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Academic Employments

July 2024 - present Associate Professor, Department of Culture and Language, University of Southern Denmark

August 2023-December 2023: Affiliated researcher
Advanced Migration Studies, Saxo institute University of Copenhagen

September 2019 - 31. August 2023: Associate Professor. Department for English, Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Copenhagen.

March 2016 - April 2018: Postdoctoral Fellow Department for English, Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Copenhagen

August 2013- February 2016: Postdoctoral Fellow. Department for English, Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Copenhagen

Grants and research projects

Mnemonic Migration. Representation, Circulation and Reception of Bosnian wartime memory

Andersen, T. S. (Projektdeltager) & Ortner, J. (PI)
01/09/2018 → 30/09/2023

Narratologiske former for erindring i nyere tysksproget Holocaust-litteratur

Ortner, J. (PI)
01/09/2013 → 31/08/2016

Revival of Traumatic Past Colonization, Nazism and Fascism in contemporary German and Italian Fiction and Memory Activism

Ortner, J. (PI), Schwarz Lausten, P. (Projektdeltager) & Folke Henningsen, A. (Projektdeltager)
01/09/2024 → 31/08/2027

Transcultural Memory as a Battlefield of European Identity – The Making of Europe in Contemporary German-Language Migrant Literature

Ortner, J. (PI)
01/09/2016 → 31/08/2019

Education

German Studies, PhD, Københavns Universitet

1. sep. 2009 → 31. maj 2012

Dimissionsdato: 11. maj 2012

Cultural Studies, Cand.mag, Københavns Universitet

Dimissionsdato: 19. maj 2006

Comparative Literature, Bachelor, Syddansk Universitet

Dimissionsdato: 6. mar. 2002

Projekter

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Aktiviteter

Memory Studies Conference, Chair: Panel Literature and Memory

Nielsen, J. O. (Moderator)
14. jul. 2025 → 18. jul. 2025

Memory Studies Conference Prague, Organizer: Panel Revival of Traumatic Pasts

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)
14. jul. 2025 → 18. jul. 2025

Digitisation and Transnationalisation of World War Two and Holocaust Memory

Friis, T. W. (Deltager) & Nielsen, J. O. (Paneldeltager)
8. maj 2025 → 9. maj 2025

Kick-off seminar: Revival of traumatic pasts: German and Italian Colonization in German and Italian fiction and memory activism

Nielsen, J. O. (Arrangør)
1. apr. 2025

Writing war - making memory

Schramm, M. (Arrangør) & Nielsen, J. O. (Arrangør)
4. dec. 2024

Working in the Holocaust Translation Zone: Ethics and Poetics of Literature Warburg-Haus

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)
23. sep. 2023

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Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)
23. sep. 2023

2nd PoSoCoMeS conference, Tallin 20-22 September 2023

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)
20. sep. 2023

Memory Studies Association conference: "Communities and Change" Newcastle, United Kingdom, 3 to 7 July 2023

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)
3. jul. 2023 → 7. jul. 2023

The revival of colonialism? Memory politics, arts and activism

Ortner, J. (Arrangør)
2023

Island MSA Nordic 2022 Memory Studies Association Nordic. Explorations of Counter-Memory. 13-14 October 2022

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)

13. okt. 2022 → 14. okt. 2022

Final conference of the project Mnemonic Migration: Transnational Transmission, Translation and Circulation Across and into Europe

Nielsen, J. O. (Arrangør)

2022

Inaugural conference of the MSA Nordic. University of Copenhagen (hybrid event)

Nielsen, J. O. (Arrangør)

29. okt. 2021 → 30. okt. 2021

Memory Studies Conference Warszawa (2021, online event)

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)

5. jul. 2021 → 9. jul. 2021

4EU+ summer school Borderlands of Memory: Nationalism, Religion and Violence in Europe, Prague (2021)

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)

2021

Does anyone listen? Historical Memory and What Citizens Make of It, Berlin (2021).

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)

2021

**Keynote (together with Tea Sindbæk Andersen) at the New Frontiers of Memory Studies lecture series, Frankfurt (2021).
Transcultural Circulation and Reception of Bosnian war-time memories**

Nielsen, J. O. (Keynote speaker)

2021

Memory Studies Conference, Madrid (2019)

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)

25. jun. 2019 → 28. jun. 2019

Keynote at the Societas Liturgica Conference, Durham (2019). „Erinnerung zwischen Verortung und Mobilität – Diaspora, Holocaust und Exil im Spiegelbild gegenwärtiger deutsch-jüdischer Literatur“

Nielsen, J. O. (Keynote speaker)

2019

19th Nordic Migration conference, Norrköbing

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)

2018

Second Conference of the Memory Studies Conference (650 participants)

Nielsen, J. O. (Arrangør)

14. dec. 2017 → 16. dec. 2017

Austrian Studies Annual Conference, Wien

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)

2017

Transcultural Memorial Forms: Contemporary Remembrance of war displacement and political rupture, Tallin (2017).

Nielsen, J. O. (Foredragsholder)

2017

International relations

Member of the advisory board of the Memory Studies Association (helping with advice for organization new conferences assessing applications for MSA-conferences, assessing books for the annual first book award, and assessing travel grant applications . HOME - Memory Studies Association

Member of the 4EU+ cooperation Plurality of Memories in Europe in a Global Perspective (until 2022) Collaboration with five other universities (Charles University Prague, Sorbonne, University of Heidelberg, University of Milano, University of Warszawa). It works on establishing a memory wide certificate in Memory Studies.

Partner of Mnemonics – Network for Memory Studies, a PhD school for young scholars where I have the role of a senior researcher giving feedback on PhD-projects on memory studies. The network includes researchers from the US, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, England, Germany, The Netherlands. Partners | Mnemonics (ugent.be)

Steering Board member of MSA Nordic. I am cofounder of this regional group of the Memory Studies Association, which a colleague and I started with an inaugural conference in Copenhagen 2020. It has members from all Nordic countries and from academics doing research in Nordic topics.

Member of the international Memory and Literature MSA working group.

Member of CEMES (Center for Modern European Studies), based in Copenhagen and Lund.

Cooperation with the University of Leeds, Centre for Jewish Studies Leeds and Hamburg Eastern European Studies