

# The Department of Søren Kierkegaard Research

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The Department of Søren Kierkegaard Research [Afdelingen for Søren Kierkegaard Forskning] is a part of the Institute of Systematic Theology [Instituttet for systematisk teologi] of the Theological Faculty of the University of Copenhagen and is located at the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre in the middle of the old city of Copenhagen at Store Kannikestræde 15.

The Department of Søren Kierkegaard Research (and its associated Kierkegaard Library) is open to qualified scholars both from Denmark and from all over the world. Over a period of ca. 30 years the department has hosted hundreds of scholars —both PhD students and more senior researchers—including many of the world's most distinguished experts. The department's extensive and specialized research library not only includes all of Kierkegaard's published works and posthumous papers (both in the various Danish editions and in translation into many of the world's major languages) but also a wealth of secondary literature (including a comprehensive collection of well over 100 PhD dissertations) and a great deal of related material on Danish intellectual-cultural and social-political life in the 19th century. A special, climate-controlled room contains a reconstruction of part of Kierkegaard's personal library, in the editions he owned. The Kierkegaard Library's most recent acquisition is a microfilmed version of the entire Søren Kierkegaard Archive from the collection of the Manuscript Department of the Royal Library. Virtually anything not obtainable from the Kierkegaard Library is available either in one of the other theological libraries in the building or at the Royal Library, to which the Department of Kierkegaard Research is connected by computer and which is a ten-minute walk from the department.

Guest researchers are assigned a study desk and issued a key that provides 12-hour access to the department and to the various other libraries of the Theological Faculty. In addition to excellent research facilities, advanced students are usually able to enroll in courses dealing with Kierkegaard. In recent years these course offerings have ranged from a short series of lectures on Kierkegaard in English to specialized, semester-length lecture courses (in Danish) on Kierkegaardian topics. A specialized research seminar for PhD stu-

dents and other advanced students who are working on Kierkegaard-related projects is generally taught every semester. In one recent year, the Department of Kierkegaard Research hosted scholars from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Poland, Germany, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Italy, Bosnia, Greece, and Australia. The majority of the non-Danes learned to read—and in many cases to speak and to understand—Danish. Individualized advice and guidance is available for scholars working on specific projects. Interested scholars should apply to:

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