

AARHUS UNIVERSITY

Jørn Olsen memorial symposium & The 2026 Ipsen-Olsen lecture



**Professor
Jørn Olsen**



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Venue: The Aarhus University Main Hall (Aula), Building 1412, Nordre Ringgade 4,
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PROGRAMME:

Jørn Olsen memorial symposium

11.00-12.00 Welcome by Professor Cecilia Ramlau-Hansen, Department of Public Health, Aarhus University

Session 1:

- Thorkild I. A. Sørensen, University of Copenhagen: *The impact of the beginning of life on the rest of the life*
- Kaare Christensen, University of Southern Denmark: *What causes adverse pregnancy outcomes?*
- Onyebuchi Arah, University of California Los Angeles: *Live birth bias and augmented causal diagrams*
- Tine Brink Henriksen, Aarhus University Hospital: *Preterm birth (some) lessons learned*
- Zeyan Liew, Yale University: *Early-life influences on later health: Are we ready to embrace the complexity?*

12.00-13.00 Reception in the Vandrehal

13.00-14.30 Session 2:

- Per Kragh Andersen, Aarhus University: *Quality of life truncated by death*
- Uffe Juul Jensen, Aarhus University: *Reflections on social medicine: Its past, present and future*
- Peter Aaby, University of Southern Denmark: *Observing the unexpected*
- Cecilia Ramlau-Hansen, Aarhus University: *The legacy and future of the Danish National Birth Cohort*
- Video greetings

14.30-15.00 Break

The 2026 Ipsen-Olsen lecture

15.00-15.45 Professor Miguel Hernan, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health: *Causal estimands for clinical and regulatory decision making*

Miguel Hernan bio: <https://miguelhernan.org>

15.45 Closing remarks by Professor Cecilia Ramlau-Hansen

Including a reception at the Vandrehal, Building 1410.

Please register before September 1st 2026 [here](#)

Kind regards,

The Department of Public Health Aarhus University