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**When help is negotiated:
support and empowerment in Danish domestic-
violence shelters**

This PhD dissertation explores how support for women exposed to domestic violence is shaped and experienced in Danish shelters. It shows that support is not simply given but develops through interactions between women and professionals and is influenced by lived experiences, knowledge, and institutional frameworks. The overall contribution is an insight into how support and empowerment are created in practice, but also how they may be weakened when women move across different parts of the system. The dissertation thus contributes new knowledge on the importance of continuity and recognition in supporting women exposed to domestic violence.

Krogstræde 3,
Room 4.128 Lindgren

29 May 2026

13:00 – 17:30

13:00-13:50 Lecture by Emilie Lyng Rasmussen

13:50-14:05 Break

14:05-15:30 Q&A session with the assessment committee

15:30-16:00 Questions from the audience

16:00-17:30 Reception

Please RSVP by 22 May 2026

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