Student related difficulties associated with Asperger’s Syndrome and examples of supportive initiatives

This oral presentation will consist of three parts. First, the core symptoms of Asperger’s Syndrome in adults will be introduced. Hereafter follow the results of a minor investigation of student related difficulties experienced by students with Asperger’s Syndrome at Aarhus University. The difficulties are grouped under the following headlines: difficulties in relation to social situations during the study programme, problems with structuring the study related efforts, problems coping with practical issues concerning the courses and at last, difficulties in connection with the exams. Finally, examples of supportive initiatives will be presented, and useful communicative strategies will be discussed.

The objective of this session is to raise awareness on student related difficulties associated with Asperger’s Syndrome. Furthermore the aim is to enhance the quality of the compensating support, thereby hopefully promoting the success rate for this group of students.