

Curriculum Vitae for Peter Sestoft

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Honours:

Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog (Ridder af Dannebrogordenen) 2024.

Education:

1981–1988 MSc in Computer Science and Mathematics, Copenhagen University
1989–1991 PhD in Computer Science, Copenhagen University

Employment:

1992–1994 Assistant professor, Technical University of Denmark
1995–2002 Associate professor, Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark
2002–2007 Professor mso, Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, and IT University of Copenhagen
1999–2008 Associate professor, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark
2009–2014 Adjunct professor, Copenhagen University
Sept 2008– Professor, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark
2013–2016 Head of the Software and Systems Section, IT University of Copenhagen (ITU)
2017–2024 Head of the Computer Science Department, ITU, approx. 60 faculty and 65 PhDs and postdocs; during my tenure the faculty gender balance has improved dramatically.

Computer science interests:

Theory, implementation and principles of managed object-oriented programming languages, and of functional languages including spreadsheets. Concurrent and parallel programming. Abstract machines. Partial evaluation, abstract interpretation, program transformation. Software development and construction. Bioinformatics.

Some programs and systems:

Moscow ML, developed with colleagues in Moscow and Cambridge since 1993 and based on Caml Light from INRIA, France, is a Standard ML implementation used in teaching, research and industry.

C5, the most comprehensive collection library for the C# programming language [25].

The book [12] is among the roughly thousand most cited computer science publications, out of several million.

International experience:

Research stays abroad after PhD studies: AT&T Bell Labs, New Jersey, USA, 1994–1995; Microsoft Research, Cambridge UK, Sep–Dec 2001; Harvard University School of Engineering and Computer Science, Boston, USA, Mar–Jun 2009; Microsoft Research, Cambridge UK, Dec 2009.

Refereeing etc for international fora:

Organizer or programme committee member (or chair) for 20 international conferences and workshops.

Refereeing for international journals: Journal of Symbolic Computation; Journal of Logic Programming; Acta Informatica; Science of Computer Programming; Formal Aspects of Computing; Journal of Functional Programming; Computer Journal; ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems; Lisp and Symbolic Computation; Theoretical Computer Science; Journal of Logic and Computation; Journal of Automated Software Engineering; Nordic Journal of Computing; Software Practice and Experience; Journal of Logic and Algebraic Programming.

PhD evaluation committees: Copenhagen University; Technical University of Denmark; Aarhus University; Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden); Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden); Edinburgh University; IT University of Copenhagen; University of Pisa; Luleå University; Aalborg University; École Normale Supérieure (Paris); University of New South Wales.

Evaluation of academic positions: Copenhagen University; Technical University of Denmark; Royal Institute of Technology (Stockholm); Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark; Agricultural University of Norway; Copenhagen Business School; IT University of Copenhagen; Aalborg University; Roskilde University.

Letters of promotion for full professorships: Oregon State University; University of Illinois.

Member of the Ecma International standardization committee for C# and the Common Language Infrastructure, 2003–2006 and 2013–.

Member of the Danish national Research Council for Technology and Production (FTP) Aug 2007–Dec 2012; vice-chair Jan 2011–Dec 2012.

External evaluator for grant agencies in Australia, Austria, the Netherlands, and the United States.

Panel member for national science foundations in Sweden (2013), Norway (2012–2014) and Estonia (2022–).

Member of the Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty 2014–2018.

Member of the Norwegian Research Council's FRINATEK grant committee 2014–2018.

Member of the Danish national Industrial PhD and Postdoc grant committee 2016–2021.

Member of the external examiner panels ("censorkorps") for computer science and for engineering since 1992.

External funding:

MSc thesis scholarship 1987–1988 from the Carlsberg Foundation; 75,000 DKK.

Personal PhD project grant 1989–1991 from the Danish Science Research Council (SNF); approx. 0.8m DKK.

Principal investigator of *Resource Constrained Embedded Systems* in collaboration with Technical University of Denmark and GN Resound; public IT Research Program 2000–2004, 4.2m DKK.

Co-principal investigator with Y. Dittrich of *Evolvable Software Products* in collaboration with Microsoft Development Center Denmark; public IT Research Program 2006–2008, 3.6m DKK.

Co-principal investigator with L. Birkedal of *Tools and Methods for Scalable Software Verification*; DFF-FTP 2009–2013, 5.4m DKK.

Co-principal investigator with M. Steffensen of *Actulus: Actuarial Calculus and Computing*, in collaboration with Edlund A/S and Department of Mathematics, Copenhagen University; HTF 2011–2015, 2.5m DKK out of the grant total 11.2m DKK.

Principal investigator of *Popular Parallel Programming (P3)*, in collaboration with Aalborg University DFF-FTP 2015–2018, 2.8m DKK out of the grant total 5.6m DKK.

Principal investigator of *Multicore and Heterogeneous Parallel Computing*, in collaboration with Chinese Academy of Sciences 2015–2018, 1.5m DKK from Sino-Danish University Center.

Co-principal investigator with M. Steffensen of *Probabli: Projection of Balances and Benefits in Life Insurance*, in collaboration with Edlund A/S and Department of Mathematics, Copenhagen University; Innovationsfonden 2018–2022, 2.9m DKK out of the grant total 9.1m DKK.

PhD supervision:

Main or sole supervisor of Andrzej Wasowski (PhD 2005, now full professor at IT University of Copenhagen); Ken Friis Larsen (PhD 2006, now head of department at University of Copenhagen); Sebastien Vaucouleur (PhD 2009, now senior principal software engineer at Ariana Pharma, Paris); Anders Hessellund (PhD 2009, now at Deltek/Maconomy); Hannes Mehnert (PhD 2013); David Raymond Christiansen (PhD 2015, now director of Haskell Foundation); Florian Biermann (PhD 2018, now at Simcorp, Copenhagen); Alexander Bock (PhD 2019); Holger Stadel Borum (PhD 2022, now at Festina Finance).

Co-supervisor of Elfar Thorarinsson (PhD 2008, now senior systems architect); Hataichanok Unphon (PhD 2010, now lead developer at Mastercard); Jonas Buhrkal Jensen (PhD 2013, now research engineer at Github); Filip Sieczkowski (PhD 2014, now assistant professor at Heriot-Watt University).

MSc and BSc supervision:

Supervisor or co-supervisor at ITU for 165 MSc students since 2001 and 57 BSc students since 2010.

Publications in chronological order:

- [1] N.D. Jones, P. Sestoft, and H. Søndergaard. An experiment in partial evaluation: The generation of a compiler generator. In J.-P. Jouannaud, editor, *Rewriting Techniques and Applications, Dijon, France. (LNCS 202)*, pages 124–140. Springer-Verlag, 1985.
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- [5] P. Sestoft. Replacing function parameters by global variables. In *Fourth International Conference on Functional Programming Languages and Computer Architecture, Imperial College, London*, pages 39–53. ACM Press, September 1989.
- [6] H. Søndergaard and P. Sestoft. Referential transparency, definiteness and unfoldability. *Acta Informatica*, 27:505–517, 1990.
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