

Research * Clinical Practice: Understanding personhood and consciousness at the Borderlands of Living (Lise Marie Andersen & Bess Boelsbjerg)

Consciousness, despite millenia of heated debate, remains one of the most puzzling phenomena to humankind. Theories are vast and continue to evolve with new technologies and fields of study. Yet, what happens when we move away from the theoretical discourse and enter a clinical setting where our conception of consciousness has critical implications to the lives and survival of patients at the borderlands of living.

Lise Marie Andersen (Interacting Minds Centre & Region Midtjylland) & [Bess Boelsbjerg](#) (Interacting Minds Centre, [Heart openings](#)) have joined us this week to dig deeper into the research of the [Borderlands of Living](#) project. We explore their interdisciplinary research with clinicians trying to understand how to best treat patients with Disorders of Consciousness. How do we enact and assess consciousness when patients are not able to communicate with us? How are personhood and consciousness related to each other in this liminal space? And what uncertainties can new technologies bring?

To learn more about the Borderlands of Living project and the topics and resources mentioned, visit the [show notes for this episode](#) and listen to:

- [Research * Clinical Practice: Exploring the Borderlands of Living \(Mette Terp Høybye\)](#) for an overview over the research project
- [Research * Clinical Practice: Explainable AI at the Borderlands of Living \(Lise Marie Andersen & Alberte Seeberg\)](#)

Topics and Resources mentioned in this episode:

[00:01:45] Overview episode on the Borderlands of Living project

[Research * Clinical Practice: Exploring the Borderlands of Living \(Mette Terp Høybye\)](#)

Learn more about Lise Marie Andersen and her research

- <https://philpeople.org/profiles/lise-marie-andersen>
- [Andersen, Lise Marie; Boelsbjerg, Hanne Bess & Høybye, Mette Terp \(2020\). Tracing Uncertain in New Prognostics of Consciousness. *Tidsskrift for Forskning i Sygdom og Samfund* nr 33, 87-108](#)

Learn more about Bess Boelsbjerg and her research

- [University research profile](#)
- [YouTube Talk “Island of consciousness. Constituting personhood in patients with unresponsive wakefulness syndrome”](#)

Learn more about the Borderlands of Living project

- [Borderlands of Living project](#) site
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