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Previous Positions

Department of Information Studies, UCPH:

Postdoc: Postdoc in the project “‘Don’t Take it Personal’ Privacy and Information in an Algorithmic Age.’ PI: Prof. Jens-Erik Mai. Funded by the Independent Research Fund Denmark. June 15, 2018 – 2020

Postdoc in Philosophy of Information. Nov. 1, 2016 – May 31, 2018

Research Assistant. May 15, 2016 – Oct. 31, 2016

PhD Candidate. Feb. 1, 2013 – Feb. 1, 2016.

Department of Theoretical Philosophy, Lund University:

Research Assistant in the LUIQ-research group and the project *Knowledge in a Digital World*. PIs: Erik J. Olsson and Olof Sundin. Feb. 15 - May 15, 2016

Education

May 10, 2016: PhD, Royal School of Library and Information Science, UCPH.

March 2, 2011: MA, Philosophy and Science Studies, and Performance-Design, RUC.

July 24, 2008: BA, Philosophy and Science Studies, and Performance-Design, RUC.

Professional Activities (Selected)

Member of the advisory board for *Tell Me the Truth*. Funded by the Carlsberg Foundation. PI: Mette Bengtsson. 2022-2025.

Co-organizer and participant in the workshop *Beyond Privacy. People, Practices, Politics*, Copenhagen March 23-24, 2023. Editor of the collected volume coming out of the workshop.

Organizer of the seminar *Information and absence in decision-making contexts*, University of Copenhagen, Dec. 2, 2021. Speakers, Lisa Villadsen, Christina Neumayer, Thomas Bolander, and Sille Obelitz Sørensen.

Invited participant in the workshop on Data Ethics, Sep. 26, 2019. Organized by DG CNECT G.1 – Data Policy and innovation, European Commission, Luxembourg.

Co-organizer and participant in the seminar *What is the ‘personal’ in ‘personal information’?* University of Copenhagen, May 23, 2019. Together with Esben Nedenskov Petersen, SDU.

Co-Chair of the Information Ethics Roundtable, 2018 (IER2018), University of Copenhagen, May 17-18, 2018. Together with Jens-Erik Mai and Bryce Clayton Newell. Keynotes: Prof. Adam Moore, University of Washington and Prof. Beate Rössler. University of Amsterdam.

Grants

Absence of information in decision-making processes (ABSENCE). Funded by Independent Research Fund Denmark. PI: Sille Obelitz Sørensen. 2023 – 2026.

AUTO-WELF. Automating Welfare – Algorithmic Infrastructures for Human Flourishing in Europe. Funded by the CHANSE program. PI: Anne Kaun. PI’s: Doris Allhutter, Karolina Sztandar-Sztanderska, Christian Pentzold, and Stine Lomborg. 2022 – 2025.

Information Ethics Roundtable 2018. Funded by the Carlsberg Foundation. Main applicant: Prof. Jens-Erik Mai. Co-applicants: Sille Obelitz Sørensen and Bryce Clayton Newell.

‘Don’t Take it Personal’. Privacy and Information in an Algorithmic Age. Funded by the Independent Research Fund Denmark. PI: Prof. Jens-Erik Mai. Co-PI’s: Bjarki Valtýsson, Rikke Frank Jørgensen, and Taina Bucher. 2018 – 2023.

Prizes and Honorable Mentions

The paper *What is the 'personal' in 'personal information'?* was announced one of six philosophical highlights of 2021 by Salongen.no

Emerald Literati Awards for Excellence – 2019, Highly Commended. Awarded for the article Algorithmic Detection of Misinformation and Disinformation: Gricean Perspectives. *Journal of Documentation*, 2018, 74(2): 309-332. BFI: 2

Areas of Expertise

Philosophy of Information, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Analytic Philosophy, Information Studies, Privacy Studies, Surveillance Studies, Algorithms, Information and Data Ethics, Artificial Intelligence.

Concepts: Information, Misinformation, Disinformation, Misleading, Deception, Meaning, Truth, Intention/Intentionality, Privacy, Surveillance, Algorithms, Communication, AI.

International Relations and Networks

Leader of *Internet & Society*. Interdisciplinary network initiated by Rikke Frank Jørgensen, Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR). An interdisciplinary network with researchers from UCPH (Faculties of Humanities, Law, Theology, and Science), CBS, UCC, DIHR, DIIS, SDU, RUC and MIT. 2018 – current.

Member of the network *Automated decision-making: Nordic perspectives* (ADM Nordic). Funded by IRFD. Partners: Stine Lomborg, UCPH; Stefan Larsson, Lund University; Minna Ruckenstein, University of Helsinki. 2020 – 2022.

Peer Reviewed Publications

Journal Articles

Søe, Sille Obelitz and Mai, Jens-Erik (2022). Data identity: privacy and the construction of self, *Synthese*, 200(6): Article 492. BFI: 2

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2021). A Story of Surveillance? Past, Present, Prediction, *SATS – Northern European Journal of Philosophy*, 22(1): 11-22. BFI: 1

Søe, Sille Obelitz, Jørgensen, Rikke Frank, and Mai, Jens-Erik (2021). What is the 'personal' in 'personal information'? *Ethics and Information Technology*, 23(4): 625-633. BFI: 1

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2021). Nonnatural Personal Information. Accounting for Misleading and Non-misleading Personal Information, *Philosophy & Technology*, 34(4): 1243-1262. BFI: 2

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2021). A unified account of information, misinformation, and disinformation, *Synthese*, 198(6): 5929-5949. BFI: 2

Gorichanaz, Tim, Furner, Jonathan, Ma, Lai, Bawden, David, Robinson, Lyn, Dixon, Dominic, Herold, Ken, **Søe, Sille Obelitz**, Van der Veer Martens, Betsy, and Floridi, Luciano (2020). Information and design: book symposium on Luciano Floridi's *The Logic of Information*. *Journal of Documentation*, 76(2): 586-616. BFI: 2

Andersen, Jack and **Søe, Sille Obelitz** (2020). Communicative actions we live by: the problem with fact-checking, tagging or flagging fake news – the case of Facebook. *European Journal of Communication*, 35(2): 126-139. BFI: 2

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2019). A Floridian Dilemma. Semantic information and truth. *Information Research*, 24(2): paper 827. BFI: 2

Rønn, Kira Vrist and **Søe, Sille Obelitz** (2019). Is Social Media Intelligence Private? Privacy in public and the nature of social media intelligence. *Intelligence and National Security*, 34(3): 362-378. BFI: 1

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2018). Nej, det er ikke bare løgn. *Tidsskriftet Politik*, 21(1). Temanummer: Løgn og Sandhed – Fakta og Fiktion. BFI: 1

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2018). Algorithmic Detection of Misinformation and Disinformation: Gricean Perspectives. *Journal of Documentation*, 74(2): 309-332. BFI: 2

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2014). Information, misinformation og disinformation. En sprogfilosofisk analyse. *Nordisk Tidsskrift for Informationsvidenskab og Kulturformidling*, (Nordic Journal of Information Science and Cultural Communication), 3(1): 21-30. BFI: 1

Book Chapter

Rønn, Kira Vrist and **Søe, Sille Obelitz** (2019). Is Social Media Intelligence Private? Privacy in public and the nature of social media intelligence. In Petersen, Karen Lund and Rønn, Kira Vrist (eds.) *Intelligence on the frontier between state and civil society*, Routledge, London and New York. BFI: 2

Dissertation

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2016). The Urge to Detect, the Need to Clarify. Gricean Perspectives on Information, Misinformation, and Disinformation. Faculty of Humanities, University of Copenhagen. PhD Dissertation.

Non-peer Reviewed Publications

Book Review

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2019). Review of 'What is Information?' *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, 32(1): 73-75. BFI: 2

Op-Eds and Communications

Søe, Sille Obelitz and Mai, Jens-Erik (2021). ¿Qué significa ser humano? Oct. 12, 2021. Collateral Bits (Spanish translation of What Does it Mean to be Human?)

Søe, Sille Obelitz and Mai, Jens-Erik (2021). What Does it Mean to be Human? Apr. 22, 2021. DataEthics.eu

Søe, Sille Obelitz and Mai, Jens-Erik (2020). Er solutionisme løsningen? Jun. 12, 2020. *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 3.

Søe, Sille Obelitz and Mai, Jens-Erik (2020). Digital dannelse i tre led. Apr. 14, 2020. *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 2.

Mai, Jens-Erik and **Søe, Sille Obelitz** (2020). Tillid er ikke det vigtigste. Feb. 12, 2020. *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 1.

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2019). Har sandhed en fremtid? Dec. 10, 2019. *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 6.

Hasselbalch, Gry and **Søe, Sille Obelitz** (2019). Why Trust in AI is Not Enough. Sep. 3, 2019. *Dataethics.eu*.

Søe, Sille Obelitz and Mai, Jens-Erik (2019). TechDK Kommissionen. Aug. 13, *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 4.

Mai, Jens-Erik and **Søe, Sille Obelitz** (2019). En ny biblioteksetik. Apr. 8, 2019. *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 2.

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2019). Hvad er det 'personlige' ved personlig information? Feb. 12, 2019. *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 1.

Mai, Jens-Erik and **Søe, Sille Obelitz** (2018). Privatliv og information. Dec. 10, 2018. *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 6.

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2018). Det Digitale Bibliotek. Personalisering eller Privacy-by-design? Oct. 15, 2018. *Danmarks Biblioteker*, no. 5.

Skouvig, Laura and **Søe, Sille Obelitz** (2018). Algoritmer overtager biler og børneopdragelse: Er data det nye guld og Danmarks nye råstof? April 7, 2018. *Berlingske*, vol 97.

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2017). Misleadingness in the Algorithm Society: Misinformation and disinformation. Mar. 6, 2017. *Medium.com*

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2017). Vildledning er mere end bare løgn. Apr. 1, 2017. *Phdcup.dk*

Søe, Sille Obelitz (2016). Kampen mod falske nyheder bliver svær at vinde. Dec. 17, 2016. *Dagbladet Information*.