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CURRICULUM VITAE

Born in Kolding, Denmark, September 1st 1946

Education: PhD ('mag.art. '), Scandinavian Studies, Aarhus University (1974), Habilitation ('dr.phil. '), Philosophy of Language, Odense University (1987).

Appointments: Associate Prof., Comparative Literature, Odense University (1976-1989), Distinguished Associate Professor, Comparative Literature, Odense University (1989-1992), Research Director, Humanities Research Center: Man and Nature (1992-1997), Professor of Semiotics and Cultural Analysis, Southern Danish University (1997), Professor of Comparative Literature, Aarhus University (1998-2014), special emeritus professor, Aarhus University (2014-2019), Honorary Professor, School for European Languages, Culture and Society, University College London (2014-2019), Yangtze River Professor, School of Literature and Journalism, Sichuan University (2016-2019).

Academies and Associations: Nordic Association of Semiotic Studies (1987-1996), (founding member), International Comparative Literature Association (member of executive committee 1991-1997, general treasurer 1997-2004, Coordinating Committee, 2007-2013, its secretary 2010-2013). - Elected member of Academia Europaea (2003---), chair of its Section for Literary and Theatrical Studies (2010-2015), chair of the Class of Arts & Letters (2014-2019), member of its expert group, Hercules, on higher education in Europe (2013--), member of its Board of Trustees (2014-2019). Vice-President (2015-2019).

Research training responsibilities: Synapsis: International Doctoral School in Comparative Literature (member of advisory board 2000-2006). Hermes: International Doctoral School network (board of directors 1998-2008). Seminar leader, Institute for World Literature's summer school, Hongkong, July 2014.

Visiting professor: Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Nov. 1985 and March 1992, Catholic University, São Paulo, Aug. 1990, Université de Limoges, Febr.-March 2003, University of Jyväskylä, March 2007, University of Bergen, March-April 2008, University College London, Sept. 2012-June 2013, Sichuan University, July 2015, Yangtze River Visiting Professor, Sichuan University, 2016-2019.

Studies and research abroad: Boursier d'état, Université de Lyon, Oct. 1972-March 1973, Fulbright research grantee, April 1989 (Washington, USIA) and Febr.-Sept. 1993 (Rutgers University), Monash University, Melbourne, Dec. 2006-June 2007, Leverhulme Visiting Scholar, University College London, Jan.-June 2013. Co-PI in the international Leverhulme project "Re-Mapping Realism" (2016-2018), hosted by Nottingham University.

Editor and organizer: Organizer/co-organizer of ca. 35 international and national conferences/doctoral courses. Co-editor of *Eksil* (1973-1976), co-editor of *Orbis Litterarum* (2008----).

Evaluation: Member of a number of national and international committees for doctoral dissertations, professorships and other positions. Reviewer for Scandinavian research academies and councils and for the European Science Foundation, for COST and for ERC. External expert for grant distribution for national Portuguese research programs for FTC, 2007-2008, 2013 and 2018. External expert in the Romanian Research Assessment Exercise, 2011. External expert in Högskolaverket's evaluation of the literary programs in Swedish higher education, 2012-2013. External expert in the Latvian Research Assessment Exercise 2013. External expert for the evaluation of Slovakian research centers 2015-2016. External expert for the grant distribution for the research foundation of Luxembourg 2017 and 2018.

Committees: Member of the committee under the Ministry of Research for the National Danish Research Strategy (1995), member of committees under the Ministry of Education for the reform of the Danish High School (2004-2008). Member of the Danish National Research Council for Culture and Communication (2005 -2010), its vice-chair (2009-2010). Danish representative in COST, Bruxelles, 2007-2009, and member of its expert panel (2009-2013). Board member of the Danish National Research Foundation (2011-2015).

Books/authored/co-authored: *Fortellesteori* (with others, 1975), *Litterær semiologi* (1975, enlarged French trans. *Sémiologie littéraire*, 1984), *Sprogets geometri 1-2* (1986) (doctoral dissertation), *Tegn i brug* (with J. Dines Johansen, 1994, Croatian trans. *Uvod u semiotiku*, 2000; Eng. trans. *Signs in Use*, 2002, Chinese trans., 2018 (in print)), *Naturen er ligeglad* (1996), *A Roundtrip from Code to Structure* (2000), *Mutters alene* (2002), *I byen med Balzac* (2002), *Tekster uden grænser. Litteratur og globalisering* (2007, revised Eng. trans. *Literature and the Experience of Globalization. Texts Without Borders*, 2017, Chinese trans., 2018 (in print)), *litteratur.dk* (2009). (See full bibliography au.dk/en/litsel@cc.au.dk)

Edited/co-edited works: *Sprog. Materialitet. Bevidsthed* (1976), *Communication et sujet* (1980), *Billeder - læst og påskrevet* (1983), *A l'occasion d'un centenaire: Actualité de Brøndal* (1987), *Semiotik in Skandinavien* (1989), *A Helluva Country. American Studies as a Cross-Cultural Experience* (1991), *City and Nature* (1993), *The Construction of Nature* (1994), *Bodyscapes* (1995), *Menneske og natur* (1995), *Gärten und Parks* (1997), *La rue - espace ouvert* (1997), *Nature: Literature and its Otherness* (1997), *Balzac* (2000), *Litteraturhistoriografi* (2005), *Romanticism and Memory* (2014), *Literary Studies Across Cultures: A Chinese-European Dialogue* (2018) (See full bibliography au.dk/en/litsel@cc.au.dk)

Articles, entries, reviews etc.: 400+ mainly in Danish, English, French, German and Croatian, but also in Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Estonian and Dutch, on comparative literature, literary history, cultural history, linguistics, language philosophy, history of ideas, nature conceptions, urban culture. Published in international and Scandinavian journals and anthologies. (See full bibliography au.dk/en/litsel@cc.au.dk)

International lectures in Sweden, Finland, Norway, UK, Estonia, Poland, Hungary, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Greece, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Israel, USA, Canada, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Japan, China, Singapore, South Korea, South Africa, Senegal, India, Australia, New Zealand, French Polynesia.