Supervisor profile

Centre for Psychotherapy Research

The Centre for Psychotherapy develops and carries out research in the field of psychotherapy at the Department of Psychology as well as in collaboration with a range of external treatment centres and official bodies. Our research focuses on central questions regarding psychotherapy, including treatment process and outcome, assessment, and clinical supervision. The Centre also contributes to the development and training in research methods and emphasizes dissemination of research-based knowledge in the area. Our research is typically based on a developmental psychopathology perspective and focuses on specific psychopathological conditions, such as for instance eating disorders, borderline personality disorder or schizophrenia. The continued efforts towards developing new projects takes place in collaboration with other groups at the Department of Psychology as well as national and international research groups and institutions.

The research group consist of the following members

- Susanne Harder (susanne.harder@psy.ku.dk)
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- Stig Poulsen (no supervision in the fall semester of 2017)

One or more of these persons can be linked to the collective supervisor group you must take part in. You, as the student, apply for the research group - not the individual person in the group.

Areas of expertise and academic field

We offer supervision in psychotherapy research, psychotherapy in general, attachment, assessment, supervision, psychopathology, clinical neuropsychology, psychodynamic and psychoanalytic theory and practice, history of psychology.

Topics and themes to be worked with within this group could be:

*Psychotherapy research* (quantitative and qualitative), e.g.: factors contributing to therapy outcome, client experience of psychotherapy, systematic reviews and meta-analyses

*Psychopathology* (including diagnostics and treatment): Eating disorders, personality disorders, psychosis
Attachment, e.g.: Attachment in different kinds of psychopathology, attachment as a moderating factor in psychotherapy, attachment and brain development, attachment and severe mental disorder

Supervision and training: Professional development, competences and ethics

Different kinds of psychotherapy (including group therapy), e.g.: Client and treatment match

Psychodynamic and psychoanalytic treatment and theory, e.g.: Psychoanalytic understanding of different kinds of psychopathology, indications for short term versus long term treatment, neuro-psychoanalytic theory, psychotherapy within severe mental disorders etc.

History of psychology, e.g.: The development of a specific diagnosis or the development of psychotherapeutic approaches.

A master thesis can be primarily theoretical or empirical. Empirical theses can be based on published data (e.g. a review or meta-analysis of published data within a specific theme) or data from collaborating institutions.

If you choose this research group

We expect from you,

- That you have read the curriculum
- That you have insight in the field
- That you are willing to work and write in a structured manner, producing text for each of the supervision sessions.
- That you take responsibility for the process

Format & Deadlines

In this research group we offer collective supervision for MA students only.

The format for collective supervision can either be organized as a meeting with the collective supervisor group at four times supplemented with an individual meeting with the supervisor at two times or as three collective supervisions and three individual supervisions. The collective meetings have in both cases a duration of app. 4 hour and the individual supervisions a duration of app. 1 hour

The first two meetings within the collective supervision group are to be held within the first two months of the thesis-period.

The last meetings are partly collective and partly individual supervision and are distributed during the last, three months, period of the thesis writing process.
For each supervision – both collective and individual sessions – the students must prepare an agenda and body of work to be the focal area of the meeting. The body of work has a limitation of maximum 20 pages. The supervisor will decide time and dates for the sessions. The student must attend both types of supervision.