



# DEFENCE OF HIGHER DOCTORAL DEGREE

With a view to obtaining the higher doctoral degree in philosophy  
(dr.phil.)

## Jesper Sørensen

will be defending his higher doctoral dissertation:

### *Why Cultures Persist: Toward a Cultural Immunology*

**On Friday 19 September 2025 at 11.00**

at Aarhus University, AIAS, Building 1632, room 201, Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 6B, 8000 Aarhus

**Assessment committee:**

- Professor emeritus Chris Frith, University College, London, UK – 1st official opponent
- Professor emerita Eva Jablonka, Tel Aviv University, Israel – 2nd official opponent
- Professor emeritus Hans J. Lundager Jensen, Aarhus University – head of committee

Leader of the defence proceeding will be Vice-Dean, Niels Overgaard Lehmann, Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University. Opponents ex auditorio may present themselves already now, addressing an email to Anders Gade Jensen at: [andersgade@au.dk](mailto:andersgade@au.dk). Alternatively, opponents ex auditorio may present themselves on the day of the defence during the break. A copy of the committee's assessment is available addressing an email inquiry to [andersgade@au.dk](mailto:andersgade@au.dk).

A copy of the dissertation is available for reading before the defence at <https://www.jstor.org/stable/jj.9192209>

**Registration is required due to catering purposes**

<https://events.au.dk/defenseofhigherdoctoraldegreejespersorensen/registration>

During the defence a light lunch and coffee will be served.  
After the defence the school will host a reception.

**Everyone is welcome.**