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Cultural Anthropologist, Senior Research Fellow
Vice-chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Editor-in-Chief: Carlsberg Foundation Nomad Research Project

Research areas:

- Culture, nature, and society
- Personhood, ethno-history, socio-economic development, indigenous peoples
- History of anthropology

Fieldwork:

Among pastoral nomads, foragers and swidden-agriculturalists:

- Same (Norway and Sweden 1959, 1961);
- Inuit (Upernavik 1966);
- Haddad (Chad 1963);
- Tuareg (Niger 1966);
- Punan Bah (Central Borneo, Malaysia 1973, 1974-5, 1980-1, 1983-84, 1986, 1993, 1995, 2002, 2006);
- Sekapan (Central Borneo, Malaysia 1983-84)

Books:

- *Building a Longboat*, 1991 (with Tinna Damgaard Sørensen)
- *The Pastoral Tuareg I-II*, 1997 (with J.Nicolaisen);
- *Elusive Hunters*. (forthcoming)

Edited books/Journals:

- *Folk. Journal of the Danish Ethnographical Society*;
- *Bedouins of Qatar*, 1993 (by Klaus Ferdinand);
- *Nomads of Luristan*, 1993 (by Inge Demant Mortensen);
- *Mongol Costumes*, 1993 (by Henny Harald Hansen);
- *Afghan Nomads in Transition*, 1994 (by Gorm Pedersen);
- *Afghan Craftsmen*, 1994 (by Asta Olesen);
- *Mongol Jewelry*, 1994 (by Martha Boyer);
- *Caravans and Trade in Afghanistan*, 1995 (by Birthe Frederiksen);
- *Tibetan Nomads*, 1996 (by Schuyler Jones);
- *Exploring Central Asia I-II*, 2002 (by Esther Fihl)
- *Afghan Nomads. Caravans, Conflicts and Trade in Afghanistan and British India 1800-1980*, 2006 (by Klaus Ferdinand)

Positions:

- Associate Professor, Copenhagen University 1971-97
- Senior Research Fellow, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen University 1997-

Boards (current):

- Søren Kierkegaard Research Center (Chair);
- Foundation of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik;
- World Diabetes Foundation;
- Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies (Ex. Comm. & Chair of Danish Nat. Comm.);
- ALLEA (All European Academies): Standing Comm. on Ethics;
- Asia House Foundation
- Israeli-Palestinean Science Organization (Ex. Comm.);
- Humanity in Action (int. board)
- Chittagong Hill Tract Commision
- DANIDA, Information (chair);
- KVININFO: Fund for dialogue and Cooperation on Women's rights (chair)
- Borneo Research Council
- Royal Danish Geographical Society;
- WWF-Denmark;
- Friends of the Moesgaard Museum;
- Fund for Urgent Anthropology
- Danish Foreign Policy Society

Positions of trust (past)

- Univ. of Copenhagen: Konsistorium; Inst. of Cultural Sociology (head of dept.)
- Swedish School of Asia-Pacific Studies, SAAPS
- DANIDA Board (vice-chair)
- Council for Development Research
- Adv. Board on environmental assistance for Developing Countries (MIKA)
- Center for Development Research
- Center for East and Southeast Asian Studies
- Nordic Institute of Asian Studies & CINA
- Danish Ethnographical Society

Curatorial:

- Vikingskibshallen, Roskilde: Building of a traditional sewn longboat from Central Borneo;
- The National Museum, Denmark: Historical reconstruction of totem poles from Borneo.
- Collections for the National Museum and Moesgaard Museum

Consultancies: DANIDA, UNSO, SARAWAK MUSEUM, WWF, UNPFII.

Member: American Philosophical Society; American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Royal Danish Academy of Sciences & Letters.