

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Present positions: Senior Researcher, Ph.D. (qualified as professor in international law) at the Danish Institute for Human Rights; Member of the Un Torture Committee; Member of the Danish NPM visiting places of detention since 2009.

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KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Human rights standards in the relation to Criminal justice, including international standards on torture, the right to life and arbitrary detention – visiting places of detention (OPCAT)
- International terrorism and security law
- International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and armed conflict - Human rights in times of armed conflict and the interaction with IHL
- Preparation, implementation and evaluation of international projects on human rights and prevention of torture

Peter Vedel Kessing (PVK), Ph.D., LL.M., is senior researcher (assessed qualified as professor in international law, 2017 and 2020) at the Danish Institute for Human Rights. He is member of the UN Torture Committee and member of the Danish National Preventive Mechanism (OPCAT) visiting places of detention in Denmark.

PVK is specialized in and has published extensively on the prohibition of torture, police and prisons, armed conflict, counter-terrorism and human rights. He has since 1997 worked with international projects on prevention of torture and inspection of places of detention in several countries in Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Africa.

In addition, PVK has been Chief Counsellor in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of International Law and Human Rights; Head of the International Law Department at the Danish Red Cross; Legal adviser in DIGNITY working with international projects on prevention of torture; worked as a judge in a Danish district court, and with international asylum- and refugee law in the Danish Ministry of Interior, for the UNHCR and as a member of the Danish Refugee Appeals Court.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present:	Senior Researcher (Qualified as professor in International law 2017 and 2020) - since 2009	Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), Denmark. http://humanrights.dk/
	Member of the UN Torture Committee - since 2021	OHCHR Committee against Torture
	Member of the Danish National Preventive Mechanism (OPCAT) since 2009	Visiting places of detention in Denmark to prevent torture and ill-treatment http://en.ombudsmanden.dk/inspektioner/
	Censor in Law (external examiner) since 2017	Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Aarhus, Aalborg and Southern Denmark (SDU).
	Censor at the Royal Defence College (external examiner) since 2016	The Royal Danish Defence College
2020 – 2021:	Chief Counsellor (On leave from DIHR April 2020 - April 2021)	Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Department of International Law and Human Rights Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (um.dk)
2012 – 2017:	Member of the Danish Refugee Board 2012- 2017	Judicial appeal court for asylum complaints http://www.flygtningenaevnet.dk/da/GlobalMenu/Eng

2004 – 2016:	Lecturer in international security law	lish/General information regarding fln.aspx Faculty of Law, Copenhagen University http://kurser.ku.dk/course/jjua55088u/2015-2016
2008 – 2009	Research fellow	Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark
2005 - 2006	Head of International Law Department	Danish Red Cross
2004 - 2008	Ph.D.-Candidate	University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law
2003 - 2004	External Lecturer in International Law	Faculty of Law, Copenhagen University
2001 - 2004	Program Manager and Legal Consultant	The Danish Rehabilitation- and Research Centre for Torture Victims (DIGNITY)
2000 - 2001	Deputy Judge (dommerfuldmægtig)	District Court in Copenhagen
1997 - 2000	Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark	Project Manager, appraisal, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of human rights and good governance projects.

1996	Five month secondment to UNHCR's regional office in Riga, Latvia	Monitoring the situation for asylum seekers and refugees in Latvia and assisting in drafting of a refugee legislation
1995 - 1996	Member of the Danish Refugee Board (Flygtningenævnet)	Judicial appeal court for asylum cases.
1994 - 1999	Lecturer in administrative law and good administrative practice	Faculty of Law, Copenhagen University
1994 - 1996	Danish Ministry of the Interior	Preparation of draft laws, orders, etc. Handling complaints. Responsible for the ministries' cooperation with the Baltic States on refugee and asylum cases.
1991 - 1993	Ombudsman / Bachelor position	The Danish Parliamentary

EDUCATION

2017 and 2020:	Assessed qualified as professor in International Law, University of Southern Denmark (2017) and University of Copenhagen (2020)	
2005 - 2008	Ph.D. Counter-terrorism and human rights, torture and detention	Faculty of Law, Copenhagen University
1989 – 1994	LLM	Faculty of Law, Copenhagen University

OTHER RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCES

Membership of professional bodies and research networks

International

- Member of the UN Torture Committee (since 2021) [OHCHR | Committee against Torture](#)
- Member of CPT's (European Committee for Prevention of Torture) pool of experts (since 2020)
- Danish expert to the Moscow Mechanism, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE, (2010-2016)
- Danish national expert to the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture, (2014-2019)
- The European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), Alternate Member of the Management Board (2017-2021).
- Member of Legal Expert Group established by the UN Special Rapporteur on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights
- The European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI), Member of the Project Advisory Group regarding the Role of National Human Rights Institutions in situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict (2017-2020).

Danish:

- Member of the Danish Governments' National Committee on International Humanitarian Law, (2011-present)
- Member of the Board of DIGNITY – Danish Institute Against Torture (2010-2018).

Research networks etc.

- Member of Research Team under FRAME 2013, FP7 – providing insight into current and emerging key challenges and factors that enable or hinder the protection of human rights in EU's external relations and internal policies (<http://www.fp7-frame.eu/partners-universities/dihr/>)
- Member of the European and International Criminal Law Research Centre, Faculty of Law, Copenhagen University
- Member of the board for the Danish Society of International Criminal Law and EU Law
- Member of advisory board to Centre for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark
- Member of Intra, Research Group on Inter- and Transnational Tendencies in Law, Aarhus University, Department of Law.
- Peer-reviewer for various national and international legal journals e.g. Leiden Journal of International Law; Retfærd; Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies; Nordisk Tidsskrift for Kriminalvidenskab, etc.

SUPERVISION AND ASSESSMENT

- Supervising Ph.D.'s and a large number of master theses
- Member of several Ph.D. assessment committees, including as chairman
- Member of several lecturer and senior researcher assessment committees

PUBLICATIONS

- Peter Vedel Kessing, *The Universal Periodic review and Monitoring of Armed Conflict Situations*, Paper accepted for publication in Edward Elgar Volume (*forthcoming*).

- Jens Elo Rytter & Peter Vedel Kessing, *Menneskerettighedernes ekstraterritoriale rækkevidde - har Danmark et menneskeretligt ansvar for at hjælpe (danskere) i udlandet?*, (Re. the extraterritorial application of the ECHR), Ugeskrift for Retsvæsen, U.2021B.179, September 2021.
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- Peter Vedel Kessing, *Afslag på prøveløsladelse på grund af ny kriminalitet – en strafferetlig afgørelse?* (Refusal of conditional release because of new crimes committed in prison – a criminal offence under article 6 in the ECHR?), Ugeskrift for Retsvæsen, U.2019B.255.
- Peter Vedel Kessing, *Strafcelle – isolation af indsatte i danske fængsler* ('Solitary confinement as disciplinary punishment in Danish prisons'), *Juristen*, nr. 2, 2019.
- Peter Vedel Kessing & Lisbeth Garly Andersen, *Preventing radicalisation in Danish prisons - Human rights and due process rights of prisoners*, *Prison Service Journal*, January 2019, No. 241, p. 37- 49.
- Faktaark, *Menneskeretlige udfordringer ved udrejsecenter på Lindholm*, <https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/menneskeretlige-udfordringer-ved-udrejsecenter-paa-lindholm>

- *Soft Law Instruments Regulating Armed Conflict. Are International Human Rights Standards Reflected?* Human Rights & International Legal Discourse (HR&ILD), 2018, Vol. 12, No. 1, p. 79-99.
- *Statusrapport, Udvisning og Udlevering*, juni 2018, <https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/udvisning-udlevering-status-2018>
- Policy-note on the *Role of Police Oversight Mechanisms in Protecting Human Rights and Preventing torture and Ill-Treatment*, May 2018, <https://www.humanrights.dk/publications/police-oversight-mechanisms>
- Peter Vedel Kessing & Lisbeth Garly Andersen, *Forebyggelse af radikaliserings i fængsler – menneskeret og retssikkerhed for de indsatte*, ('Preventing radicalisation in Danish prisons - human rights and due process rights of inmates'), Nordisk tidsskrift for Kriminalvidenskab, 2018 - 105. årgang, nr. 1, s. 15-51.
- Peter Vedel Kessing og Jens Elo Rytter, *Tålt ophold – menneskeretlig status efter endnu en Højesteretsdom og nye stramninger*, ('Tolerated stay of foreigners in Denmark – Human Rights Implications'), EU-ret og Menneskeret, nr. 2, årgang 24, 2017, s. 38-59.
- *Ny europæisk dom: Det er slut med at være på dødens rand for at få humanitært ophold i Danmark*, Kronik Jyllands-Posten, 12. maj 2017. <http://jyllands-posten.dk/debat/kronik/ECE9575059/ny-europaeisk-dom-det-er-slut-med-at-vaere-paa-doedens-rand-for-at-faa-humanitaert-ophold-i-danmark/>
- *Ny dom (Paposhvili) fra Den Europæiske Menneskerettighedsdomstol kræver ændring af humanitær opholdstilladelse*, ('The European Court of Human Rights and the Paposhvili case'), EU-ret & Menneskeret, marts 2017, nr. 1, årgang 24, 2017, s. 3-12.
- *Transnational operations carried out from a State's own territory – Armed drones and the extraterritorial effect of international human rights conventions*, (pp.81-99) in 'Human Rights and the Dark Side of Globalisation' eds. Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen and Jens Vedsted-Hansen, Routledge, 2017.
- *Om den geografiske rækkevidde af international humanitær folkeret (IHL)*, ('The geographical scope of international humanitarian law') Rule of Law - Blog, 16. marts

2017, <http://www.ruleoflaw.dk/peter-vedel-kessing-om-den-geografiske-raekkevidde-af-ih/>

- *Hvilke regler gælder i krig?*, ('Applicable law in armed conflict') *Videnskab.dk, Forskerzonen, december 2016*: <http://videnskab.dk/kultur-samfund/hvilke-regler-gaelder-i-krig>
- *Kan Danmark være allieret med præsident Trump?* ('Can Denmark be allied with President Trump?') *Videnskab.dk, Forskerzonen, december 2016*: <http://videnskab.dk/kultur-samfund/kan-danmark-vaere-allieret-med-trump>
- *The Use of Soft Law in Regulating Armed Conflict – From jus in bello to 'soft law in bello'?*, in *Tracing the Roles of Soft Law in Human Rights*; Lagoutte, Gammeltoft-Hansen & Cerone (eds), OUP, 2016.
- *Politiets brug af peberspray* ('The use of Pepper spray by the Danish police'). *Nordisk Tidsskrift for Kriminalvidenskab*, med Lisbeth Garly Andersen, December 2016, 103. årgang, Nr. 3, s. 271-311.
- *Kan menneskerettighederne begrænses* ('Can human rights be restricted?'), *Advokaten*, november 2016, s. 36-44. <http://www.advokatsamfundet.dk/Service/Publikationer/Tidligere%20artikler/2016/Advokaten%209/Menneskerettigheder.aspx>
- *Den Europæiske Unions fælles forsvars- og sikkerhedspolitik – EU Chartrets ekstraterritoriale anvendelse under EU-ledede militære operationer i tredjelande* (EU Common Defence and Security Policy – The extraterritorial application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights under EU controlled military operations in third states'), *EU's Charter i et menneskeretligt krydsfelt*, Eva Ersbøll (ed.), DJØF, 2016, s. 205-225.
- *Brug af peberspray i danske fængsler og arresthuse*, ('The use of Pebber spray in Danish prisons'). *Nordisk Tidsskrift for Kriminalvidenskab*, med Lisbeth Garly Andersen, Maj 2016, 103. årgang, Nr. 1, s. 58-78.
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- *Er menneskerettighederne relevante i Danmark?*, ('Are Human Rights Relevant in Denmark?', book chapter) GAD, antologi, 2016.
- *Parallel report to the UN Committee Against Torture October 2015*, <https://menneskeret.dk/udgivelser/parallel-report-to-the-un-committee-against-torture-2015>
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- *Civile droner i Danmark – potentialer, udfordringer og anbefalinger*, Teknologirådet, juni 2014, 103 sider, medlem af arbejdsgruppe.
- *Tålt ophold – På utålelige vilkår*, Advokaten, nr. 4, maj 2014, s. 40-44.
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- *Våbendroner – likvidering eller legitim magtudøvelse?* ('Armed drones – assassination or legitimate use of force?'), *EU-ret & Menneskeret*, No. 2 May 2013, pp. 59 -74
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- "Definitionen af terrorisme i fredstid og under væbnet konflikt" ("The definition of terrorism in peacetime and during armed conflict"), *Retfærd*, Vol. 31, No. 3, 2008, p. 25 - 54.
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- "Tortur i folkeretten" ("The international prohibition of torture"), Lars Plum og Andreas Laursen (red.) *Enhver Stats pligt... International Strafferet og Dansk Ret*, DJØF, 2007, p. 135-182.
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Presentations, consultancies, mission reports, etc.

September 2017

Nepal – Comments to Armed Police Force’s draft Training Manual on Policing and on Human Rights. Discussion of police complaint mechanisms and requirements in international law.

June 2016

Presentation at Nordic launch of the new ICRC commentary to the First Geneva Convention.
<http://www.ilasweden.se/2016/05/air-strikes-against-hospitals-and-other-current-challenges-facing-international-humanitarian-law-a-seminar-in-the-context-of-the-nordic-launch-of-the-new-icrc-commentary-to-the-first-geneva/>

April 2016

Presentation at an expert meeting on protection of civilians in armed conflict organized by the Defence Committee in the Danish Parliament.
<http://www.ft.dk/webtv/video/20151/fou/tv.3159.aspx?as=1#>

January 2016

Presentation at an international seminar on counter-terrorism and human rights at Raul Wallenberg Institute Lund, Sweden. <http://rwi.lu.se/2016/01/back-to-the-post-911-dynamics/>

December 2015

Preparing and presenting at a private meeting with the Committee the Danish Institute for Human Rights’ alternative report to the UN Torture Committee
http://menneskeret.dk/files/media/dokumenter/monitoring/dihr_parallel_report_dk_cat_2015.pdf

September 2015

Vietnam, international conference, presentation of paper on International human rights law and changes in the Danish criminal procedure code

August 2015

Nepal, consultant to the Prime Minister’s Office on the ratification of the OPCAT and establishment of an National Preventive Mechanism in Nepal

- April 2015** Invited as speaker to transatlantic symposium on combat drones in Washington, USA. Stimson – Boell Foundations - <http://www.stimson.org/spotlight/a-transatlantic-drones-dialogue-towards-international-standards/>
- December 2014** Vietnam. Presentation of paper - *State obligations under the UN Torture Convention* - at an international seminar on the Vietnamese ratification of the UN Torture Convention at Ho Chi Minh City Law University.
- September 2014** Nepal, consultant to the Prime Minister's Office on the ratification and implementation of the UN CAT in domestic legislation.
- November 2013** Albania, Consultant/prison expert to the Albanian Ombudsman on the establishment and functioning of a National Preventive Mechanism under the OPCAT, DANIDA
- October 2013** Expert input to UNODC - Training material on counter-terrorism and human rights for judges, lawyers, police officers etc.
http://www.unodc.org/documents/terrorism/Publications/Module_on_Human_Rights/Module_HR_and_CJ_responses_to_terrorism_ebook.pdf
- September 2013** Vietnam; Preparation of research and training materials, curriculum, etc. on Human Rights at three universities in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City; Consultant for Danish Embassy, Danida.
- June 2013** Legal memo to the UN Special Rapporteur on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, *Law enforcement standards and targeted killings with armed drones*, <http://unsrct-drones.com/report/63>
- February 2013** Consultant/prison expert to the Albanian Ombudsman on the establishment and functioning of a National Preventive Mechanism under the OPCAT
- March 2012** NPM (OPCAT) inspection together with the Greenlandic Ombudsman of the psychiatric hospital in Nuuk, Greenland

March 2012	<p>EU Council – Elaboration and presentation of a <i>Practical Guidance Paper on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights</i></p> <p>EU conference on Ensuring Respect for Human Rights while Countering Terrorism.</p> <p>http://eu2012.dk/DA/Meetings/Conferences/Mar/~/media/Files/Conferences/Jan_Mar/countering%20terrorism/Draft%20Practical%20Guidance%20Paper%20on%20Counter-Terrorism%20and%20Human%20Rights.pdf</p>
October 2011	<p>Albania: NPM in Albania. Together with RCT (as a member of RCT's Board) visit to prisons in Albania.</p>
2009- 2012	<p>Missions to Vietnam; Preparation of training materials, curriculum, etc. on Human Rights at three Universities in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City; Consultant for Danish Embassy, Danida.</p>
November 2009 and October 2010	<p>Two missions to Amman, Jordan; participating as expert in the meeting in the Working Group for National Human Rights Institutions on Human Rights and Terrorism under the Arab-European Human Rights dialogue.</p>
2009	<p>Two missions to Vietnam; Preparation of training materials, curriculum, etc. on Human Rights at three Universities in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City; Consultant for Danish Embassy, Danida.</p>
November 2003	<p>Mission to Sierra Leone. Identification and formulation of a research project on transitional justice, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the UN Special Court. RCT, Danida.</p>
August 2003	<p>Prevention of Torture. Identification of systemic causes for torture in Sri Lanka and of possible project activities. RCT, Danida.</p>
May 2003	<p>Prevention of Torture mission to Albania, RCT, Danida.</p>
April 2003	<p>Lecturer at a training workshop in Nepal for Government officials and NGO representatives on the UN Torture Convention and reporting obligations to the UN Committee Against Torture. Consultant for the Danish Institute for Human Rights.</p>
October 2002	<p>Mission to Bangladesh. Analysis of systemic causes for the appearance of torture and ill-treatment in Bangladesh. Assessment of the criminal justice system and reasons for impunity for torture-offenders RCT, Danida.</p>

March 2002	Pre-appraisal mission to Honduras. Analysis of systemic causes for the appearance of torture and ill-treatment in Honduras. Assessment of the criminal justice system and reasons for impunity for torture-offenders. RCT, Danida.
June 2001	Support to the drafting of a revised Ombudsman Act in Bangladesh. Danida consultant. Team Leader.
April/June 2001	Danish delegate to the fourth and fifth UNESCO meeting of governmental experts to consider the draft convention on the protection of underwater cultural heritage. Paris, France.
December 2000	Evaluation and project formulation mission to Vietnam on legal aid. Consultant for the Danish Centre for Human Rights. Team leader.
September 2000	Desk appraisal of the Law Commission's proposals for revision of the Ombudsman act and a new act on corruption in Bangladesh, Danida consultant.
April 2000	Commenting and advising on the elaboration of a new Ombudsman law in Bangladesh, Danida consultant.
December 1999	Legal aid project visit to Nepal. Training of Judges and Lawyers in human rights standards and criminal justice. DANIDA. Team leader.
October 1999	Identification and formulation of a Danish Judicial Support Component, including project documents, to Nepal. Criminal Justice. DANIDA consultant. Team leader.
August 1999	Visit to China: Project (2 years) on Elaboration of a Human Rights text book and Teacher's Manual for Chinese Law Students, Consultant for NORAD, Norwegian Institute of Human Rights.
July 1999	Comments on the Lithuanian draft "Law on the right to receive information from the state and municipal institutions".
June 1999	Consultancy to the newly established Ombudsman institution in Bangladesh. DANIDA consultant. Team leader.
April 1999	Legal aid project formulation mission to Vietnam. Training manual on the rights of the child. DANIDA. Team leader.
February 1999	Consultant in the project (one year) 'drafting of a Handbook on Good Public Administration' in Latvia. Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Øststøtte Sekretariatet).

January 1999	Project Monitoring visit to Nepal. Project on analysis and reform of the criminal justice system in Nepal. Training manual on the rights of the child. Danida. Team Leader.
November 1998	Visit to China: Project on Elaboration of a Human Rights text book and Teacher's Manual for Chinese Law Students, Consultant for NORAD, Norwegian Institute of Human Rights.
October 1998	Fact-finding Mission to Latvia. Project on writing of a handbook on Good Public Administration. Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Øststøtte Sekretariatet).
May 1998	Project monitoring visit to Nepal. Project on analysis and reform of the criminal justice system in Nepal. Danida. Team leader.
March 1998	Need assessment mission for OSCE/ODIHR to Kazakstan and Kyrgyzstan. Establishment and support to national human rights institutions and possibly Ombudsman institutions. Assessment of the need for Human Rights Training Programmes. Consultant for OSCE, Team leader.
February 1998	Pre-appraisal mission to Vietnam. Assessment of the human rights situation in Vietnam and possibilities of project cooperation on good governance and human rights. Training manual on the rights of the child. Danida.
October 1997	Project monitoring visit to Nepal. Project on analysis and reform of the criminal justice system in Nepal. Danida.
May 1997	Pre-appraisal mission to Nepal. Institution building, Training manual on the rights of the child. Danida.
January 1997	Pre-appraisal mission to Latvia. Support to human rights organisations in Latvia.
1995 – 1997	Several project formulation and project implementation missions to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia on asylum and refugee law and practice, including coaching and training of parliamentarians and officials;