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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Professor (permanent) Department of Political Science, Aarhus University	2016 -
Professor (fixed term) Department of Political Science, Aarhus University	2014 - 2015
Associate Professor Department of Political Science, Aarhus University	2011 - 2013
Associate Professor & Manager of section Department of Political Science, Aarhus University & Child and Youth, Municipality of Aarhus	2010 - 2011
Post doc. & Manager of section Department of Political Science, Aarhus University & Child and Youth, Municipality of Aarhus	2009 - 2010
Post doc. & Head clerk Department of Political Science, Aarhus University & Child and Youth, Municipality of Aarhus	2008 - 2009
Head clerk Child and Youth, Municipality of Aarhus	2007 - 2008
Assistant Professor Department of Political Science, Aarhus University	2006 - 2007

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science Aarhus University	2006
MA in Political Science and History of Ideas Aarhus University	2003

APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

- Member of The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences (Det Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskab) 2025–
- Member of the Expert Group on Exams in Public Schools (Ekspertgruppen for folkeskolens prøver) 2024–2026
- Member of the Wellbeing Commission (Trivselsselskommisionen) 2023–2024
- Chairman of the board, Aarhus Statsgymnasium 2022–
- The Beryl Radin Award for best article in Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory in 2021 2022
- Member of the Editorial Board of Public Administration Review 2021–
- Director of TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research, Aarhus University 2016–
- Member of the management team of TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research, Aarhus University 2013–2015
- Member of the board of directors of The Danish Evaluation Institute, EVA 2015–2017

- Member of the International Advisory Board for the Public Management Evidence Lab, City University of Hong Kong 2014
- Member of Advisory Research Board of the Danish National Centre for Social Research (SFI) 2013–2017
- Member of the 2013 Research Conference Program Committee for Public Management Research Association 2013
- Member of Trygfondens "Forum for anvendt forskning i børn og unges trivsel" 2013
- Member of the chairmanship of the Council for Evaluation and Quality Assessment of the public school (Folkeskolen) (The School Council) 2009–2013

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 7.8 million DKK from the Novo Nordisk Foundation. Lasting impact of large-scale science education initiatives 2023
PI
- 70 million DKK from TrygFonden. Extension of TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research 2022
Director
- 20 million DKK from the Novo Nordisk Foundation. Improving Reading Outcomes for Disadvantaged Students 2021
PI
- 40 million DKK from TrygFonden. Extension of TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research 2018
Director
- 1.5 million DKK from Egmont Fonden 2017
NEST evaluates interventions aimed at including students with special needs in ordinary class rooms.
Co-PI with Helena Skyt Nielsen
- 4.4 million DKK from TrygFonden 2016
Project READ day care provides a home-environment intervention to support language development and development of personal skills (conscientiousness). PI.
- 3.0 million DKK from TrygFonden 2015
READ Implementation tests the effectiveness of a national rollout of the evidence-based READ intervention.
Co-PI with Ulrik Hvidman
- 9.3 million DKK from Ministry of Education 2015
Well-being of Children in Primary Schools and Students at Technical Colleges (youth). PI
- 6.4 million DKK from Ministry for Education 2014
The Mother Tongue Teaching Program includes four trials and a total of 8 interventions (e.g. extra Danish lessons). Co-PI with Maria Humlum
- 4.6 million DKK from TrygFonden 2013
Project READ tested a parent-reading intervention. PI
- 3.1 million DKK from Ministry of Education 2013
Co-teacher Classrooms evaluates three different interventions with co-teachers.
Co-PI with Helena Skyt Nielsen

PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

- Andersen, S. C., & Guul, T. S. (2025). A learning approach to the governance of professionals. field experimental evidence. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.
- Andersen, S. C., & Hansen, J. A. (2025). Nudging parental engagement: Do reminders improve shared book reading? *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*.
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- Andersen, S. C., Hvidman, U., Junge, S. Y., & Rangvid, B. S. (2025). Performance-based accountability systems at the organizational level: Effects of a school program. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1093/jopart/muaf007>
- Andersen, S. C., Michel, B., & Nielsen, H. S. (2025). Coaching and implementation: Insights from a field experiment in danish schools. *Education Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09645292.2025.2491536>
- Hjortskov, M., Ahrensberg, N. V., Hansen, J. A. J., Holm, J. M., & Andersen, S. C. (2025). Implementation support: A field experiment on the effects of fidelity and professional responsibility approaches. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.
- Andersen, S. C., Beuchert, L., & Nielsen, H. S. (2024). The effect of teacher's aides on students with special needs. *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.
- Andersen, S. C., & Hvidman, U. (2024). Implementing Home-Based Educational Interventions at Scale. *Journal of Human Resources*. <https://doi.org/10.3368/jhr.0920-11173R2>
- Hjortskov, M., & Andersen, S. C. (2024). Lexicographic preferences in candidate choice. how party affiliation dominates gender and race. *British Journal of Political Science*.
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- Andersen, S. C., Bruntse, M., James, O., & Jillke, S. (2023). Does work quality differ between the public and private sectors? evidence from two online field experiments. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.
- Andersen, S. C., & Hjortskov, M. (2023). Lexicographic Preferences in Candidate Choice. How Party Affiliation Dominates Gender and Race. *Bristish Journal of Political Science*.
- Andersen, S. C., Guul, T., & Humlum, M. (2022). How first-language instruction transfers to majority-language skills. *Nature Human Behavior*, 6(2), 229–235.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01200-x>
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- Andersen, S. C., & Hvidman, U. (2021). Can Reminders and Incentives Improve Implementation Within Government? Evidence from a Field Experiment [Winner of The Beryl Radin Award for best article in Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory in 2021]. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 31(1). <https://doi.org/10.1093/jopart/muaa022>
- Gensowski, M., Ludeke, S., John, O., & Andersen, S. C. (2021). Academic self perceptions in a national danish sample: Predictive power and development from grade 4 to 9. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 92. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrp.2021.104090>

- Gissel, S. T., & Andersen, S. C. (2021). A cluster-randomized trial measuring the effects of a digital learning tool supporting decoding and reading for meaning in grade 2. *Journal of Computer Assisted Learning*, 37(n/a), 287–304. [https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/jcal.12488](https://doi.org/10.1111/jcal.12488)
- Ludeke, S., Gensowski, M., Junge, S. Y., Kirkpatrick, R., John, O., & Andersen, S. C. (2021). Does parental education influence child educational outcomes? A developmental analysis in a full-population sample and adoptee design. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 120(4), 1074–1090. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pssp0000314>
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<https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1111/j.0033-3298.2005.00482.x>

PHD SUPERVISION

- Mette Kjærgaard Thomsen (Main supervisor) Employed at Department of Political Science, Aarhus University.
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- Rikke Fuglsang Olesen (Co-supervisor). Employed at SFI.
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