**Beskrivelser af workshop**

**17. Evaluation in the Public Sector**

**Description**

Evaluation is a systematic assessment of the merit of public policies, organizational change initiatives and other transformation features of the public sector.

As such, evaluation is a strong, yet contested activity in the public sector in the Nordic countries, and external consultants seem to be playing an increasingly important role. What is the role of political science, other social sciences, and external consultants in this field? How can evaluation be established and consolidated as a systematic field of enquiry within political science? We encourage contributions that address the role of evaluation in political science, as well as all types of theoretical and empirical contributions on evaluation of public policies and public administration in the Nordic countries. The workshop is open for political scientists, other academics, civil servants, consultants etc. with an interest in and experience of public sector evaluation.

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| Wednesday august 9 (chair Thomas Bredgaard) | | |
| 8.30-8.45 | Welcome and short presentation of participants |  |
|  | **Presentations** | **Discussant** |
| 8.45-9.30 | Peter Dahler-Larsen and Hanne Foss Hansen  ”Denmark on the evaluation globe” | Morten B. Hansen |
| 9.30-10.15 | Morten B. Hansen and Evert Vedung  ”Theory-based Stakeholder Evaluation Revisited” | Peter Dahler-Larsen |
| 10.15-10.30 | **Coffee break** |  |
| 10.30-11.15 | Louise Pedersen og Hanne K. Krogstrup  ”Økonomisk evaluering af stressforebyggelse - En blind plet i evalueringsteorien?” | Olov Wolf Watz and Kajsa Rosén |
| 11.15-12.00 | Jacob Brix, Hanne K. Krogstrup and Nanna M. Mortensen  “Evaluating the effects of co-production initiatives in public service organisations” | Evert Vedung |
| 12.00-13.30 | **Lunch break** |  |
| 13.30-14.15 | Evert Vedung  “Causal assessment as process tracing - Evaluation of a job creation initiative 2005-2017” | Louise Pedersen and Hanne Krogstrup |
| 14.15-15.00 | Olov Wolf-Watz and Kajsa Rosén  ”Teoribaseret utvärdering i flerniveauprogram” | Sanne Haase |
| 15.00-15.45 | Sanne Haase  “Evaluation as communication. How metaphorical connectivity and translation can help to understand - and possibly improve - policy evaluation” | Jacob Brix and Nanna M. Mortensen |

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| Thursday august 10 (chair Evert Vedung) | | |
|  | **Presentations** | **Discussant** |
| 8.30-9.15 | Lena Lindgren and Björn Rombach  “Learning or Salami Slicing?” | Kanerva Kuokkanen |
| 9.15-10.00 | Rasmus Ravn  “Testing mechanisms in Large N evaluations” | Øyunn S. Høydal |
| 10.00-10.15 | **Coffee break** |  |
| 10.15-11.00 | Kanerva Kuokkanen  “Evaluating Finnish Government Bills” | Rasmus Ravn |
| 11.00-11.45 | Julia S. Rasmussen  “Virkningssyntese af kommunale beskæftigelsesprojekter - Hvorfor virker indsatserne ikke?” | Lena Lindgren and Björn Rombach |
| 12.00-13.30 | **Lunch break** |  |
| 13.30-14.15 | Øyunn S. Høydal  ”Kunnskapens konsekvenser - evaluering og kunnskapsbaseret politikkutforming” | Thomas Bredgaard |
| 14.15-15.00 | Matilda Mijand  “Synthesizing policy research - The use of systematic review methods when evaluating policy policy and governance” | Julia S. Rasmussen |
| 15.00-15.45 | Peter Dahler-Larsen  “Mapping the spread of research impact across language areas: Is the L-index feasible?” | Hanne Kathrine Krogstrup |