

Short research statement/motivation/summary of research highlights

Education: 1990: dr. jur. 1976: cand. Jur.

Doctoral thesis: Public Childcare Facilities in a Legal Perspective

Positions: 1991 - Professor of law, University of Copenhagen. Professor II Univ. of Oslo, 2000-2017 Guest professor at the law Faculty.

Scientific and teaching legal areas: women's law, social welfare law, social security, European social security, European social dimensions, equality and discrimination law, child welfare and children's rights.

Professional experience -Research and Innovation:

Kirsten Ketscher's focus is social security law and welfare law, discrimination law, women's law. International legal sources (EU, ECHR, UN conventions: CRC, Cedaw, CRPD, ethnicity) is integrated in her research. A dominant factor in her research is to develop new legal concepts e.g. relationship law challenging traditional family law. Her work is rights based: strengthening citizens rights in the welfare state. The fundamental principle for her interpretation is the individual's right to dignity and integrity. In her book on social law (Socialret –principper, rettigheder, værdier) she has over the years developed the rights base introducing new interpretation principles. Many of her ideas have been considered controversial but has been accepted over the years. The Danish Supreme Court accepted in 2012 unanimously her novel interpretation of the constitution as to citizens' constitutional rights to social welfare.

At the moment she works with shadow judgments i.e. rewriting actual judgments to argue for a different result exploiting the law's accepted potential to produce legal innovation in the judicial process. An article on rewriting an ECJ judgment (a woman's right to disability pensions) is published August 2019 in "Feminist Judgments" (Hart publishing). Ketscher is a first mover bringing this concept into Danish legal research and education.

Participation in research projects (selection):

2008-11: Member of European research group Adel (Advocacy for Frail and Elderly in The European Union)-based at the Institut für Sozialforschung in Cologne, financed by the VW-foundation. The outcome: Forming of a network to strengthen the position of the elderly in EU. Paper for conference in Berlin 2017.

2011 – 12: Member of advisory board for the project judicialisation and social citizenship, University of Bergen.

2011 – 14: Member of the advisory board for the interdisciplinary projects 'learning in school.' (KIS), University of Oslo.

Ketscher's long standing employment at the University of Oslo is of relevance for the child poverty project. The faculty in Oslo was very early in front concerning research in Women's law, childrens law and discrimination law. Research projects e.g.: Demrok (women and democracy), Minority Women.

Expert Committees**Participated in numerous expert committees. (A selection):**

Summer 2014: Member of an interdisciplinary expert group for ERC evaluating applications within the welfare area

2013-2016: Member of an interdisciplinary expert group FRIHUMSAM for The Norwegian Research Council

2011– Member of advisory board for evaluation for legal research at the University of Uppsala.

2010: Member of advisory board for evaluation of legal research in economics and law at Göteborg Business School, Sweden.

2010-2011: National expert in the EU project monitoring Accessibility in Europe, hosted by the ONCE foundation, Madrid

2009-2013: National expert in social security for the European Commission tRESS project, hosted by University of Ghent Faculty of Law

2010 Member of evaluation committee for the education at the law faculty at the University of Uppsala

2010: Member of evaluation committee for law education the Legal department in at Göteborg University.

2008-2013: Danish expert member of EU-commission's network tRESS (social security)

Management experience. (A selection):

1990-93: Dean social science faculty Copenhagen

1993-2002: Responsible for economy (incl. building) law faculty in Copenhagen

2002-2006: responsible for buildings at law faculty in Copenhagen

2007-12: Director of research centre Welma (welfare and market), Law Faculty Copenhagen

2008: Graduation from research management course (Oslo)

Editorial posts. (A selection):

2007-2016: Member of the editorial committee of European Journal of Social Security BFI 2

2013- : Member of the editorial Committee of Nordisk Socialrättsligt Tidsskrift BFI 2

1995-2000: Editor for the Nordic legal journal 'Retfærd' (Justice)

Phd. Projects:

Supervision of 12 projects for a ph.d. degree in Copenhagen and Oslo.

:*Subjects:* Ethnic minority women, Right to housing, Intersectional discrimination, Danish pensions in an EU and equality perspective, New Family relations. Childrens' Right to religious Freedom, Children's procedural rights, Islamic Constitutions, Gender Identity, Poverty in the Nordic welfare states.

Publication and Dissemination profile: Kirsten Ketscher has published a large number of peer-reviewed articles etc. She has been participating in the public debate a.o. as columnist in several newspapers and NGO journals.

Other:

Numerous memberships of evaluation committees for doctoral degrees, ph.d.-degrees, professorships and tenures at Danish, Nordic and other foreign universities.

Numerous guest lectures, seminars etc. at Nordic and European Universities e.g. in connection with doctoral programmes, conferences with paper etc. The most recent: Key note speaker at Conference in Oslo: Gender Equality in transition 23-24 September 2019

Teaching at summer school at New College, Oxford on women, ageing, discrimination and equality.

Recognition, Honors and Awards (selection):

- 2011 - Danish part-time teachers champagne award.
- 2009 - Disability prize from the Danish Muscular, Dystrophy Foundation (Muskelsvindfonden)
- 2007 - Order of the Dannebrog
- 2007 - Member of Norwegian science academy
- 2006 - A Jazz band Kirsten Ketscher's band named themselves after Kirsten Ketscher in honor of using her legal expertise to help the weakest members of the welfare society
- 2004 - The disability foundation's (Vanførefonden) research award
- 2003 - Northern Scholar, University of Edinburgh