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*To my father, Kim Christensen,
who never had the chance to grow old and yet lived through an accelerated process of physical decline, suffering
and dependence on other people caring for him, before he passed away in June 2018.
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A Note on Names

All names of interlocutors and institutions are pseudonyms. Throughout the dissertation I refer to my interlocutors by their first names. Regardless of age, authority and social status, this is how Danes address each other, as it is no longer common to use honorifics (*br.*, *fru*) and surnames.

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