

BIO: Mathilde Worch Jensen

Mathilde Worch Jensen is a PhD candidate in Criminal Law at the Centre for Public Regulation and Administration, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen. Her research, funded by the Victims Fund Denmark, explores the law of attempt and complicity from a victim-centred perspective. She researches across the fields of criminal law and international human rights law, in particular with respect to the legal rights afforded to victims of violence, e.g. the positive obligations set out by the European Court of Human Rights.

Prior to undertaking the PhD Mathilde worked as a legal adviser on gender equality at the Danish Institute for Human Rights. Subsequently she took on a role as legal independent consultant on a project funded by the Oak Foundation Denmark, on criminalisation of »psychological violence«. Mathilde addressed that same topic in her master's thesis (2016) stating that Danish practice was not in line with international obligations set out in the Istanbul Convention. A research finding later used by Danish civil society and other stakeholders when advocating for new legislation. In 2019 a section was introduced to the Criminal Code. Heretofore Mathilde contributed with knowledge on the matter to the Danish Ministry of Justice.

Mathilde sits on the Board of the non-profit organisation Digitalt Ansvar which works to achieve up-to-date legal regulation and efficient investigation of online criminal offences. Since 2014 Mathilde has been a member of the National Observatory on Violence against Women, Denmark. As part of this Mathilde was co-responsible for the Danish shadow report to the GREVIO (2016), and has given presentations on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention.