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“Studentereksamens” (corresponds to French *baccalauréat*/German *Abitur*) 1962.
Studies of physics with mathematics as a second subject, University of Copenhagen, Niels Bohr Institute, 1962–1965, 1966–1969.
1965–66, French *bourse d'état*, with studies of physics at Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris.
1969, cand. scient. (dissertation in particle physics).
1969–1970, conscientious objector's civil service.
1971–1973, assistant lecturer in physics at Danmarks Ingeniørakademi.
1973–1989 “lektor” (corresponds to British “senior lecturer”), since 1989 “docent” (corresponds to British “reader”) at Roskilde University, 1973–1978 in the Department of Social Sciences, 1978–1992 in the Institute of Educational Research, Media Studies and Philosophy of Science, 1992–1997 in the Department of Languages and Culture, since 1997 in the Section for Philosophy and Science Studies. Since 2005 emeritus.
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Sept. 1994 – Jan. 1995 guest researcher at Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin. Many shorter stays since then. December 2016 to December 2019, visiting scholar (not in permanent residence).
1995 Dr. phil. (corresponds approximately to French *Doctorat d'état*/German *Habilitation*).
2008/2009, George Sarton Memorial Chair, University of Ghent.
26.4.2013, Awarded Zhu Kezhen Visiting Professorship, Institute for History of Natural Science of the Chinese Academy of Science, and appointed permanent Honorary Research Fellow at the Institute for the History of Natural Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
26.7.2013, awarded Kenneth O. May Medal and Prize “for outstanding contributions to the history of mathematics”.
Field of teaching before retiring: History of natural, human and social science in the specialization cycle of philosophy and science studies, occasionally also philosophical topics; philosophy, history of ideas, history of sciences in the cycle of general humanities.
Field of research: History of science, especially the history of mathematics in pre- and early Modern cultures (emphasizing Babylonia and the pre-Modern practitioners' traditions in their interaction with Babylonian, ancient Greek, and medieval Islamic, Latin and Romance vernacular cultures; in recent years the Italian abacus tradition and its Arabic background); secondary interest in social and societal aspects of modern science. Also publications in linguistics and in the Philosophy of science.
Since 1983 reviewer for history and sociology of mathematics in *Zentralblatt für Mathematik*, and since 1984 in *Mathematical Reviews*.
Associate editor of *Historia Mathematica*; member of the Editorial Committee of *Revue d'Histoire des Mathématiques*; associate editor of *Bollettino di Storia delle Scienze Matematiche*; member of editorial board, *AIMS Mathematics*; regularly referee for most of these, for *Annals of Science*, for *Centaurus*, for *The Mathematical Intelligencer*, and for various other journals and publishers.
Full member, Académie Internationale d'Histoire des Sciences; member of various other professional organizations and networks.
Member of the Danish National Committee for the History and Philosophy of the Sciences 1998–2006.

As long as they lasted (1983 to publication of summary quasi-proceedings in 2001, for which I was responsible together with Peter Damerow) member of the planning committee for the workshops on Concept Development in Mesopotamian Mathematics held at Altorientalisches Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin.

Major publications since 1994:

books

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- (ed., with Bernhelm Boos-Bavnbek) *Mathematics and War.* Basel etc.: Birkhäuser, 2003.
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- (ed., with Peter Damerow) *Changing Views on Ancient Near Eastern Mathematics.* (Berliner Beiträge zum Vorderen Orient, 19). Berlin: Dietrich Reimer, 2001.
- Human Sciences: Reappraising the Humanities through History and Philosophy.* Albany, New York: State University of New York Press, 2000.
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- “Fibonacci – Protagonist or Witness? Who Taught Catholic Christian Europe about Mediterranean Commercial Arithmetic?” *Journal of Transcultural Medieval Studies* 1 (2014), 219–247.
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- “A Hypothetical History of Old Babylonian Mathematics: Places, Passages, Stages, Development”. *Ganita Bhāratī* 34 (2012; actually published 2014), 1–23.
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