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### RESEARCH GROUP AT AALBORG UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCOPAS conducts cross-scientific empirical research across different areas of social work to develop its theoretical perspectives, concepts, and practices.

## RESEARCH

### BACKGROUND

A contemporary challenge is to sustain an in-depth and holistic approach to social and human problems in social work's encounter with citizens and in the development of social welfare. SCOPAS develop theories, concepts and practices of social work in order to respond to this challenge.

### RESEARCH AREAS

- › Social problems
- › Discourses and practices in social work influencing relations and approaches to citizens
- › Policies, technologies and forms of knowledge conditioning and transforming social welfare

The research contributes to

- › Change ways of conceptualizing human and social problems
- › Increase awareness of how concepts, knowledge and technological innovations shape social work and the encounter with citizens
- › Improve critical reflection of social work practice

## EDUCATION

### STUDY RELATED ACTIVITIES

- › Ph.D.-courses on social work
- › Erasmus Mundus Master in Advanced Development of Social Work
- › Nordic master of Social Work and Social Welfare
- › MSc in Social Science in Social Work
- › Master of Sociology
- › Master in Vulnerable Children and Young People
- › Bachelor of Social Work

## COLLABORATION

### WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR RESEARCH

Policy makers; managers of social welfare; social work professionals; social work and social policy students and researchers across sectors.

### EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- › Public organisations and authorities
- › Private companies
- › NGOs
- › Research institutions
- › Teachers in higher education

## PUBLICATIONS

### IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

- › [Menneskesyn i socialt arbejde. Om udviklingen af det produktive menneske.](#)
- › [Social Welfare Responses in a Neoliberal Era: Policies, Practices and Social Problems.](#)

### PUBLICATIONS SINCE 2018

- › <https://vbn.aau.dk/en/organizations/scopas-formning-af-viden-begreber-praksis-og-forandringer-i-socia>



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## KEY PROJECTS

### VIEWS ON HUMAN NATURE IN SOCIAL WORK – WELFARE POLICIES, TECHNOLOGIES AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HUMAN BEING (2014-2019)

Funded by the VELUX Foundation.

[www.menneskesyn.aau.dk](http://www.menneskesyn.aau.dk)

### DOES SOCIAL WORK CARE? EXPLORING THE RELATIONAL, EMOTIONAL AND EMBODIED PRACTICES IN SOCIAL SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES (2018-2022)

Funded by The Independent Research Fund Denmark.

## VIDEO PRESENTATION



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