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## DEFENCE OF HIGHER DOCTORAL DEGREE

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With a view to acquiring a higher doctoral degree

# Steffen Terp Laursen, PhD

will be defending his higher doctoral dissertation

*The Royal Mounds of A'ali in Bahrain.  
The Emergence of Kingship in Early Dilmun*

**Friday 8 November 2019 at 11.00 a.m.**

Moesgaard Museum, Auditoriet, Moesgård Allé 15, 8270 Højbjerg

**Assessment committee:**

- Professor, Dr. Rubina Raja, Department of Culture and Society - Centre for Urban Network Evolutions (UrbNet), Aarhus University (chair)
- Curator in Charge Emerita, Dr. Joan Aruz, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Department of Ancient Near Eastern Art (2<sup>nd</sup> opponent)
- Senior Researcher, Dr. Pierre Lombard, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Laboratoire Archéorient (1<sup>st</sup> opponent)

The defence will be conducted in English

The dissertation is available for reading at this address: Aarhus University, Administrative Centre Arts, Tåsingevej 3, building 1443, room 417 (Anders Gade Jensen), 8000 Aarhus C