

150 Years of Women's University Education in Denmark (1875–2025): Reflections on Progress and Future Challenges

150 år med kvinders adgang til universitetsuddannelse i Danmark (1875–2025): Refleksioner over fremskridt og fremtidige udfordringer

6-7 March 2025

(Incorporating the 14th annual workshop on “Growth, History and Development”)

Danish Institute for Advanced Study (DIAS)

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Find location: [Auditorium](#) and [Seminar Room](#)

Presentation time is 30 minutes including questions unless otherwise stated

Thursday 6 March 2025

Academic Events

08:45-09:00 Welcome and coffee

09:00-10:00 Keynote I – **Jane Humphries**, University of Oxford (via. Zoom)
Care, growth and development: Towards an economic history of caring labour

10:00-10:15 Coffee

10:15-11:45 Academic Sessions 1a and 1b

Session 1a (Auditorium, chaired by **Julius Koschnick**) – *Women in High School and Higher Education*

1. **Nicholas Martin Ford**, University of Southern Denmark

Breaking barriers – Gender disparities in high school performance, 1813–1929

2. **Kristin Ranestad**, University of Oslo

Pioneering pathways: female high school graduates and career development in Denmark and Norway, 1875–1920

3. **Yuchen Lin**, University of Warwick

Coeducation, Female Human Capital, and the Evolution of Gender Norms

Session 1b (Seminar Room, chaired by **Anthony Wray**) – *Marriage and Demography*

1. **Enriqueta Camps-Cura**, Barcelona School of Economics

Female's Education, Wage Gap, Demographic Transition and Economic Growth: Methodological Notes on the Catalan Case (1900-2020)

2. **Gregory Clark**, University of Southern Denmark

Matriline versus Patriline: Determinants of Social Outcomes in England, 1754-2024

3. **Matthew Curtis**, University of Southern Denmark

Inheritance Customs, the European Marriage Pattern and Female Empowerment

11:45-13:00 Lunch

Thursday 6 March 2025 (continued)

13:00-13:15 Keynote II – **Kerstin Enflo**, Lund University
Claudia Goldin: The Motivation Behind the 2023 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel

13:15-14:00 Keynote III – **Maria Stanfors**, Lund University
Women, work and family: Understanding present puzzles through the lens of the past

14:00-14:15 Coffee

14:15-15:45 Academic Sessions 2a and 2b

Session 2a (Auditorium, chaired by **Matthew Curtis**) – *Health, Information and Political Reform*

1. **Volha Lazuka**, University of Southern Denmark
Multigenerational effects of smallpox vaccination

2. **Andrea Tizzani**, European University Florence
Printing Progress? Newspapers and Female Emancipation in Pre-Suffrage Britain

3. **Karine van der Beek**, Ben-Gurion University
Land reforms in developing financial markets: lessons from England's land enclosures 1750-1830

Session 2b (DANISH ONLY, Seminar Room, chaired by **Jeppe Nevers**) – *Forskellige uddannelses- og karriereveje for danske kvinder*

1. **Christian Larsen**, The Danish National Archives
"Hendes beskedne væremåde og moderlige omsorg" – Lærerinder i grundskolen, 1860-1900

2. **Pernille Svare Nygaard**, Aarhus University
Professionelle kvinder ved Aarhus Universitet 1938-1968. En arkivbaseret undersøgelse af kvinder, der forfulgte videregående uddannelse i sygepleje og husholdning

3. **Niels Kærgård**, University of Copenhagen
Kvindelige økonomer: Den danske case

15:45-16:00 Coffee

16:00-17:30 Roundtable (chaired by **Seetha Menon**): *Breaking Barriers: Overcoming the Gender Gaps in Academia* with

- **Prof. Renée B. Adams**, University of Oxford
- **Prof. Nabanita Dutta Gupta**, Aarhus University
- **Dr. Anne Sophie Lassen**, Berlin School of Economics
- **Prof. Cecilia Garcia-Peñalosa**, Aix-Marseille Université
- **Dr. Ea Høg Utoft**, Radboud University

19:00- Dinner

Friday 7 March 2025

Academic Events

09:30-10:30 Keynote IV – **Renée B. Adams**, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford
Sex, Science, and Society

10:30-10:45 Coffee

10:45-11:45 Academic Sessions 3a and 3b

Session 3a (Auditorium, chaired by **Karol Borowiecki**) – *Women and Technological Advancements*

1. **Faustine Perrin**, Lund University

Women Inventors: On the Origins of the Gender Patenting Gap

2. **Cecilia García Peñalosa**, Aix Marseille School of Economics

Technological adoption and women's rights: Evidence from Switzerland

Session 3b (DANISH ONLY, Seminar Room, chaired by **Torben S. D. Johansen**) – *Banebrydende kvinder i Danmark*

1. **Pelle Oliver Larsen**, University of Copenhagen

Baggrund, studie- og karriereforløb for de kvindelige studenter 1877-1886

2. **Bente Rosenbeck**, University of Copenhagen (Emeritus)

Julie Vinter Hansen, den første embedsmand og astronom ansat på Københavns Universitet i 1922

11:45-13:00 Lunch

13:00-18:00 (DANISH ONLY) *Policy events og markeringen af 150 året for kvinders adgang til Universitetsuddannelse i Danmark*

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