



Join our start-up workshop on May 23

We invite researchers, students, and conflict management practitioners to be affiliated with the new Aarhus Centre for Conflict Management (Aarcon) and to help us develop interesting and meaningful activities. It is free to be affiliated – the only ‘cost’ is your time and engagement. The first step is a start-up workshop where we are going to have a dialogue about the new centre and its activities.

The start-up workshop has the following agenda:

1. Round of introduction
2. Introduction to Aarcon: Why this new centre? What are our preliminary ideas and plans?
3. Facilitated dialogues:
 - a. What kind of centre activities would be meaningful to you (a few ideas: research presentations and feedback, practical training and supervision, development of new projects, promotion of new collaborations, promotion of student projects, a centre publication series)?
 - b. How would you like to get involved, and how can you contribute?
 - c. Would you like to be affiliated with the new centre (with a profile on the website)?
4. What are the next steps?

Refreshments: Coffee and water will be provided.

When: May 23, 2023, from 9:00-12:00

Where: Moesgaard Campus, Moesgaard Allé 20, 8210 Højbjerg (room will follow)

Sign up: <https://events.au.dk/aarcon-startup-meeting/signup> (no later than May 17)

About Aarcon

Aarcon is a new interdisciplinary centre that is intended to promote collaboration, knowledge exchange, and mutual learning among researchers, students, and practitioners working with conflict in the broadest sense of the word. The centre is located at Moesgaard Campus, and it is part of the School of Culture and Society at Aarhus University.

It is an ‘open’ centre where everybody is welcome to be affiliated, and it inspires to be a creative space where we try to challenge established assumptions and develop new ideas together. The centre is characterised by a dynamic ‘bottom up’ approach in the sense that its activities and focus areas continuously develop based on what the affiliated persons find interesting and meaningful. Current focus areas include access to justice, border conflicts, climate justice, communication, gender conflicts, human-wildlife conflicts, human security, international criminal justice, land conflicts, restorative justice (including mediation), and sexualised violence.

Eight ongoing research projects are affiliated with the centre. The steering group includes Christian Axboe Nielsen, Lotte Meinert, Michael Eilenberg, Mikel Venhovens, and Sarah van Mastrigt. The advisory board consists of Anne Marie Kragh Pahuus, Bjarne Friis Pedersen, Kurt Mosgaard, Mette Juel Madsen, Paul Riemann, Søren Rask Bjerre Christensen, and Ulrik Haagerup. You can read more about the centre here: <https://cas.au.dk/en/Aarcon>

Best,
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Director of Aarcon