

My future was changed in Copenhagen, due to the great courses at the university. One in particular “The Sociology of Green Transition” truly inspired and motivated me in ways I had never experienced before. The urgency of the Climate crisis in combination with an outlook towards a global green transition, filled my heart with hope for our rapidly declining earth. It really showed me how much potential we and this planet hold to enable a just and functioning Green Transition, yet also how it is being foolishly wasted at the same time. It has resulted in a major shift in my view on markets, behavioural patterns, systems, postcolonialism, environmental racism, activism, institutions, innovation and technology, amongst many other aspects. The combination of theory, empirical evidence and especially practice formed a unique sneak peek into possible future sociological fields of work. Meeting influential people such as Torsten Geelan, Kristian Borch, Sofie Dam, Nicole Doerr, Bente Halkier and Mikael Carleheden throughout the course showed me in how many directions I could go forward with this topic. Concito, Broen til Fremtiden and Nordsjællands Skovdistrikt also proved their value as a source of insight on more organisational levels. For each course we went on over 5 excursions and were able to get a glimpse of the practical field of environmental sociology.

The second course I took was a Danish Culture Course. This one was also very interesting, we went to many castles, museums, city tours etc. and were able to experience the true intimate Danish culture, including topics such as Danish food, cinema, music, art, Danish sex, Danish history etc.

To put my university experience in a nutshell: It was incredibly motivating and inspiring. The University buildings themselves are so interesting and absolutely stunning. I feel truly blessed to have been able to go to such a modern university, even if it was just for one semester.

I chose to visit Copenhagen for the Summer Semester to avoid the very cold bleak winters of Scandinavia. It was cold and rainy from February until April/May and only towards June did the weather really start warming up. I lived 5 minutes away from the beach and lived with a room mate in a very average housing accommodation, set up by the university. The communication with the Housing Foundation was strenuous, which turned out to be one of the only difficulties of my stay. Nevertheless it was the cheapest option and I am grateful for that (~500€ p.p. for a two person room). The other main difficulty was finances, honestly. Everything is incredibly expensive, due to Copenhagen being the 8<sup>th</sup> most expensive city in the world. Do I regret any penny? Never!! (Just be prepared for it). Make sure you buy (or rent) a bicycle as soon as you arrive – this will make life much easier.

I truly recommend going to Copenhagen to anyone who can. I will never forget this experience and am eternally grateful for having the opportunity.