

Webinar about thesis defense June 1, 2026

Framework for oral defense of thesis

- A framework paper describing rules, procedures and good advice regarding the conduct of defenses has been sent to thesis supervisors (and external examiners)
- This webinar for current thesis supervisors – June 1st at 2-3 pm with a presentation by Christian Heyde-Petersen with experience in defense and Q&A – **will be recorded** and made available to all supervisors

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→ Highlights from the framework paper:

- Do not hold a defense if there is suspicion of cheating already when reading the thesis, but instead report it via the director of studies.
 - The defense must never be in the form of an interrogation about possible cheating, although the defense itself, of course, can lead to suspicion of cheating.
- If suspicion of cheating arises during the defense, the defense will be conducted in the normal manner, without the suspicion being expressed during the defense itself.
 - Only after the defense do the assessors inform the student that suspicion of cheating will be reported.
 - In the event of cheating, no grade is given – although voting can be carried out if this can be done without being influenced by the suspicion.