

# LAURA BEJDER JENSEN

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## EDUCATION

### Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

*MS in Data Journalism* • Degree expected in Aug 2023

Courses in reporting, investigative techniques, coding, algorithms, and data analysis and visualization. Honors in Reporting I and Reporting II – investigative data journalism.

- Investigative [project](#) using FOIA requests to build a database and investigate the oblique partnerships between private for-profit companies and US public universities in online degree programs.
- [Feature](#) about the working conditions of Latina day laborers in Brooklyn.
- Automatically updating [website](#) of daily energy prices in Europe. Use Playwright and Beautiful Soup to scrape the prices every day. Visualized using Datawrapper.

### University of Copenhagen

*BA in Sociology* • Sep 2018 to Jan 2022

Specialized in political sociology and quantitative methods. Exchange to Sciences Po, where I studied political science and comparative politics.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Researcher and Editorial Assistant, [Altinget.dk](http://Altinget.dk)

*Copenhagen, Denmark* • June 2021 – Aug. 2022

Wrote more than 225 stories at Altinget, one of Denmark's largest online political newspapers. I covered breaking news in Danish and European politics and participated in investigative projects.

- Investigative data stories: Denmark's military engagement in Afghanistan, changes in hiring processes in the Danish civil service, and a series on the wages of the highest-paid civil servants in the political central administration and the healthcare system. I worked with data processing and visualization.
- Election night coverage: Responsible for Altinget's front page data on the results of the 2022 Danish European Union opt-out referendum.
- Monthly one-page magazine element: Interviews with prominent national politicians and ministers about their cultural habits.

### Virtual Short Term Scientific Mission, [COST Action CA16111](https://cost.eu/Action/CA16111)

*International Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities' Survey Data Network (ETHMIGSURVEYDATA)* • July 2021

Reviewed, corrected, and expanded the meta-data on Danish surveys on immigrants and ethnic minorities. The data was added to the [Ethnic and Migrant Minorities \(EMM\) Survey Registry](https://emm.europa.eu/).

### Teaching Assistant, Basic Statistics

*Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen* • Jan to June 2021

Taught weekly classes in basic statistics to first-year bachelor's students. The course included introductions to the mathematical and methodological use of statistical concepts (mean, standard deviation, hypothesis tests, etc.)

## SKILLS

### Data collection

Web scraping using Beautiful Soup and Playwright

### Data analysis

Python/Pandas, R, Stata, SQL, Excel

### Data visualization

R, Illustrator, QGIS, Datawrapper, Flourish, Rawgraphs

### Languages

Danish (native), Swedish and Norwegian (perfect understanding), French (basic).

## REFERENCES

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