



PhD Defence

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Processes of Exhaustion

An ethnographic exploration of the “temporary turn” in Danish asylum policy and its manifestation in Syrian refugees’ lives

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Sarah-Louise Japhetson Mortensen, MSc,
will be defending the dissertation

Venue:

Aarhus University

**The Lecture Hall, Building 4206 – 139,
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The defence is public, and everybody is

welcome; the defence, scheduled for a maximum of three hours, will be held in English; the defence proceedings will be chaired by Marianne Schleicher, Associate Professor and Director of PhD programme, Aarhus University

The dissertation will be available for reading in a digital version before the defence.

If you wish to read the dissertation, please write to Sarah-Louise Japhetson Mortensen at japhetson.mortensen@cas.au.dk before 14 January 2026 at 1pm CET

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