

Bio // Dr. Vibeke Schou Tjalve

Dr. Vibeke Schou Tjalve is an expert on the ideas and implications of American power. She is currently a senior research fellow at the Queen Mary Centre, University of Copenhagen.

Over more than two decades, Vibeke has worked on American approaches to war, democracy, technology and ecology. In her most recent research, she explores the political ideas and geopolitical impact of Silicon Valley, not least in relation to the rapid industrialization of space and the struggle over the Arctic. She holds a Ph.D. in International Relations (2005) from the *Department of Political Science*, University of Copenhagen, and is the author of a very wide range of books, chapters, research articles and policy reports.

From 2012-23, Vibeke was a senior researcher at the *Danish Institute for International Studies* (DIIS), where she headed the transnational research project *World of the Right*, sponsored by the Velux Foundation. From 2012-15 she was also head of the research unit *International Security* as well as of the Defence and Security Studies Funds, carried out for the Ministry of Defence. Prior to that, she held research positions at the *Centre for Advanced Security Theory* (CAST), University of Copenhagen, the *Centre for Military Studies* (CMS), University of Copenhagen, and the *Centre for American Studies*, University of Southern Denmark.

Vibeke has a highly international profile, with a range of longer or recurring research stays at the *University of Wales, Aberystwyth* (2001-2002), the *National Defence Academy*, Washington D.C. (2009), the *London School of Economics* (2010-11), and the *Centre for Right Wing Studies*, Berkeley (2018, 2022, 2025). She remains an affiliate researcher at Berkeley and is an editorial member of the *Berkeley Journal for Right Wing Studies* (JRWS).

Vibeke is an avid speaker and has given everything from keynotes to briefings at a very wide variety of Danish and international venues. She is also a contributor to Danish popular media outlets, such as Deadline, Genstart, Weekendavisen, Information and Ræson.

Employment & Affiliations

Senior Research Fellow, Dronning Mary Center, University of Copenhagen (2026 -)

Visiting Research Fellow and Affiliate Researcher, University of Berkeley (2017-)

Senior lecturer, DIS, Department of Environment, Politics and Society (2022-26)

Senior Researcher, DIIS – the Danish Institute for International Studies (2012-23)

Head of International Security, DIIS (2012-15)

Visiting Research Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science
(2010-11)

Senior Researcher, CAST, University of Copenhagen (2009-12)

Visiting Research Fellow, The National Defence University, Washington D.C. (2009)

Senior Researcher, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen (2007-10)

Assistant Professor, American Studies, University of Southern Denmark (2005-07)

Doctoral Student, COPRI - Copenhagen Peace Research Institute (2001-2)

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (2005)

Summer Fellowship, Amherst College, USA (2005)

Marie Curie Fellow, International Relations, Aberystwyth, University of Wales
(2001-2)

MA in Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (2000)

BA in Political Science, University of Copenhagen (1997)

Erasmus Student, Philosophy, History of Art and Ideas, University of Oslo (1996)

SELECTED GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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