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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**University of Southern Denmark** (September 2021-)  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

**University of Essex** (September 2021-30<sup>th</sup> September 2023)  
Visiting fellow, Department of Government

**University of Southern Denmark** (May 2021-)  
Fellow, the Danish Institute for Advanced Study

**University of Southern Denmark** (May 2021-September 2021)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

**University of Essex** (September 2018-July 2021)  
Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Government

## EDUCATION

**PhD University of Copenhagen**, Political Science, *May 2018*  
Dissertation: "The Politics of the Public Purse: The Causes and Consequences of Fiscal Institutions."  
Advisor: Professor Peter Kurrild-Klitgaard  
Dissertation committee: Jacob Hariri (University of Copenhagen), Lars Feld (University of Freiburg) & Mark Hallerberg (Hertie School of Governance).

**Visiting Research Student. London School of Economics**, *fall 2016*

**Visiting PhD Student. Hertie School of Governance, Berlin**, *spring 2016*

**MSc. University of Copenhagen**, Political Science, *September 4<sup>th</sup> 2013*

**Visiting master's student. University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)**  
Political Science, *September 2010-June 2011*

**BSc. University of Copenhagen**, Political Science, *June 24<sup>th</sup> 2010*

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Journal publications*

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2024. Signaling to creditors and voters: the determinants of national fiscal rules. *Comparative European Politics* 22.

Aaskoven, Lasse and Shane Martin. 2024. Parliamentary Control of the Executive and the Duration of Government Formation. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 49 (3).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2023. The inequality roots of weak partisan attachment: Evidence from Denmark. *Electoral Studies* 85.

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2023. Institutionalizing the autocratic penalty away: fiscal rules, autocracy, and sovereign financial market access. *Political Science Research and Methods* 11 (4).

Aaskoven, Lasse and Rasmus Wiese. 2022. How Fiscal Rules Matter for Successful Fiscal Consolidations: New Evidence. *CESifo Economic Studies* 68 (4).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2022. The Political Effects of Wealth Inequality: Evidence from a Danish Land Reform. *Comparative Politics* 55 (1).

Bokobza, Laure, Suthan Krishnarajan, Jacob Nyrup, Casper Sakstrup and Lasse Aaskoven. 2022. The Morning After: Cabinet Instability and the Purging of Ministers after Failed Coup Attempts in Autocracies. *Journal of Politics* 84 (3).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2022. Foreign Occupation and Support for International Cooperation: Evidence from Denmark. *World Politics* 74 (2).

Aaskoven, Lasse and Jacob Nyrup. 2021. Performance and Promotions in an Autocracy: Evidence from Nazi Germany. *Comparative Politics* 54 (1).

Aaskoven, Lasse and Alexander Grundholm. 2021. Stability Through Constraints: The Impact of Fiscal Rules on Autocratic Survival. *Democratization* 28 (8).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2021. Partisan-Electoral Cycles in Public Employment: Evidence from Developed Democracies. *Political Studies* 69 (2).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2021. Fiscal Rules and Electoral Turnout. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9 (2).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2020. The Electoral Cycle in Political Contributions: The Incumbency Advantage of Early Elections. *Acta Politica* 55 (4)

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2020. Oil, Elections and Fiscal Transparency *European Journal of Political Research* 59 (3).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2020. Do fiscal rules reduce political polarization? *Comparative European Politics* 18 (4).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2020. Parties, Governments and the Integration of Immigrants. *Journal of European Public Policy* 27 (7).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2019. Redistributing under Fiscal Constraint: Partisanship, Debt, Inequality and Labour Market Regulation. *Journal of Public Policy* 39 (3).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2018. Polity Age and Political Budget Cycles: Evidence from a Danish Municipal Reform. *European Journal of Political Economy* 52.

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2018. Budget Institutions and Taxation. *Public Choice* 174 (3).

Foged, Søren Kjær and Lasse Aaskoven. 2017. Public Sector Unions and Privatization: Evidence from the Eldercare Sector in Danish Municipalities. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 27 (1).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2016. Fiscal Transparency, Elections and Public Employment: Evidence from the OECD. *Economics & Politics* 28 (3).

***Other peer-reviewed publications***

Aaskoven, Lasse and David Dreyer Lassen. 2017. Political Budget Cycles. In William R. Thompson (editor) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

***Publications in Danish***

Brodthagen, Filip, Martin Mardorf and Lasse Aaskoven. 2016. Uforklarlige forskelle? Budgetinstitutioner og de offentlige finanser i Danmark og Sverige efter finanskrisen. *Økonomi & Politik* 89 (3).

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2014. Politisk udnævnte embedsmænd, tillid og korruption: En empirisk undersøgelse af OECD-landene *Økonomi & Politik* 87 (3).

**WORKING  
PAPERS**

Government Ideology and Repression after Coups (w. Christian Bjørnskov, Aarhus University)

Government Ideology and Gender Equality in Public Sector Promotions (w. Benjamin Egerod, Copenhagen Business School, and Frederik Kjølner, University of Copenhagen).

Parliamentary Committee Power and the Cost of Ruling (w. Shane Martin, University of Essex)

Political Dynasties in Denmark (w. Brenda van Coppenolle, Sciences Po Paris).

**WORK IN  
PROGRESS**

Political Effects of German Refugees in Denmark. (w. Jonathan Homola, Rice University)

Church Reforms and the Political Influence of Elites (w. Jonathan Doucette, Aalborg University)

**DISSEMINATION  
PUBLICATIONS**

Foged, Søren Kjær and Lasse Aaskoven. 2017. En stærk fagforening mindsker brugen af private leverandører i kommunen. In Caroline Howard Grøn (ed.) *Politologisk Årbog 2016-2017*, pp. 56-59.

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2019. Do early elections provide a financial advantage for parties in power? *Democracy Audit*. London School of Economics.

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2019. Do left-wing governments increase public employment levels? *British Politics and Policy*. London School of Economics.

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2022. Lektor: Debat om budgetlov bør også handle om magtforholdet mellem regeringen og Folketinget. *Altinget*. April 1 2022.

Aaskoven, Lasse. 2024. Budgetloven og den finanspolitiske magtfordeling mellem regering og Folketinget. Essay for *Magtudredningen 2.0*.

**PHD  
SUPERVISION**

**PhD advising**

Lasse Skjoldager Eskildsen. 2025-

**PhD committee membership:**

Jens Lemb, January 2024 (chair).

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**University of Southern Denmark, Department of Political Science and Public Management**

Master level:

- Spring 2022: Policy Evaluation.
- Spring 2022-: Advanced Applied Quantitative Methods.
- Spring 2024: The Politics of Fiscal Policy.

Bachelor level:

- Fall 2021-: Social Science Methods III.
- Fall 2021: Public Policy.
- Spring 2022-2023: Social Science Methods I (for social science students).

### **University of Essex, Department of Government**

Master level:

- Fall 2020: Foundations of Public Policy.

Bachelor level:

- Spring 2019: Comparative Political Analysis.
- Spring 2019: Electoral Behaviour.
- Fall 2019-Spring 2020: Political Economy.
- Fall 2020-Spring 2021: Political Economy

### **University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science**

Master level:

- Spring 2014: The Politics of Fiscal Policy: Fiscal Policy and Budget Institutions in a Comparative Perspective.
- Fall 2014: The Politics of Fiscal Policy: Fiscal Policy and Budget Institutions in a Comparative Perspective.
- Spring 2015: The Politics of Fiscal Policy: Fiscal Policy and Budget Institutions in a Comparative Perspective.

Bachelor level:

- Fall 2015: Comparative Politics.
- Spring 2018: General Political Science.
- Spring 2018: Social Science Methods II (2 lectures on OLS diagnostics).

#### **CURRICULUM AND TEACHING ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE**

From 2014 to 2015 I taught the course, The Politics of Fiscal Policy at the University of Copenhagen's Department of Political Science. The course and its curriculum were solely designed by me, and I was responsible it's management, examination and evaluation.

In 2020, I was part of the team setting up a new MSc in Public Policy at the University of Essex and solely responsible for creating a new mandatory course for this master, "Foundations of Public Policy".

#### **NON- PHD SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Southern Denmark, Department of Political Science**

Master's students supervised:

- Mariam Førby & Jonas Thorsen. 2022.
- Marie Louise Arenholt Rosengaard. 2023.
- Christian Freund. 2023.
- Lasse Østergaard Degnbol. 2024.
- Emilie Benn Østergaard. 2024.

Bachelor students supervised:

- Fall 2023. 4 students.

**University of Essex, Department of Government**

Master's students supervised:

- Wai Shing Chan. 2019
- Aarushi Chopra. 2019.
- Olof Reichenberg 2020.
- Takeki Suzuki 2020.
- Stefano Grandi 2020.
- Guto Ifan 2020.

Bachelor students supervised:

- Spring 2019. 3 students.
- Spring 2020: 3 students.
- Spring 2021: 7 students.

**University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science.**

Master's students supervised:

- Morten Schiellerup Bager. 2016.
- Anders Vildsøe Andreassen. 2016.
- Filip Brodthagen & Martin Mardorf. 2017.

Bachelor student supervised:

- Spring 2018. 27 Students.

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2016, 2018, 2019, 2023 & 2024.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2016 & 2018.
- European Political Science Association's Conference 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023 & 2024.
- Nordic Political Science Association Congress 2024.
- Danish Political Science Association Meeting 2015-2019, & 2021-2023.
- Danish Public Choice Workshop 2015-2020, 2022, 2023 & 2024.

**INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS**

**University of Oxford, Nuffield College**, November 2018.  
**University of Kent, School of Politics & International Relations**, October 2019.  
**University of Barcelona, IPERG**, November 2019.  
**Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)**, September 2020.  
**Hertie School of Governance**, October 2020.  
**University of Konstanz**, November 2022.  
**University of Essex**, November 2022.  
**University of Gothenburg**, September 2023.

**INVITED  
WORKSHOP  
PRESENTATIONS**

**Aarhus University**, June 2020  
**Aarhus University**, May 2023.  
**Aarhus University**, September 2023.  
**Tirana** (workshop for participants in the ELDAR ERC project at the University of Oslo), external discussant, September 2023.  
**Aarhus University**, June 2024.

<b>WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED</b>	<b>Danish Historical Political Economy Workshop.</b> 2022-
<b>REVIEW EXPERIENCE</b>	<i>American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Political Science Research and Methods, Democratization, Electoral Studies, Comparative Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Public Choice, Economics &amp; Politics, European Journal of Political Economy, Economics of Governance, Kyklos, Oxford University Press, International Interactions, Regional and Federal Studies, Empirical Economics.</i>
<b>GRANTS</b>	<p><b>Oticon Foundation:</b> 7,500 DKK (2016), 4.197,80 DKK (2017), 5,500 DKK (2018).</p> <p><b>Knud Højgaard Foundation:</b> 13,000 DKK (2016).</p> <p><b>Carlsberg Foundation:</b> 44,900 DKK (2024).</p>
<b>PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Research Management Course</b> Copenhagen Business School. <i>August 2023.</i></p> <p><b>Higher Education Academy Fellowship.</b> Higher Education Academy, United Kingdom. <i>July 2019.</i></p>
<b>ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING</b>	<p><b>PhD Supervisor Course</b> University of Southern Denmark, <i>10<sup>th</sup> of September 2024.</i></p> <p><b>Text as Data &amp; Machine Learning</b> (Instructor: Justin Grimmer, University of Chicago) University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen. <i>The 6-7<sup>th</sup> of November 2017.</i></p> <p><b>Data Visualization</b> (Instructor: Chris Adolph, University of Washington) University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen. <i>The 19-21<sup>th</sup> of July 2017.</i></p> <p><b>Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Social Sciences</b> (Instructor: Toke Panduro, University of Copenhagen) University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen. <i>The 22-24<sup>th</sup> of May 2017.</i></p> <p><b>R course</b> (Instructor: Sebastian Barfort, London School of Economics) University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen. <i>The 16-18<sup>th</sup> of January 2017.</i></p> <p><b>Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis</b> (Instructor: Robert W. Walker Willamette University) Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection. University of Essex. <i>August 2015.</i></p>

**Course in university teaching and pedagogy**

(Taught by the Pedagogical Center at the Faculty of Social Science)  
University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen. *The 28-29<sup>th</sup> of August 2014.*

**COMPUTER  
SKILLS**

**Statistical software:** STATA, R, SPSS.  
**Miscellaneous:** LaTeX, Survey Xact.

**WORK  
EXPERIENCE  
(NON-ACADEMIC)**

**Danish Ministry of Taxation, September 2013-January 2015**  
Head of section, Danish Ministry of Taxation's office for budget and management.

**Danish Ministry of Finance, July 2011- September 2013**  
Student assistant, Danish Ministry of Finance's 4<sup>th</sup> office.

**New Insight, January 2011- September 2011**  
Student assistant at New Insight a consulting agency specialized in labour market analysis and labour market policy analysis.

**REFERENCES**

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