

Forensic Psychiatry in a Political Landscape

Equality and Safety for patients, staff and society

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

- 11.00-13.00:** Registration
- 13.00-14.00:** Lunch
Isabel, ground floor
- 14.00-14.15:** Welcome, Gitte Ahle
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 14.15-15.00:** Mette Brandt-Christensen, Danish Forensic Psychiatry Over Four Decades: Developments and Perspectives
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 15.00-15.30:** Break *(check in)*
- 15.30-16.15:** Seena Fazel: On risk assessment – state of the art and mapping the future landscape
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 16.15-16.30:** Break *(check in)*
- 16.30-17.15:** Seena Fazel: Research in forensic mental health – challenges and opportunities
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 17.15-18.00:** Susanne Bejerot: Schizophrenia, inflammation and immunomodulatory treatments
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 18.00-19.00:** Poster session
Area outside Hamlet
- 19.30:** Dinner
Isabel, ground floor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

- 07.30-09.00:** Breakfast
Isabel, ground floor
- 09.00-09.45:** Linda Gröning: Criminal Responsibility and Mental Health: Challenges and Future Directions
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 09.45-10.00:** Break
- 10.00-10.45:** Riittakerttu Kaltiala: Development of criminal identity during adolescent years
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 10.45-11.30:** Discussion
- 11.30-12.30:** Lunch
Outside Hamlet, 5th floor
- 12.30-14.30:** Workshops
1 & 2: Treatment and assessment
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 14.30-15.00:** Break
- 15.00-16.30:** Workshops
3: Register-based studies
4: Further topics
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 16.30-17.00:** Break
- 17.00-18.00:** Workshops
5: Forensic patients
6: Further topics
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 19.00:** Drinks
Outside Kronborgsalen
- 19.30:** Party dinner with entertainment and dance
Kronborgsalen

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

- 07.30-09.30:** Breakfast
Isabel, ground floor
- 09.30-10.15:** Unn Kristin Haukvik: Biomarkers in forensic psychiatry evaluations – promises and pitfalls
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 10.15-10.45:** Break
- 10.45-12.45:** Panel-discussion: Equality and Safety for Staff, Patients and Society – Future Perspectives
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 12.45-13.00:** Gitte Ahle: Closing remarks
Hamlet, 5th floor
- 13.00:** Lunch
Isabel, ground floor



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Workshop 1: Treatment and assessment

Chairpersons: Peter Andiné and Björn Hofvander

- 12.30-12.50:** Understanding within Forensic Psychiatric Inpatient Patient Perspectives in WHODAS Self-Ratings: A Qualitative Study
Malin Källmann
- 12.50-13.10:** Exploring the prevalence of problematic gambling behavior among forensic psychiatric patients in Sweden
Natalie Laporte
- 13.10-13.30:** Measures of Risk for Violence and of Aggression in a Life History Perspective Linked to Lethal Violence Among Swedish Justice-Involved Women
Karin Trägårdh
- 13.30-13.50:** Tracing Clinical Understanding of Functioning Through Care-Governing Documents in Forensic Psychiatry
Lina Norrbin
- 13.50-14.10:** Can we predict violence against others in non-affective psychosis? A review and metaanalysis
Gitte Ahle
- 14.10-14.30:** The decision-making process in Swedish forensic psychiatric investigations: a mixed methods exploration of how expert opinions take shape
Olof Svensson

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Workshop 2: Treatment and assessment

Chairpersons: Dorte Sestoft and Mette Brandt-Christensen

- 12.30-12.50:** Community reinforcement approach-treatment for substance use disorder in forensic psychiatric care: patient characteristics for engagement and completion
Malin Hildebrand Karlén
- 12.50-13.10:** Aggression and Coercive Measures in Swedish Forensic Inpatient Psychiatry: Exploring Collaborative Violence Risk Management
André Tärnhäll
- 13.10-13.30:** Staff conceptions of continuity in forensic psychiatric care: A phenomenographic study
Gustav Björnberg
- 13.30-13.50:** Patient participation in forensic psychiatry - A general structure of previous studies through the lens of procedural justice
Andreas Söderberg
- 13.50-14.10:** Measuring emotion regulation in forensic settings
Adam Meddeb
- 14.10-14.30:** Forensic Psychiatric Patients' Perspectives on Collaboration and Shared Decision-Making in Structured Violence Risk Management Plans
Johan Berlin

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Workshop 3: Register-based studies

Chairpersons: Markku Lähteenvuo and Kirsten Nitschke

- 15.00-15.20:** The Population Attributable Impact of Severe Mental Disorders on Specific Violent Offences
Jaroslav Rokicki
- 15.20-15.40:** Criminally insane murderers – preliminary results from a quality register at Vestre Viken Health Authority
Pia Jorde Løvgren
- 15.40-16.00:** Life situation and mortality among former forensic psychiatric patients
Ebba Noland
- 16.00-16.20:** Identifying forensic psychiatric populations in national health registers: a Danish validation study
Lisbeth Uhrskov Sørensen

Workshop 4: Further topics

Chairpersons: Per Balling and Charlotte Burns

- 15.00-15.20:** Sexual health and sexual vulnerability among patients in forensic psychiatric care
Anna Lindskog
- 15.20-15.40:** Structured Health Dialogues to Improve Cardiometabolic Health in Forensic Psychiatric Inpatients: A Randomized Feasibility Trial
Mikael Vestlund
- 15.40-16.00:** Are Delusions Beliefs? Philosophical perspectives and implications for forensic psychiatry
Susanna Radovic
- 16.00-16.20:** Charles Manson vs. Ted Bundy: Two very different psychopaths
Michael Schiøth

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Workshop 5: Forensic patients

Chairpersons: Unn Haukvik and Malin Pauli

- 17.00-17.20:** A national clinical study of violent offenders undergoing a forensic psychiatric investigation in Sweden
Peter Andiné & Katarina Howner
- 17.20-17.40:** Autism spectrum disorder and lethal violence: Swedish forensic psychiatric investigation profiles regarding background, offence and motives
Sara Rodre
- 17.40-18.00:** The Time Before the Crime: A Case-Control Study on Risk Patterns Preceding Criminal Offences in Individuals Undergoing Forensic Psychiatric Investigation in Sweden
Tim Tengberg

Workshop 6: Further Topics

Chairpersons: Gitte Ahle

- 17.00-17.20:** Context Matters: How Prison Environments Shape the Feasibility of VR-Based Aggression Treatment - a synthesis of client, therapist and ward staff experiences
David Ivarsson
- 17.20-17.40:** Experiences of families when a member is in forensic psychiatric care: a phenomenologically based thematic interview study
Gustav Björnberg
- 17.40-18.00:** From Caregiver to Perpetrator: Forensic perspectives on Medical Child Abuse (Münchausen by Proxy)
Pia Jorde Løvgren & Malene Damgaard