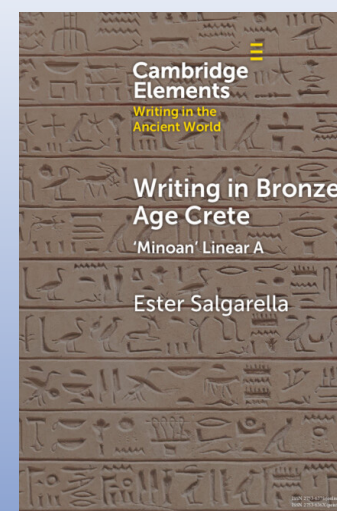
Gordon McMullan is author of the book *Cormorant - A Cultural History of Greed and Prejudice*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2026.

Federica Cavaletti is co-author of the book chapter 'Playing VR Against Itself. Immersive Environments between Hypermediation and Remediation' in: *Virtual Reality Exhibited*. Transcript Publishing, 2026.

K. Brad Wray is co-editor of the book *Hypotheses in Science* and co-author of the chapter: 'Introduction: Rethinking Hypotheses'. Springer Nature, Schweiz, 2026.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen is author of the book chapter 'Tuning in to the East Village Poetry Walk' in: *Poetry, Music, and Sound Art / Lyrik, Musik und Klangkunst* by Rebecka Dürr et al. (eds). De Gruyter, Berlin, 2026.

Rachel Fishberg is co-editor of the book *Europeanized social science: Changes in hierarchies, practices, and institutions* and author of the chapter: 'EU research as unequal Europeanisation? Exploring the less visible navigational work accompanying EU-funded social science collaboration'. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, 2026.



PUBLICATIONS – JOURNAL ARTICLES

Nazik Öğretmen is an executive guest editor of a special journal issue: 'Emerging physical and geochemical proxies in sedimentary paleoclimate studies' in: *Quaternary Science Advances journal*, September 2025.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen is author of the theatre review 'Kan man tage Helmiġ ud af Helmiġ?' in: *Peripeti*, 3 September 2025.

Christian M. Appendini is co-author of the article 'Coastal erosion hazards in northwest Florida due to extreme wind waves generated by tropical cyclones' in: *Coastal Engineering*, 8 September 2025.

Christian M. Appendini is co-author of the article 'C-Xool: ERA5 Atmospheric boundary conditions toolbox for ocean modelling with ROMS, Version 1' in: *SoftwareX*, 12 September 2025.

Andrei Kalinichev is author of the article 'From Signal to Significance: Why Sensors Need Culture' in: *ACS Sensors*, 20 September 2025.

Federica Cavaletti is author of the article 'To tell or not to tell: Instagram narrations, lived time, and the construction of the "adventurous" self' in: *Comunicazioni Sociali*, October 2025.

Ester Salgarella is co-author of the article 'On Aegean spices: Decipherment prospects on Linear A & B spice-related signs' in: *Kadmos* 64, 9 October 2025.

Andreas Roepstorff is co-author of the article 'Health logics in and beyond the laboratory: Medicine, public health, and pandemic governance in Denmark' in: *Social Science & Medicine*, 16 October 2025.

Andrei Kalinichev is first-author of the article 'Spatially Patterned Grid Optodes for Simultaneous Multiparameter Chemical Imaging' in: *ACS Sensors*, 18 October 2025.

Mariola Pytliková is co-author of the article 'Migratory Responses to Air Pollution Reduction: Evidence from Large-scale Desulfurization Programme' in: *European Economic Review*, 23 October 2025.

Bruna Neves de Freitas is co-author of the article 'A Comparative Study of Virtual Reality and Traditional Methods for Surgical Instrument Training' in: *Journal of Dental Education*, 23 October 2025.

Andrei Kalinichev is corresponding author of the article 'Revisiting camera-based calibration of oxygen optodes: Error sources, empirical alternatives, and practical guidelines for end-users' in: *Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical*, 27 October 2025.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen is author of the article 'Poetry Slam' in: *Lex: Danmarks Nationalleksikon*, 2025.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen is author of the article 'Rytme i litteraturen' in: *Lex: Danmarks Nationalleksikon*, 2025.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen is author of the article 'Stemmen i litteraturen' in: *Lex: Danmarks Nationalleksikon*, 2025.

Andrei Kalinichev is co-author of the article 'Not all those who drift are lost: Drift correction and calibration scheduling for the IoT' in: *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*, 3 November 2025.

Dario Campisi is co-author of the article 'Quantifying the force regime of pyrene adsorption on anatase' in: *Icarus*, 6 November 2025.

Malene Friis Hansen is corresponding author of the article 'Human-macaque Co-construction of Behav-iours: Sharing Spaces, Sharing Food, Sharing Lives' in: *International Journal of Primatology*, 8 November 2025.

Federica Cavaletti is co-author of the article 'The perception of time in digital environments: a patient-centred approach to using Virtual Reality to enhance well-being during chemotherapy' in: *Journal of Inclusive Meth-odology and Technology in Learning and Teaching*, 21 November 2025.

Laura Nissin is co-author of the article 'Deep Listening the ancient fora of Pompeii, Rome and Ostia' in: *Senses and Society*, 24 November 2025.

Rachel Fishberg is first author of the article 'The infrastructure of interdisciplinarity for EU research: institutional configurations and collaborative practices for the SSH disciplines' in: *Science as Culture*, 24 November 2025.

Laura Nissin is co-author of the article 'Mobile Computing for Classical Archaeology: Smartphone LiDAR Mod-eling of Campanian Features' in: *LOT '25: Proceedings of the 15th International Conference on the Internet of Things*, December 2025.

Masoumeh Rad Goudarzi is author of the article 'Ahmad Qabel's Thoughts on Women's Equal Right to Divorce in Islam: A Reinterpretation of Shari'a by a Shi'a Reformist Cleric in Favor of Gender Equality and Justice' in: *Digest of Middle East Studies*, 2 December 2025.

Anna Maria Langmüller is author of the article 'Digest: Winter Is Coming: Overwintering Selection and the Cost of Insecticide Resistance in Fruit Flies' in: *Evolution*, 22 December 2025.

Anna Maria Langmüller is first-author and co-corresponding author of the article 'Gaussian process emulation for exploring complex infectious disease models' in: *PLOS Computational Biology*, 29 December 2025.

Ester Salgarella is co-editor of the volume 'The Wor(l)ds of Linear A: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Documents and Inscriptions of a Cretan Bronze Age Script' in: *ASASA(RAME), Athens University Review of Archaeology*, 2026.

Mariola Pytlikova is corresponding author of the article 'Migratory responses to air pollution reduction: Evidence from large-scale desulfurization programme' in: *European Economic Review*, January 2026.

Christian M. Appendini is corresponding author of the article 'Assessment of synthetic tropical cyclones in the North Atlantic Basin' in: *Atmospheric Research*, January 2026.

Iwona Janicka and **Tobias Skiveren** are co-authors of the article 'Introduction: Sensorial Tactics in an Era of Socioecological Collapse' in: *Theory & Event*, January 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen is co-author of the article 'Introduction to the Special Issue on Managing and Understanding Synanthropic Primates' in: *International Journal of Primatology*, 3 January 2026.

Rachel Fishberg is co-author of the article 'Convergences and Gaps between Environmental Ethics, Climate Ethics, and Research Ethics: A Scoping Review' in: *Science and Engineering Ethics*, 12 January 2026.

Christian M. Appendini is co-author of the article 'Coastal erosion hazards in northwest Florida due to extreme wind waves generated by tropical cyclones' in: *Coastal Engineering*, 15 January 2026.

Bruna Neves de Freitas is corresponding author of the article 'Endocrown and intraoral scanning: a segmented analysis of mesh trueness from six scanners' in: *Journal of Dentistry*, 16 January 2026.

Christian Damsgaard is first-author and **Joanna Kalucka** and **Catherine Williams** are co-authors of the article 'Oxygen-free metabolism in the bird inner retina supported by the pecten' in: *Nature*, 21 January 2026.

Federica Cavaletti is co-author of the article 'Aesthetics Meets Oncology: A Participatory Design Project to Speed Up Time Passage in Chemotherapy Through Virtual Reality' in: *Proof of Concept Project TIMELAPS*, 2026.

Matteo de Donà is author of the article 'What does legitimacy mean within sustainable development? A scoping review' in: *Nature, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 23 January 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen is corresponding author of the article 'The evolution of the concepts of 'primate culture' in Western science' in: *Primates*, 13 February 2026.

Pierre Louis du Plessis is co-author of the article 'Infrastructural cascades: Trophic infrastructures of the capitalist "superomnivore" and their ecological ripple effects' in: *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*, 17 February 2026.

Christian M. Appendini is co-author of the article 'The devastating impact of the category 5 hurricane Otis on Mexico's pacific coast' in: *Natural Hazards*, 24 February 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen is joint first-author of the article 'Unregulated Human Provisioning of Primates: Advice for Conservation Practitioners' in: *The Section on Human-Primate Interactions of the IUCN SSC Primate Specialist Group*, 2026.

Federica Cavaletti is co-author of the article 'Micro-Phenomenology as a Method for Informing Experimental Design: A Case Study Regarding Time Perception' in: *Constructivist Foundations*, March 2026.

Federica Cavaletti is co-author of the article 'Authors Response: Keeping a Weather Eye Open: Not Hasty Truths But Fruitful Doubts' in: *Constructivist Foundations*, March 2026.

Elena-Daniela Ana is author of the book review 'Welcome to Soylandia: Transnational Farmers in the Brazilian Cerrado' in: *Ethnos*, 3 March 2026.

Christian M. Appendini is co-author of the article 'Quantifying Drag on Floating Sargassum Patches Under Combined Air and Water Forcing' in: *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 11 March 2026.

Dario Campisi is co-author of the article 'Broadband spectroscopy of astrophysical ice analogues - IV. Optical constants of N2 ice in the terahertz and mid-infrared ranges' in: *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 20 March 2026.

Bruna Neves de Freitas is co-author of the article 'Deep learning-driven super-resolution for cone-beam com-puted tomography: An ex vivo proof-of-concept study using artificially degraded micro-computed tomography data' in: *Imaging Science in Dentistry*, 14 April 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen is co-author of the article 'Phylogenetic Patterns in Hunting and Extinction Risk in Primates' in: *Animal Conservation*, 15 April 2026.

Federica Cavaletti is author of the article 'It Takes... Three! Enhancing Phenomenological Evidence in the Triangulation Approach to Aesthetic Experience' in: *Argumenta*, May 2026.

Bruna Neves de Freitas is co-author of the article 'Intraoral scanning of endocrown preparation on natural teeth in an in-vitro setting: a segmented trueness analysis' in: *International Journal of Computerized Dentistry*, 8 May 2026.

Donna Briggs Bødtker is co-author of the review 'Ca2+-Activated Cl- Channels: Do Bestrophins and TMEM16A Interact?' in: *Acta Physiologica*, 12 May 2026.

Donna Briggs Bødtker is co-author of the review 'Lymphatic Matters in Heart Disease: Systemic and Cardiac Perspectives' in: *Physiology (Bethesda)*, 13 May 2026.

Kwadwo Opoku is corresponding author of the article 'Bivariate probit analysis of determinants of health status and health care seeking behaviour among the older persons in Ghana' in: *International Journal of Social Economics*, 19 May 2026.

Kwadwo Opoku is co-author of the article 'The Causal Influence of Pension on the Participation of Older Workers in the Ghanaian Labour Market' in: *Social Sciences and Humanities Open*, June 2026.

Andrei Kalinichev is corresponding author of the article ‘From the ground to the data cloud: what limits chemi-cal sensor networks from reaching their full potential and what can be done to overcome those challenges’ in: *TrAC Trends in Analytical Chemistry*, 15 June 2026.

Bruna Neves de Freitas is co-author of the article ‘An Exploratory Comparative Analysis of Mixed Reality Simu-lation Versus 3D-Printed Models for Undergraduate Training in Third Molar Removal’ in: *Journal of Dental Education*, 25 June 2026.

Nazik Öğretmen is corresponding author of the article ‘Coastal strip of the Levantine Corridor for the Calabri-an (late Early Pleistocene) hominin migration’ in: *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*, July 2026.

Bruna Neves de Freitas is co-author of the article ‘A noise-aware attention denoising autoencoder for dental panoramic radiographs’ in: *Biomedical Signal Processing and Control*, 27 July 2026.

ORAL, ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Ester Salgarella gave the talk ‘E pluribus unum. Re-evaluating the Linear A syllabary’ at the 16th Colloquium on Mycenaean Studies, Madrid, Spain, 3-6 September 2025.

Andrei Kalinichev gave the poster presentation ‘Recent Advances in Multiparameter 2D Chemical Imaging of Environmental Samples with Optical Sensors (Optodes)’ at the 37th European Conference on Solid-State Transducers Eurosensors 2025, Wrocław, Poland, 7-10 September 2025.

Christian M. Appendini gave the talk ‘Redefining Extreme Wave Design in the Gulf of Mexico with Synthetic Tropical Cyclones’ at the 4th International Workshop on Waves, Storm Surges, and Coastal Hazards, Santander, Spain, 22-26 September 2025.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen gave the online talk ‘Multistable audiobook reading’ at RITMO Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Rhythm, Time and Motion, Oslo University, Norway, 24 September 2025.

Dario Campisi gave the poster presentation ‘Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons: Templates for the Origin of Life?’ at the conference Astrochemistry: From Quantum to Cosmos, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, 21-24 October 2025.

Magda Hamczyk gave the poster presentation ‘Mechanisms of adventitial thickening in atheroprone progeroid mice’ at The Progeria Research Foundation 12th International Scientific Workshop, Massachusetts, USA, 29-31 October 2025.

Elena-Daniela Ana gave the talk ‘Human-soil relations, transnational farming, and emerging socioecologies in Romania’s agricultural landscapes’ at the Future Landscapes : A Land-CRAFT/SustainScapes Online Seminar Series, 30 October 2025.

Kwadwo Opoku gave the presentation ‘Extending Social Pension to Informal Workers in Ghana: Impacts on Welfare, Savings and Fiscal Policy’ at the Gender Equitable and Transformative Social Policy for Africa (GETSPA) 3rd Annual Conference at the University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana, 12 November 2025.

Elena-Daniela Ana gave the talk ‘Human-environment relations across agri-food ecologies: anthropological perspectives’ at Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Aarhus University, Denmark, 13 November 2025.

Federica Cavaletti gave the talk ‘The TIMELAPSE project. Designing and testing a VR application for speeding up time passage during chemotherapy’ at Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University, Denmark, 14 November 2025.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen gave the talk ‘Curating reading of literature in a digital age’ at the conference ‘Doing Audiobook Research: Local Voices, National Markets, Global Contexts’, University of Münster, Germany, 17 November 2025.

Andreas Roepstorff gave the talk ‘Kunstig intelligens: fra IT til samfund’ in the public talks series ‘Offentlige foredrag i Naturvidenskab’ from Aarhus University, livestreamed to hundreds of venues across Denmark, 18 November 2025.

Magda Hamczyk gave the poster presentation ‘Lineage tracing uncovers endothelial origin of mesenchymal-like cells in progeroid atheromas’ at the 6th Annual Meeting of the Cardiovascular Network, Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark, 19 November 2025.

Federica Cavaletti gave the talk ‘Radically Shame-less. Unpolite Strategies for Building a Neurodiverse Academia’ at the International Conference Negative Emotions, Hatred, and Discrimination, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy, 19-21 November 2025.

Magda Hamczyk gave the talk ‘Lineage tracing uncovers endothelial origin of mesenchymal-like cells in progeroid atheromas’ at the 8th Annual Research Meeting 2025, Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark, 25 November 2025.

Elena-Daniela Ana gave the talk ‘Soil conservation regimes in Romania’s drying south-east: governance, soil life, and the future of extractivism in a changing climate’ at Centre for Environmental Humanities, Aarhus University, Denmark, 26 November 2025.

Federica Cavaletti gave the talk ‘TIMELAPSE’s origins and theoretical framework’ and co-organized the international conference Finding the Flow. Ontological, Phenomenological, and Methodological Perspectives on Subjective Time, University of Milan, Italy, 28 November 2025.

Federica Cavaletti gave the talk ‘TIMELAPSE’s trial results’ and co-organized the international conference Finding the Flow. Ontological, Phenomenological, and Methodological Perspectives on Subjective Time, University of Milan, Italy, 28 November 2025.

Federica Cavaletti gave the talk ‘Improving Neurodiverse Cooperation in Academic Research: A Study on (Shared) Time Experience’ at Interdisciplinary Phenomenology Cluster, Danish Institute of Advanced Study, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark, 2 December 2025.

Federica Cavaletti gave the talk ‘From Theory to Practice, and Back: Calibrating the Usage of VR in Therapeutic Settings’ at the conference Aesthetics and Therapeia, University of Salerno, Italy, 9 December 2025.

Maria Rentetzi moderated the plenary session on ‘Values and Ethics of Science Diplomacy’ at the 2nd EU Science Diplomacy Conference Bridging divides in a fragmented world, Copenhagen, Denmark, 17-18 December 2025.

Rachel Fishberg gave the talk ‘Universities on the Frontlines of Science Diplomacy’ at the 2nd EU Science Diplomacy Conference Bridging divides in a fragmented world, Copenhagen, Denmark, 17-18 December 2025.

Casper Andersen joined as panellist in the plenary session ‘Securitization of Science and its Impact on Science Diplomacy’ and presented at the panel ‘Where are the Publics in Science Diplomacy?’ at the 2nd EU Science Diplomacy Conference Bridging divides in a fragmented world, Copenhagen, Denmark, 17-18 December 2025.

Anna Maria Langmüller gave the talk ‘Rapid evolution in a changing world’ at Center for Quantitative Genetics and Genomics, Aarhus University, Denmark, January 2026.

Elisabetta Ferrari gave a talk about her research on mutual aid in the community-building event ‘Prepared but not a Prepper: Smart emergency planning & mutual aid practice’ organized by The Big Hope Project, USA, 5 February 2026.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen gave the talk ‘Social rhythms of digital reading’ at the Association for the Study of Australian Literature Conference, Australian National University, Australia 10 February 2026.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen gave the talk ‘Acoustic rhythms of reading’ at the Association for the Study of Australian Literature Conference, Australian National University, Australia, 12 February 2026.

Magda Rita Hamczyk was a facilitator of a Masterclass on Grant Writing and Grant Processing and a co-chair of the oral presentation sessions at the Danish Cardiovascular Academy Winter Meeting, DFDS Oslo Ferry & Norefjell Conference Center, Norway, 24-28 February 2026.

Nazik Öğretmen gave the online talk ‘Deep-sea benthic foraminiferal Na/Ca from warm and saline Mediterranean Outflow Water (Gulf of Cadiz)’ at the FORAMS2026 Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA, 26 February 2026.

Nazik Öğretmen gave a poster presentation ‘A Snapshot of the Early Pleistocene Mediterranean Outflow Water salinity and temperature variation’ at AGU Ocean Sciences Meeting, Scottish Event Campus, UK, 26 February 2026.

Christian M. Appendini gave the talk ‘Empowering schools and communities through citizen science for coastal monitoring and sargassum management in the Mexican Caribbean’ at the ECSA2026: Citizen Science between Centre and Periphery, Oulu, Finland, 3 - 6 March 2026.

Magda Rita Hamczyk gave the talk ‘Lineage tracing uncovers endothelial origin of mesenchymal-like cells in progeroid atheromas’ at the 32nd Annual Scandinavian Atherosclerosis Conference, Krogerup Højskole, Humlebæk, Denmark, 18-21 March 2026.

Elisabetta Ferrari gave the talk ‘Technologies of solidarity: Mutual aid activism and digital platforms,’ School of Communication and Culture, Aarhus University, Denmark, 19 March 2026.

Christian M. Appendini organised the ‘First Meeting of Schools on Project-Based Learning on Sargassum (ABP-Sargazo): Building Networks,’ Cozumel, Mexico, 24 March 2026.

Donna Briggs Bedtker gave the talk ‘Making Discovery Public: Thomas Bartholin and the Circulation of Lymphatic Anatomy’ at the Centre of Science Studies Colloquium, Aarhus University, Denmark, 25 March 2026.

Dario Campisi gave the talk ‘Can Interstellar Adenine Form via Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Templating?’ at the AUNAB Research Meeting on Simulating Life-Like Systems, Aarhus University, Denmark, 27 March 2026.

Andrei Kalinichev gave the talk ‘Toward intelligent 2D luminescence-based imaging for multiparameter chemical mapping’ at EUROPT(R)ODE Conference 2026, Volkshaus Jena, Germany, 30 March 2026.

Dario Campisi gave the speed-lecture ‘Life’s ingredients in a molecular universe’ and participated in the stand activity on ‘Tid, støv og stjerner’ at The Festival of Research, Aarhus University, Denmark, 22 April 2026.

Emily Cockayne gave the talk ‘Nineteenth-Century Plastics: Alchemy, Alterity and Artificiality’ at the symposium Mining Modernity: Aesthetics with/out Extraction at the Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Norway, 22 April 2026.

Bharti Arora gave the online talk ‘Contours of Feminist Activism: Reimagining Decolonial Futures through Indian Women’s Writing’ at the conference Moving Towards Egalitarian Horizons: The Poetics, Politics, Practice and Praxis of Inclusion, University of Delhi, India, 29 April 2026.

Dario Campisi gave a poster presentation on Collisional Monte Carlo Energy Transfer for Vibrational-to-Translational (COMET-VT) Dynamics with Adaptive Local Correlation Embedding (ALCE)’ at the Workshop on new Methods in Astrochemistry, Aarhus University, Denmark, 4 May 2026.

Dario Campisi gave the talk ‘MicroTS: A Smart Adaptive Algorithm for Activation Energies on Astrochemical Surfaces’ at the workshop on new Methods in Astrochemistry, Aarhus University, Denmark, 6 May 2026.

Christian M. Appendini gave the talk ‘Tropical cyclones and climate change - redefining design parameters’ at the Division of Water Resources Engineering, Lund University, Sweden, 12 May 2026.

Bharti Arora gave the talk 'Remapping Sensualities and (Queer) Desires in Select Indian Literary Narratives', University of Manchester, UK, 15 May 2026.

Bharti Arora gave the talk 'Politico-Aesthetics of Solidarity in Indian Literary Narratives on Social Movements' at the IASH symposium Cultures of Solidarity in Global South Movements: Past and Present, University of Edinburgh, UK, 18 May 2026.

Magda Rita Hamczyk gave the talk 'Novel Mechanisms Behind Accelerated Vascular Disease in Progeria' at Aarhus University, Denmark, 18 May 2026.

Elena-Daniela Ana gave the talk 'Drying landscapes, shifting practices: Unequal green transition and transnational farming in Romania' at the conference The Greyzone of the Green Transition: Environmental Inequalities in Central and Eastern Europe at the Lucian Blaga University, Romania, 18 May 2026.

Federica Cavaletti gave the talk "'Our Time is Now": Reclaiming One's Future, and its Emotional Correlates' at the Anticipation and Aesthetics - Nordic Society for Aesthetics Annual Conference, Aarhus University, Denmark, 19 May 2026.

Donna Briggs Bødtker gave the talk 'Translating the Invisible: Thomas Bartholin, the English Print Market, and the Vernacular Reception of the Lymphatic System' at the Colloquium in History of Ideas and Sciences, Lund University, Sweden, 20 May 2026.

Andrei Kalinichev participated in two stand activities on 'Sensorer til jord og landbrug – udforsk den levende jords kompleksitet' and 'Sensorer til iltmåling – udforsk "døde zoner" i vandet' at Naturmødet 2026, Hirtshals, Denmark, 28-29 May 2026.

Bharti Arora gave the talk 'Decolonial Praxis of Land Rights versus Bureaucratic Inscriptions of Nation-State', University of Tübingen, Germany, 1 June 2026.

Elena-Daniela Ana gave an invited lecture on "Keep calm and be proud of Wine of Moldova". Looking at Moldovan wine anthropologically in a globalized world.' at the Department of Southeast European Studies, University of Regensburg, Germany, 2 June 2026.

Elisabetta Ferrari gave three talks on 'Whose Protest Counts? Power and Exclusion in Online Activism', 'Reflections on the Past and Future of Activism, Communication and Social Justice Division' and 'Technocratic Ambitions, Populist Justifications: The Discursive Legitimation of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)' at the 2026 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), South Africa, 4 – 8 June 2026.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen gave a talk at the 'Experimental Forms Workshop: Rhythms in Writing', Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Denmark, 12 June 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen gave the talk 'Human- wildlife food sharing and the consequences for co-cultures and coexistence' and co-organized the symposium 'Part 1: Food for thought? Understanding the drivers of provisioning of primates and other wildlife across the globe' and the workshop 'Part 2: Food for thought? Understanding taxonomic and geographic variation in wildlife provisioning across the globe' at the Pathways Europe Conference, Oxford Brookes University, UK, 14-17 June 2026.

Andrei Kalinichev gave the talk 'Rethinking Optical Chemical Imaging: New Platforms and Readout Strategies for Complex Systems' at the conference Matrafured 2026, Visegrad, Hungary, 16 June 2026.

Elena-Daniela Ana gave the talk 'Soil and the politics of wine heritage in Moldova' at the online workshop Viti-Vinicultural Heritage co-organised by University of Southampton, University of Burgundy and University of Edinburgh, UK, 23 June 2026.

Anna Maria Langmüller gave the poster presentation 'Assessing the potential of evolution-informed conservation in Danish butterfly populations' at The Annual Meeting of the Society for Molecular Biology & Evolution, Copenhagen, Denmark, 29 June 2026.

Bharti Arora gave the talk 'Re-framing Citizenship as Hope and Solidarity in Selected Literary Narratives of Post-independence India' at the ICA Workshop-Pluralities of Resonant Relationships, Erfurt, Germany, 29 June - 3 July 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen gave the talk 'Towards a Cultural Biology – and the path to get there' at the Department of Animal and Veterinary Science, Aarhus University, 2026.

Rachel Fishberg gave the talk 'Research Security in Practice: Technologies of Risk Management and the Institutionalisation of Security in Danish Universities', Manchester, UK, 2026.

Bharti Arora co-organised the symposium Literature and the Arts as Sites of Resistance and Solidarities at the summer session of Nordic Summer University in Saulkrasti, Latvia, 24 -31 July 2026.

Elisabetta Ferrari gave the talk 'Participatory and creative methods to understand queer digital lives' at the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) Flashpoint symposium Imagining and Co-creating Methods for Internet Research, Malmö, Sweden, 12 August 2026.

AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS AND GRANTS

Ester Salgarella was appointed a member of the Digital Classicist Wiki Editorial Board, September 2025.

Elisabetta Ferrari was awarded a 3-year membership of the Young Academy for Cultures and Societies Research at the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, October 2025.

Ester Salgarella was awarded a HIAS Tandem Fellowship by the Hamburg Institute of Advanced Study for the academic year 2026-27 as tandem partner with the Hamburg Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures. Awarded: October 2025.

Magda Rita Hamczyk received a travel grant of DKK 5000 from the Danish Cardiovascular Academy to attend The Progeria Research Foundation 12th International Scientific Workshop. Awarded: October 2025.

Dario Campisi was awarded a DeiC grant of 700000 CPU hours of computing time on the Danish national e-resources to run calculations on the LUMI supercomputer (the European pre-exascale system) at the CSC datacentre, Finland. Awarded by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and a consortium of countries, including Denmark. Awarded: November 2025.

Casper Andersen and **Maria Rentetzi** was appointed co-chairs of the European Science Diplomacy Alliance for the term 2026-2027. Appointed: December 2025.

Bharti Arora was awarded a Carlsberg Conference Grant of DKK 68,400 for the conference 'Social (In)justice, Indigeneity and Coloniallingualism: Recognition, Resistance and Re-Existence'. Awarded: 2025.

Donna Briggs Bødtker was awarded a research travel grant to go to the Osler Library to study the McGill dissection room records (1883–1908) and the Richard L. MacDonnell Collection. Awarded: March 2026.

Elisabetta Ferrari was awarded an Open Society Fellowship at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Central European University for 2026/2027. Awarded: March 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen was appointed Co-vice Chair of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Species Survival Commission, Primate Specialist Group, Section on Human-Primate Interactions, 2026.

Pierre du Plessis was awarded a Carlsberg Conference Grant of DKK 79,300 for the conference 'The Politics of Traceability: How Knowledge, Artifacts, and Beings Have Been Tracked'. Awarded: March 2026.

Ester Salgarella was awarded the 2026 Michael Ventris Award in Mycenaean Studies from the Institute of Classical Studies, London. The Award will allow her to develop the first digital edition of the Linear A corpus in close collaboration with researchers in London and Oslo. Awarded: April 2026.

Anneke Kampman was awarded a Mads Øvlisen Postdoc grant of DKK 2,220,000 by the Novo Nordisk Foundation for her project entitled 'Operational Personalities: Life-Casting, Livestream Labour, and the Choreography of Algorithmic Subjectivity'. Awarded: May 2026.



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AIAS Welcome Lunch, September 2025.

Andrei Kalinichev was awarded a Carlsberg Conference Grant (CF26-0375) of DKK 32,875 for the conference 'InterSensing Vol. 1 — Environmental Sensing Across Sciences and Humanities'. Awarded: 20 May 2026.

Elisabetta Ferrari was awarded the 2026 Outstanding Book Award from the Activism, Communication and Social Justice Division of the International Communication Association (ICA) for her book *Appropriate Negotiate Challenge*. Awarded: 6 June 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen was awarded a Re:wild grant of USD 5000 from the Re:wild foundation. Awarded: 2026.

Nazik Ögretmen was awarded an Erasmus+ grant of EUR 1,541 for teaching activities at EU-IMBRSea Joint Summer School for master's degree students on 2-15 August 2026 at Tjärnö Marine Station, Gothenburg University, Sweden. Awarded: 2026.

Casper Andersen was awarded a Carlsberg Conference Grant of DKK 60,000 for the conference 'Imagining New Ground for Science Diplomacy'. Awarded: May 2026.

Nazik Ögretmen was awarded a Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) grant of EUR 1,600 within COST Action CA23124 to go to ZMT-Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research in Bremen. Awarded: 2026.

Bharti Arora was awarded a Study Circle Grant from the Nordic Summer University (NSU) for the Study Circle: Re-configuring Colonialities: Reforging Knowledges, Healing Trauma and Re-Imagining (Digital) Futures. Awarded: 2026.

Pierre du Plessis was awarded a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant of DKK 6,3 million from the Independent Research Fund Denmark for his project 'Beyond the Hoof: How Cattle Production Shaped the Landscapes and Anthropological Knowledge of the Kalahari Desert.' Awarded: June 2026.

Elisabetta Ferrari was awarded a FIAS Fellowship from the Montpellier Advanced Knowledge Institute on Transitions for 2027/2028. Awarded: June 2026.

IN THE MEDIA

Christian M. Appendini gave an interview to Spanish newspaper *EL DIARIO Montañés* on his research in ocean engineering and coastal management for the article 'Cumbre en la UC sobre oleaje, nivel del mar y riesgos costeros con investigadores de 31 países,' in: *EL DIARIO Montañés* , 26 September 2025.

Malene Friis Hansen gave an interview to *Mongabay* for the article 'IUCN upholds long-tailed macaques' endangered status after complaint' on: *Mongabay*, 15 October 2025.

Malene Friis Hansen gave an interview to *Science* for the article 'Common research monkey is endangered, conservation group confirms' in: *Science*, 17 October 2025.

Malene Friis Hansen gave an interview for the article 'Industri fik ikke held med at ændre truet-status for forsøgsabe' in *Ritzau*, 29 October 2025.

Malene Friis Hansen's research was mentioned in the podcast series *Det billige skidt med Holm og Klein*, in the episode 'Armlægning om forsøgsaber, pansernæsehorn på byvandring og regulering af rågeunger i Aalborg', 3 November 2025.

Andreas Roepstorff gave an interview to the Danish national broadcast DR P1 podcast series 'Supertanker' for the episode 'Bæredygtig og "væredygtig" - i det lange løb?' [on sustainability and 'inner' sustainability - play the long game?], 24 November 2025.

Elisabetti Ferrari gave an interview for the The New Books Network podcast series on her recent book *Appropriate, Negotiate, Challenge. Activist Imaginaries and the Politics of Digital Technologies*, 29 November 2025.

Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen gave an interview to the Danish national broadcast DR LYD podcast series 'Genstart' for the episode 'Lyden af en god bog' [The sound of a good book] on: *dr.dk*, 2 December 2025.

Malene Friis Hansen gave an interview for the article 'Menneskets brutale slægtning kan have en evolutionær fordel' on: *Videnskab.dk*, 4 December 2025.

Andreas Roepstorff and **Malene Friis Hansen** gave an interview to the Danish national broadcast DR P1 podcast series 'Pilgrim' for the episode 'Bevidsthedens gåde' [The riddle of consciousness] on: *dr.dk*, 7 December 2025.

Malene Friis Hansen gave an interview to the Danish broadcast station TV2 morning show *Go' morgen Danmark* on her research in the primate species Long-Tailed Macaque, February 2026.

Federica Cavaletti gave an interview to the AIAS iPerspectives Podcast series for the episode: 'Time experience, and why it matters', 11 March 2026.

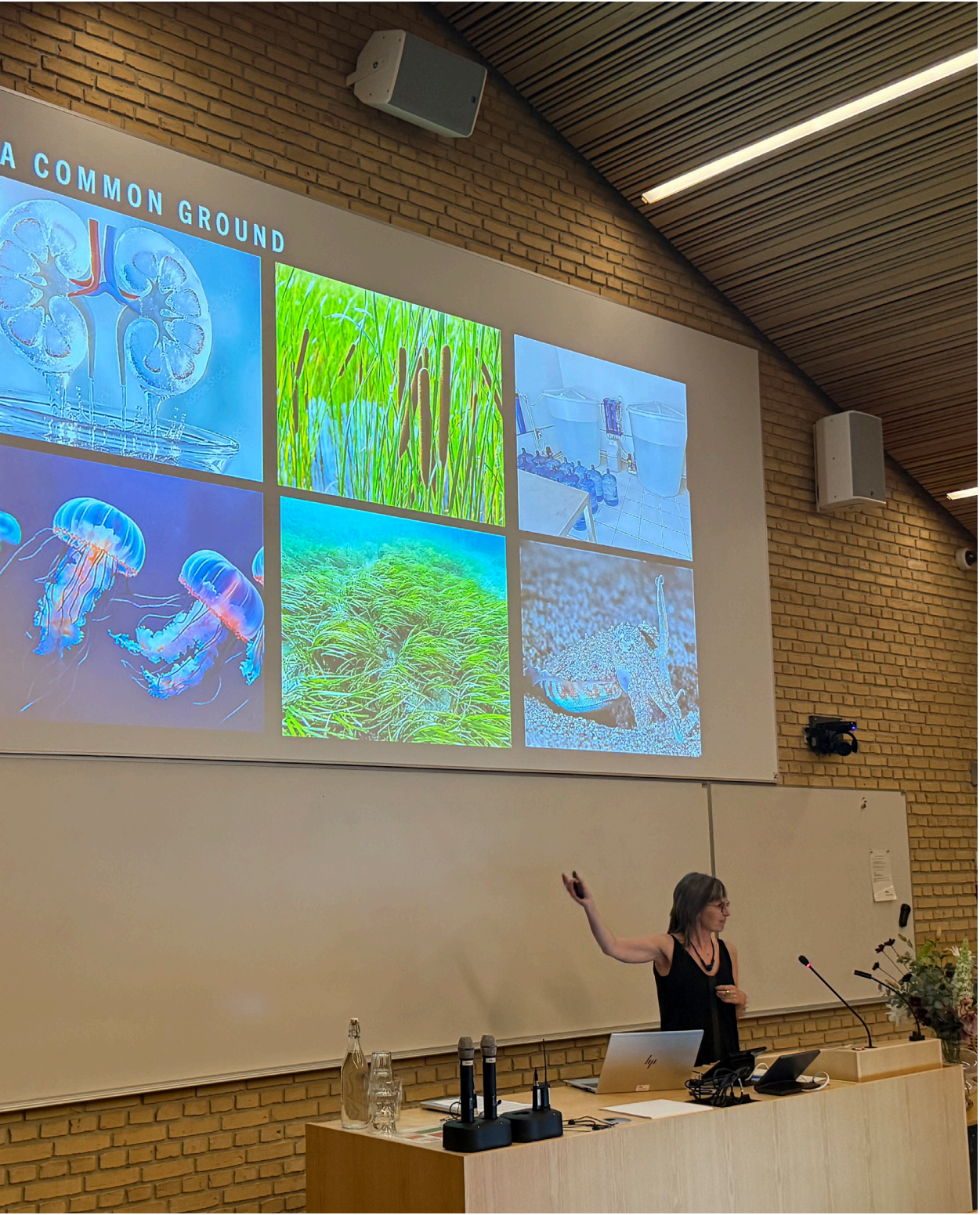
Christian M. Appendini gave an interview to Spanish newspaper *El Pais* for the article 'Sargassum is here to stay: the 2026 season is coming early and will be more intense', 30 March 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen gave an interview to the Danish newspaper *Politiken* for the article '»Helvede brød løs«: I over 10 år har to grupper chimpanser udkæmpet en voldsom konflikt', 11 April 2026.

Dario Campisi gave an interview to the AIAS iPerspectives Podcast Series for the episode: 'Where Quantum Chemistry Meets Astronomy: Tracing Life's Origins', 4 June 2026.

Christian M. Appendini gave an interview to a Mexican News Network *Aristegui Noticias* on sargassums, 5 June 2026.

Malene Friis Hansen gave an interview for the podcast series *Hvorfor er jeg leder?* for the episode 'Er der sammenhænge mellem aber, hierarkier og moderne ledelse?', 9 June 2026.



↑ Presentation by AIAS Former Fellow Ciara Kierans at the AIAS Summer Gathering 2026.

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EVENTS AT AIAS



In this section, you can find a **selection of the events at AIAS** organised by the AIAS fellows, by Aarhus University faculty members or by external collaborators in the year of 2025-2026. We hope the great variation in topics and formats will inspire you. AIAS is always open for **collaboration and exchange...**



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Sociologist Hartmut Rosa in conversation with Professor Lene Holm Pedersen, University of Copenhagen, member of the Danish Power Inquiry/ Magtudredningen 2.0 and Head of Department Henrik Reintoft Christensen, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University, researcher in the project Afmagt.dk. Moderated by AIAS Director Andreas Roepstorff. Fourth Science & the Flavour of Aarhus talk, 26 April 2026.

EVENTS AT AIAS

Cross-faculty Research Group Leader Network: Meeting for research group leaders of Aarhus University. Organized by: AIAS Former Fellows Corina-Gabriela Ciobotaru (Mathematics) and Christian Damsgaard (Biology), 1 September 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: Introduction Research Presentations by new AIAS Fellows and Associates, 3 September 2025.

Film Screening and panel debate: 'Tukdam: Between Worlds.' Screening of the award-winning film, followed by a panel debate with Andreas Roepstorff, Hanne Bess Boelsbjerg and Martijn van Beek from the Dept. of Anthropology, Aarhus University, 4 September 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Knowledge-Making from Dissection to Discourse: Bartholin's Discovery of the Lymphatic System and the Afterlife of Invisible Anatomy' by Carlsberg Monograph Fellow Donna Briggs Bødtker, Dept. of Biomedicine, Aarhus University, 8 September 2025.

AIAS Long Table Discussion: with Professor of Philosophy Rob Wilson, University of Western Australia organised by AIAS, 10 September 2025.

AIAS Guest Lecture: 'Eugenic Thinking and Transhumanism': Talk by Professor of Philosophy Rob Wilson, University of Western Australia, 10 September 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Minor Tech' by Carlsberg Monograph Fellow Christian Ulrik Andersen, Dept. of Digital Design and Information Studies, Aarhus University, 15 September 2025.

Defense of Higher Doctoral Degree: 'Why cultures persist? Towards a cultural immunology' by Jesper Sørensen, Study of Religion, Aarhus University, 19 September 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Towards a phenomenology of movement praxis' by Carlsberg Monograph Fellow Susanne Ravn, Sports Science and Clinical Biomechanics, University of Southern Denmark, 22 September 2025.

Workshop: In-Between Spaces for Playful Reparation. Organised by the research programmes in Global Studies and Anthropology, Aarhus University, 26 September 2025.

AIAS Relocated Breakfast: Guided tour at Aarhus University Moesgaard Campus & Museum by Professor Felix Riede and Moesgaard Museum Curator Ulrik Høj Johnsen, 26 September 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Show & Tell: The everyday production of veracity and verisimilitude' by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond Fellow Alison Gerber, Dept. of Sociology, Lund University, Sweden, 29 September 2025.

Workshop: Authorships and Research Integrity. Organised by the Faculty of Health, 30 September 2025.

AIAS Book Launch: Seconds to Midnight: A History of Nuclear Weapons. Book author presentation by Science Diplomacy Fellow Casper Andersen and Henry Nielsen, Science Studies, Aarhus University, 1 October 2025.

AIAS Off-Site Seminar: ‘Generative AI: Practices, Impacts, and Responsibilities’, a two-day seminar for AIAS fellows, associates and staff at Sandbjerg Gods, Denmark, 2-3 October 2025.

6th DSEV Annual Symposium 2025: organised by The Danish Society for Extracellular Vesicles, 2 October 2025.

EPoS 25th Anniversary Symposium: organised by Unit for Psycho-Oncology and Health Psychology, Aarhus University, 3 October 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: ‘Empowering students as change-makers through inquiry and collaboration’ by Associate Fellow Sarah Robinson, Centre for Educational Development, Aarhus University, 6 October 2025.

Workshop: Animal Welfare and Breeding: Organised by AIAS Associate Fellow Catherine Williams, Dept. of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Aarhus University, 7 October 2025.

Long Table Discussion: ‘Death and Dying in Carceral America: Rethinking Meanings of Care’ with Professor Lesley Sharp, Columbia University in the City of New York, US, 8 October 2025.

Lecture and Discussion: ‘Enacting peatlands: Negotiations of care and knowledge in Danish agricultural landscapes’ by Freja Marie Hegelund, Dept. of Human Geography, Lund University, Sweden. Organised by the AIAS 3-2-1 Go Theme Group on Comparative Environments, 10 October 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: ‘Tracking Diamonds: How AI and Science Diplomacy Save Colonialism’ by Science Diplomacy Fellow Maria Rentetzi, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, 20 October 2025.

PhD defence: ‘Modeling the direct and indirect effects of cow genome on methane production to breed for less methane emitting cows’ by Naghmeh Saedi, Center for Quantitative Genetics and Genomics, Aarhus University, 20 October 2025.

Biomolecular Design Afternoon: Organised by the interdisciplinary Aarhus University networks AUSBI and AUNAB, Aarhus University, 21 October 2025

Workshop: Kend dit Hav: Organised by Peter Bondo Christensen, Dept. of Ecoscience, Aarhus University, 21 October 2025.

EU project RE4GREEN: Energy Lives! A Project on Infrastructural Citizenship and the Ethics of Green Transitions. Talks by Associate Professor Kristian Hvidtfelt Nielsen and PhD Student Bue Juul Poulsgaard, Dept. of Mathematics, Aarhus University, 22-23 October 2025.

AIAS Workshop: A joint workshop for the cross-faculty 3-2-1-Go! Collaborative Theme Groups at AIAS, 24 October 2025.

AIAS Book Launch: Writing in Bronze Age Crete: ‘Minoan’ Linear A. Talk by author, AIAS-AUFF Fellow Ester Salgarella, 24 October 2025.

Workshop: Experimental Forms. Organised by Associate Fellow Noa Vaisman, Dept. of Anthropology, Aarhus University, 24 October 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: ‘The Master of Fear: Stephen King and the Psychology of Horror’ by Carlsberg Monograph Fellow Mathias Clasen, English Studies, Aarhus University, 27 October 2025.

AUNAB Research Meeting: on the Interdisciplinarity of Artificial Biology organised by the Aarhus University Network on Artificial Biology, 27 October 2025.

DMJX & AU Annual Conference: ‘Hvem taler vi til? Øget brugerdiversitet i forskeres og journalisters formidling.’ Organised by Aarhus University and the Danish School of Media and Journalism, 30 October 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: ‘Life’s Ingredients in a Molecular Universe’ by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Dario Campisi, 3 November 2025.

Cross-faculty Research Group Leader Network: Meeting for research group leaders at Aarhus University. Organised by AIAS Former Fellows Corina-Gabriela Ciobotaru (Mathematics) and Christian Damsgaard (Biology), 3 November 2025.

Information Meeting: on Novo Nordisk Foundation Funding Opportunities. Organised by the Novo Nordisk Foundation and Aarhus University, 4 November 2025.

Workshop: Object play, tool use innovation, and adaptation in humans and beyond: Organised by Elena Miu, School of Communication and Culture, Aarhus University, 4 November 2025.

Documentary film screening and panel debate: ‘SOLUTIONS’. Organised by AIAS and the Aarhus University innovation hub The Kitchen, 5 November 2025.

Workshop: Read_me. Organised by Carlsberg Monograph Fellow Christian Ulrik Andersen, supported by IT-Vest, 6 November 2025.

DARC Distinguished Lecture: ‘100 years of net.art and Cyberfeminism’ by net.artist and cyberfeminist practitioner Cornelia Sollfrank. Organised by Carlsberg Monograph Fellow Christian Ulrik Andersen and Digital Aesthetics Research Center, Aarhus University, 7 November 2025.

AIAS at KLS Seminar: ‘The ‘Minoan’ Linear A Script of Bronze Age Crete. Between Knowns & Unknowns’ by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Ester Salgarella. Organised by Classical Studies, Aarhus University, 7 November 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: ‘Universities on the Frontlines of Science Diplomacy’ by AIAS Science Diplomacy Fellow Rachel Fishberg, The Danish Centre for Studies in Research and Research Policy, Aarhus University, 10 November 2025.

Seminar: ‘Bag arkiverne: Adgang til Danmarks offentlige dokumenter gennem Rigsarkivet.’ Talks by archivists Ditte Wonsyld and Troels Vinther Rasmussen. Organised by AIAS Associate Fellow Tünde Cserpes, Dept. of Management, Aarhus University, 10 November 2025.

Masterclass: Social Science and Humanities in Health: with Professor Eivind Engebretsen, University of Oslo, Norway. Organised by Tine Gehrt and Mette Terp Høybye, Dept. of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University, 12 November 2025.



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Fellows commencement week, September 2025.



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AIAS debate ‘[A]t magt i alle afkroge. Hvor kommer den fra og kan den tæmmes?’, on disempowerment at the annual democracy festival, Folkemødet, on the Danish island of Bornholm. The debate was held on deck the AU research vessel Aurora to foster public and stakeholder engagement, June 2026.

Workshop: Experimental Forms. Organised by Associate Fellow Noa Vaisman, Dept. of Anthropology, Aarhus University, 14 November 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Minimum Endmember of Paleo-salinity Spectrum from Subpolar and Equatorial Deep Ocean: DEEP' by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Nazik Ogretmen, 17 November 2025.

Workshop: Communicating Seasons: Texts, Cultures & Climates. Organised by the research project Seasonal Journalism as Vernacular Phenology, Aarhus University, 17-18 November 2025.

AIAS Science Diplomacy Talk: 'Science Diplomacy and Transnational History: Explorations in US, China, and Europe Scientific Interactions from the Cold War to the Present' by Professor Zuoyue Wang, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, USA. Organised by the AIAS Science Diplomacy Theme Group, 17 November 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Recreating historical non-synthetic plastics: relearning Victorian recycling for environmental good' by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Emily Cockayne, 24 November 2025.

Seminar: Animal Research. Organised by Animal Welfare Body network, Aarhus University, 25 November 2025.

Seminar: Framework for National Space Missions. Organised by Space - Aarhus Space Centre, Aarhus University, 26 November 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Machine-Characters: The Choreographed Subjectivity of Platform Media Performance' by Anneke Kampman, AIAS Artist-in-Residence & London-based artist and Jan Løhmann Stephensen, Aesthetics & Culture and Museology, Aarhus University, 1 December 2025.

Centre Opening: AUNA - Centre for North Atlantic and Arctic Research. Organised by Nanna Schneidermann and Janne Flora, Dept. of Anthropology and Aarhus University Centre for North Atlantic and Arctic Research (AUNA), 5 December 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Striving for epistemic pluralism in the International Seabed Authority (ISA)' by Matteo De Donà, AIAS-Science Diplomacy Fellow, 8 December 2025.

Science & The Flavour of Aarhus: 'From Greenland to Antarctica: shifting contrasts in a time of change': Talk by ecologist Jeff Kerby, Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI), University of Cambridge, UK. Organised by AIAS together with the Arctic Research Centre (ARC), Aarhus University and Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI), University of Cambridge, UK, 8 December 2025.

Talk and Conversation: 'Restoring Riparian Zones on Agricultural Lands' by Karen Lykke, University of Oslo. Organised by Heather Anne Swanson, Center for Environmental Humanities, Aarhus University, 9 December 2025.



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Panel in the AIAS Hall after the Science & The Flavour of Aarhus talk with Jeff Kerby, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, December 2025.

3rd Annual Danish Workshop on Advanced Molecular Simulation. Organised by Anna Duncan, Department of Chemistry, Aarhus University and Weria Pezeshkian, Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, 9-10 December 2025.

AIAS Roundtable Discussion: Geopolitical Risk. For managers/ businesses and researchers. Organised by the AIAS 3-2-1-Go! Theme Group 'When Politics Meets Business', 11 December 2025.

Fifth Annual Aarhus Workshop on Recreational Fear: When Fear is Fun. Organised by Marc Malmdorf Andersen and Mathias Clasen, Recreational Fear Lab, Aarhus University, 12 December 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Rhythm and temporalities of digital reading practices' by Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen, Carlsberg Monograph Fellow at AIAS & Aesthetics and Culture, Aarhus University, 15 December 2025.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Introduction Research Presentations (Part II)'. 3-minute research presentations by old AIAS Fellows and Associates, 19 January 2026.

Symposium: Afmagt.dk og Magtudredningen 2.0. For researchers in the two projects. Organised by AIAS in collaboration with Mikkel Rytter, Afmagt.dk and Michael Bang Petersen, Magtudredningen 2.0, 20 January 2026.

AU SPACE Day 2026. Interdisciplinary seminar organised by the AU Space Centre, 22 January 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Improving Neurodiverse Cooperation in Academic Research: A Study on (Shared) Time Experience' by Federica Cavaletti, AIAS-AUFF Fellow & Università Telematica San Raffaele Roma, Italy, 26 January 2026.

Workshop: Mathematics & AI. Organised by Gergely Berczi, Dept. of Mathematics, Aarhus University; François Charton, Axiom Math; and Geordie Williamson, University of Sydney, 27-30 January 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Towards Sustainable, Inclusive, and Beautiful Built Environment through a Regenerative path: Perspectives and Challenges' by Dionysia Kolokotsa, AIAS Visiting Fellow & School of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Technical University of Crete, Greece, 2 February 2026.

Center Opening: DREAM - Dermatology Research Across Multiple Disciplines. Organised by Søren E. Degn, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biomedicine, Aarhus University, 2 February 2026.

Conference: EPIC-WE - Impact, Recommendations & Youth Empowerment. Organised by EPIC-We Horizon 2020 project and Rikke Toft Nørgård, Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, 4 February 2026.

AIAS Discussion and Reading session: Decolonization and Science Diplomacy. Organised by Casper Andersen, AIAS Science Diplomacy Fellow, 11 February 2026.

AIAS Talk and Conversation: 'From Greenland to Gaza — Roots and Consequences of Sovereignty in Flux' by Moritz Mihatsch, Wenzhou-Kean University, China. Organised by Casper Andersen, AIAS Science Diplomacy Fellow, 13 February 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Towards a Cultural Biology: Exploring the cultural interconnectivity between humans and other animals' by Malene Friis Hansen, AIAS-AUFF Fellow, 16 February 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'The Thick Present: How Memory Makes Matter Conscious' by Rami Gabriel, AIAS Visiting Fellow & Professor of Psychology, Columbia College Chicago, US, 23 February 2026.

AIAS Symposium: Social (In)justice, Indigeneity and Coloniallingualism: Recognition, Resistance and Re-Existence. Organised by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Bharti Arora; Nishat Zaidi, Dept. of English, Jamia Millia Islamia, India; and Suruchi Thapar-Björkert, Dept. of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden, 26 - 27 February 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Diplomacy in Science and the Meaning of Decentralising' by Casper Andersen, AIAS-Science Diplomacy Fellow & School of Culture and Social Society, History of Ideas, Aarhus University, 2 March 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Tracking sleep and dreams and the sense of agency with wearable devices' by Melanie Rosen, AIAS Visiting Fellow from Trent University, Canada, 9 March 2026.

CEH/ AIAS Talk: 'Making society with nonhuman animals: cosmopolitanism and design' by Meredith Root-Bernstein from CNRS, Center for Ecology and Conservation Sciences, Museum of Natural History, France. Organised by The Centre for Environmental Humanities (CEH) at Aarhus University in collaboration with AIAS, 10 March 2026.

AIAS Workshop: Research Management. Organised by AIAS Science Diplomacy Fellow Maria Rentetzi & AIAS, 13 March 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Imaging the image: Towards a bottom-up understanding of visual perception' by Fiona Müllner, AIAS-DANDRITE Fellow & The Danish Research Institute of Translational Neuroscience (DANDRITE), Aarhus University, 16 March 2026.

Talk and Discussion: 'Encrusted entanglements: Concretions from the wreck of HMS St. George' by Museum curator Christopher J. Ries, Strandingsmuseet St. George, Thorsminde. Organised by AIAS Science Diplomacy Fellow Casper Andersen and the AIAS 3-2-1-Go! Theme Group HiCCS, 16 March 2026.

AUNA Seminar: 'Emerging reproductive narratives in small island contexts - Faroese experiences with abortion, fertility treatment and parenthood' by Turið Hermannsdóttir, Dept. of Anthropology, Aarhus University. Organised by Centre for North Atlantic and Arctic Research (AUNA), 19 March 2026.

AIAS Workshop: Current Developments in International Organisations. Talks by Steen Rynning, University of Southern Denmark, director of DIAS; Karen Gram-Skjoldager, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University and Derek Beach, Dept. of Political Science, Aarhus University. Organised by AIAS, 20 March 2026.

Fascinating Images: DNRF Photo exhibition at AIAS: Exhibition and presentations by the winners of the Danish National Research Foundation Photo Competition 2026, 20 March 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Investigating pain across species, and from soft to hard tissues' by atherine Williams, AIAS Associate Fellow & Dept. of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Aarhus University, 23 March 2026.

Conference: AI and the Creative Condition. Organised by The Center for Contemporary Cultures of TEXT and Human-AI Collaboration (HAIC-III), Aarhus University, 23-24 March 2026.

Workshop: H2O: Higher-Order pattern-discovery in High-dimensional data. Interdisciplinary workshop on modern statistical research. Organised by AIAS Associate fellow Christian Hirsch, Dept. of Mathematics, Aarhus University; Nina Dörnemann and Tim Kutta, Aarhus University; Christophe Biscio and Anne Marie Svane, Aalborg University, 30-31 March 2026.

AIAS, HIAS & STIAS debate: Sovereign AI and Epistemic Justice. Organised by Aarhus Institute for Advanced Studies (AIAS), Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study (HIAS), ACTS AI Institute, DIGITAfrica Horizon Project, University of Ngaoundere (EGCIM-CREP) and Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS), 8 April 2026.

Talk and Workshop: Fictionality, Art, and Science. Talk on 'Fictional Spaces of Danish Anatomical Poems' by Ivana Bicak from Bilkent University followed by an interdisciplinary workshop. Organised by the AIAS 3-2-1-Go! Theme group Anatomical Theater, the Centre for the Rise of Science and Fiction, and the Centre for Early Modern Studies, 10 April 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Sustainable Financing of Long-Term Care in Lower Middle-Income Countries' by Kwadwo Opoku, AIAS-AUFF Fellow & Centre for Social Policy Studies, University of Ghana, 13 April 2026.

Annual Symposium 2026: AU Structural Biology and Biophysics Initiative (AUSBI). Organised by the Aarhus University Structural Biology and Biophysics Initiative (AUSBI), 14 April 2026.

AIAS Talk: 'Everything Happens Somewhere: Population Genetics in Continuous Space' by professor Philipp Messer, Cornell University, US. Organised by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Anna Maria Langmüller, 16 April 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Towards a conception of social energy' by Hartmut Rosa, AIAS Honorary Doctorate Fellow & Professor, Director of Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Erfurt University, Germany, 20 April 2026.

Seminar: AU Materials Day 2026. One-day interdisciplinary seminar on materials science at Aarhus University. Organised by AU Materials Research Cluster, Aarhus University, 21 April 2026.

AIAS at the Festival of Research 2026. 20-minute speed lecture on 'Life's Ingredients in a Molecular Universe' by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Dario Campisi. Organised by Aarhus University, 22 April 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Sex, biology, behavior, evolution: why moving beyond binary approaches to humans and other animals is valuable (and necessary)' by Agustín Fuentes, Professor of Anthropology, Princeton University, US & AIAS Visiting Fellow, 27 April 2026.

Science & The Flavour of Aarhus: 'The Atrophy of Discretion? A Plea for Subversion': Talk by Professor Hartmut Rosa, Professor, Friedrich-Schiller-University in Jena, and Director of the Max-Weber-Kolleg at the University of Erfurt, Germany. Organised by AIAS, Magtudredningen 2.0, the Danish Power Inquiry initiated by the Danish Parliament, and the research project Afmagt.dk, 29 April 2026.

AIAS Long Table Discussion: 'Cultural Biology' with Visiting Fellow Augustin Fuentes, Princeton University, US. Organised by AIAS , 29 April 2026.

Friday Jazz at AIAS. Jazz concert by AIAS Visiting Fellow Rami Gabriel, Columbia College Chicago, US, together with Aarhus-based bassist Philip Akrofi, 1 May 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Molecular models of complex and crowded cells membranes' by Anna Duncan, AIAS Associate Fellow & Department of Chemistry, Aarhus University, 4 May 2026.

Workshop on new Methods in Astrochemistry. Five-day workshop on astrochemistry, Organised by the Center for Interstellar Catalysis, Dept. of Physics, Aarhus University, 4-8 May 2026.

AIAS Workshop: The Politics of Traceability: How Knowledge, Artifacts, and Beings Have Been Tracked. Two-day international, interdisciplinary workshop. Organised by AIAS fellows Maria Rentetzi, Malene Friis Hansen and Pierre du Plessis, 5-6 May 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Pluriversality in language technology' by Gertraud Koch, AIAS Visiting Fellow from University of Hamburg, Germany, 11 May 2026.

BLUE Workshop: Corals, Bivalves and Other Invertebrates. Organised by the research project BLUE: Multispecies Ethnographies of Oceans in Crisis at Aarhus University, 13 May 2026.

Conference: Øget social lighed i sundhed. Interdisciplinary conference gathering stakeholders and researchers discussing inequity in health. Organised by DEFACTUM and Aarhus University, 12 May 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Sustainable diets – in a bind between climate, culture and commerce' by Christina C. Dahm, AIAS Associate Fellow & Dept. of Epidemiology, Aarhus University, 18 May 2026.

Conference: Anticipation and Aesthetics. A Nordic Society for Aesthetics Annual Conference organised by Maj Bjørn Ørskov, Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen and Mette-Marie Zacher-Sørensen, Aarhus University, 18-20 May 2026.

Workshop: Knowing as Moving. A one-day seminar on dance research. Organised by Susanne Ravn, University of Southern Denmark & Carlsberg Monograph Fellow at AIAS & AIAS, 21 May 2026.

AUNA Seminar: 'Reparative Encounters: Methods and Considerations of Artistic Research in Locations Impacted by Danish Colonialism' by Daniela Agostinho, Dept. of Digital Design and Information Studies, Aarhus University. Organised by Centre for North Atlantic and Arctic Research (AUNA), 21 May 2026.

Conference: ARCPaC - Arctic Research Community - Past Changes for future. First Annual Conference. Organised by Aarhus University (AU) and the Geological Survey of Greenland and Denmark (GEUS), 26-29 May 2026.

Workshop: Zine-making. A hands-on workshop about zines for creative research dissemination. Organised by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Elisabetta Ferrari, AIAS, 27 May 2026.

AIAS Relocated Breakfast: Visit to the DANDRITE Klawonn Research Group to gain insights into to the neuroscientific work at the centre, DANDRITE, Aarhus University, 22 May 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Have the genome and sequence it too' by Víctor Quesada Fernández, AIAS Visiting Fellow from Universidad de Oviedo, Spain, 1 June 2026.

Workshop: Science Diplomacy meets Pluriversality in Language Technology Recognizing and fos-tering alternate pathways to language technology / AI. Organised by Gertraud Isabel Koch, AIAS Visiting Fellow, University of Hamburg; Rachel Charlotte Smith, Aarhus University; Louis Fendji, University of Ngaoundere, Cameroon; in collaboration with the AIAS Science Diplomacy Group, 1 June 2026.

Symposium: InterSensing Vol. 1. One-day interdisciplinary symposium on sensing organised by Andrei Kalinichev, AIAS-AUFF Fellow & Department of Biology, Aarhus University, 2 June 2026.

PaTHES conference: Imagining Collective Agency in Higher Education - Higher Education Futures for everyone. Organised by Sarah Robinson, AIAS Associate Fellow & Centre for Educational Development (CED), Aarhus University, 2-4 June 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: 'Researching with Indeterminate AI: Hallucinating, Speculating, Provoking, Abducting Scholarship' by oseph Dumit, AIAS Visiting Fellow from University of California Davis, USA, 8 June 2026.

AIAS Workshop: Bridging knowledge: the dynamics of interdisciplinarity. Organised by AIAS-AUFF Fellows Bruna Neves de Freitas and Associate Fellow Mette Terp Høybye, AIAS, 9 June 2026.

Workshop on (In)Voluntary Compliance: Rationales, Drivers, and Alternatives. Organised by Yue Guan, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University, 11 June 2026.

Workshop: Brick by Brick Leadership: Learning Leadership Through Play. Organised by DANWISE, the Danish Society for Women in Science, 11 June 2026.

Workshop: Experimental Forms Workshop: Rhythms in Writing. Led by Line Dalsgaard and Birgitte Stougaard Pedersen and organised by Frederik Vejlin and Noa Vaisman, Dept. of Anthropology, Aarhus University, 12 June 2026.

AIAS Book Launch: Cormorant: A Cultural History of Greed and Prejudice. Organised by AIAS in collaboration with book author and AIAS Former Fellow Gordon McMullan, Kings College London, UK, 12 June 2026.



↑ Conversation over jazz by AIAS Visiting Fellow Rami Gabriel and Aarhus-based bassist Philip Akrofi at the AIAS Summer Gathering, June 2026.

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AIAS at Folkemødet 2026: ‘(A)fmagt i alle afkroge. Hvor kommer den fra og kan den tæmmes?’ Interdisciplinary debate bringing Magtudredningen 2.0 and Afmagt.dk together to discuss disempowerment [AFMAGT] at Folkemødet 2026, an annual democracy festival in Denmark. Aarhus University panelists: Anne Binderkrantz, Michael Bang Petersen, Mikkel Rytter and Rikke Sand Andersen. Moderated by AIAS Director Andreas Roepstorff, 12 June 2026.

AIAS Seminar Series: ‘Activation Points in Organizations’ by AIAS Associate Fellow Tünde Cserpes, Dept. of Management, Aarhus University, 15 June 2026.

Workshop: Spaces of the Nervous System: Intersections between Anatomical Architecture and Neuroscience. Organised by Carlsberg Monograph Fellow at AIAS Donna Briggs Bødtkjær, Dept. of Biomedicine, Aarhus University, 15-16 June 2026.

AIAS Conference: Imagining New Ground for Science Diplomacy. Two-day international conference organised by the AIAS Science Diplomacy Theme group, 16-17 June 2026.

AIAS Summer Gathering 2026: The annual AIAS Summer Gathering with talks by AIAS-AUFF Fellow Emily Cockayne; 3-2-1-Go! Group members Heather Swanson and Ciara Kierans, Dept. of Anthropology, Aarhus University; AIAS Alumni Christian Damsgaard, Zoophysiology, Aarhus University; and AIAS Artist-in Residence Anneke Kampmann together with tandem fellow Jan Løhmnn Stephensen, Aesthetics & Culture, and Museology, Aarhus University, 18 June 2026.

AIAS Project Summer Recap Seminar - Progress, Challenges and Changes. 5-minute talks by all exiting AIAS fellows, 22 June 2026. Workshop: Africa Collaboration. Aarhus University Cross-faculty and interdisciplinary event organised cross-faculty with support from AIAS, 23 June 2026.

Summer School: AU Cetera Executive Sommerskole 2026. Organised by AU Cetera, 11-13 August 2026.

Workshop: Code of conduct. Organised by the Dept. of Geoscience, Aarhus University, 18 August 2026.

Conference: Potentialities of Care in Dementia Worlds. Two-day conference organised by the HUM-praxis-projektet Mulighedernes Vinduer, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University, 24-25 August 2026.

Conference: Social Media Influence: Understanding digital influence infrastructures (a Democ-racy and Digital Citizenship Pre-conference). Aarhus University, 26 August 2026.

Conference: 3rd biennial International Conference on Democracy & Digital Citizenship. Organised by School of Communication and Culture, Aarhus University, 27-28 August 2026.

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Discussion after the Science & The Flavour of Aarhus talk with Jeff Kerby, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge in conversation with Aarhus University researchers Janne Flora and Søren Rysgaard, moderated by Andreas Roepstorff. December 2025.



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Science & The Flavour of Aarhus talk at AIAS with Jeff Kerby from Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, December 2025.

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