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Curriculum Vita (as of August 7, 2017)

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Personal information and education

Born August 27, 1970, in Haderslev, Denmark
High school, Haderslev Katedralskole, 1986-1989
MSc (Economics), Aarhus University, 2001
"Aspects of Microcredit", thesis advisor: Martin Paldam
PhD (Economics), Aarhus School of Business, 2005
"Investigations in the Economics of Social Capital", thesis advisors: Gert Tinggaard Svendsen and Martin Paldam

Primary research areas

Social Trust and Informal Institutions
Public Choice / New Institutional Economics
Subjective Well-Being and Life Satisfaction
Trade Theory / International Economics

Job experience (academic)

Researcher, Agricultural Policy Research Division, the Danish Research Institute of Food Economics, 2001-2002
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Aarhus School of Business, 2005-2007
Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Business, Aarhus University, 2007-2013
Professor, Department of Economics, Aarhus University, 2013-present
External lecturer, School of Economics and Management, Aarhus University, 2006
External lecturer, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, 2006-2010
External consultant, Copenhagen Consensus, 2009
Visiting Professor, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, April-August 2010
Visiting Professor, University of Heidelberg, 2016-2017
Affiliated researcher, Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN), Stockholm, January 2015-

Teaching experience (academic)

Courses: International Economics, Development Economics, Political Economy / Public Choice, General Economics, Institutional Economics

Current PhD students: Viktoria Obolevich (second advisor, August 2014-), Yohannes Ayele (February 2015-), Ruby Elorm Agbenyega (October 2015-), Andrea Páramo (September 2016-), Andrea Sáenz de Viteri (at Universidad de Navarra, September 2016-)

Previous: Philipp Meinen (April 2010 - July 2013), Sylvanus Afesorgbor (August 2012 – November 2015)

Languages

Fluent in Danish (native) and English; good knowledge of German, Swedish and Norwegian; some knowledge of French

Publications since 2014

Journals with peer review

1. Economic Freedom and Veto Players Jointly Affect Entrepreneurship. Forthcoming in *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*. (With Jacob Lihn)
2. The Hayek-Friedman Hypothesis on the Press: Is there an Association between Economic Freedom and Press Freedom? Forthcoming in *Journal of Institutional Economics*.
3. Do Equal Rights for a Minority Affect General Life Satisfaction? Forthcoming in *Journal of Happiness Studies*. (With Niclas Berggren and Therese Nilsson)
4. The Architecture of Emergency Constitutions. Forthcoming in *International Journal of Constitutional Law*. (With Stefan Voigt)
5. Trust and Delegation: Theory and Evidence. Forthcoming in *Journal of Comparative Economics*. (With Nurullah Gur, available at SSRN)
6. Do Social Rights Affect Social Outcomes? Forthcoming in *American Journal of Political Science*. (With Jacob Mchangama, WP-version available)
7. The Market-Promoting and Market-Preserving Role of Social Trust in Reforms of Policies and Institutions. *Southern Economic Journal*, vol. 84 (2017), 3-25. (With Niclas Berggren, WP-version available)
8. What Aspects of Society Affect the Quality of Life of a Minority? Global Evidence from the New Gay Happiness Index. *Social Indicators Research*. Vol 132 (2017), 1163-1192. (With Niclas Berggren and Therese Nilsson, WP-version available)
9. Growth, Inequality and Economic Freedom: Evidence from the US States. *Contemporary Economic Policy*, vol. 35 (2017), 518-531.
10. Economic Freedom and Economic Crises. *European Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 45 (2016), S11-S23. (WP-version available)
11. Institutions, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Growth: What Do We Know? And What Do We Still Need to Know? *Academy of Management Perspectives*, vol. 30 (2016), 292-315. (With Nicolai J. Foss, WP-version available)
12. An Offer You Can't Refuse: Murdering Journalists as an Enforcement Mechanism of Corrupt Deals. *Public Choice*, vol. 167 (2016), 221-243. (With Andreas Freytag, available at SSRN)

13. Economic Shocks and Subjective Well-Being: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment. *World Bank Economic Review*, vol. 30 (2016), 55-77. (With Jacob Gerner Hariri and Mogens Kamp Justesen, WP-version available)
14. Social Trust Fosters an Ability to Help Those in Need: Jewish Refugees in the Nazi Era. *Political Studies*, vol. 63 (2015), 951-974. (WP-version available)
15. How do Institutions Affect Happiness and Misery? A Tale of Two Tails. *Comparative Sociology*, vol. 14 (2015), 353-385. (With Ming-Chang Tsai)
16. Constitutional Property Rights Protection and Economic Growth: Evidence from the Post-Communist Transition. *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 26 (2015), 247-280. (WP-version available)
17. The Productivity of Trust. *World Development*, 70 (2015), 317-331. (With Pierre-Guillaume Méon, WP-version available)
18. Legitimacy and the Cost of Government. *Public Choice*, vol. 162 (2015), 307-328. (With Niclas Berggren and David Lipka, WP-version available)
19. Institutions and Growth in Europe: Institutional Quality versus Stability. *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*, vol. 18 (2015), 69-88. (With Niclas Berggren and Andreas Bergh, WP-version available)
20. Does Economic Freedom Really Kill? On the Association between 'Neoliberal Policies' and Homicide Rates. *European Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 37 (2015), 207-219. (WP-version available)
21. Constitutional Verbosity and Social Trust. *Public Choice* vol. 161 (2014), 91-112. (With Stefan Voigt, WP-version available)
22. Trust, Welfare States and Inequality: Sorting out the Causality. *European Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 25 (2014), 183-199. (With Andreas Bergh, WP-version available)
23. Economic Growth and Institutional Reform in Modern Monarchies and Republics: A Historical Cross-Country Perspective 1820-2000. *Journal of Theoretical and Institutional Economics*, vol. 170 (2014), 453-481. (With Peter Kurrild-Klitgaard, WP-version available)
24. Exploiting the Poor: Bureaucratic Corruption and Poverty in Africa. *World Development*, vol. 58 (2014), 106-115. (With Mogens Kamp Justesen, WP-version available)
25. Do Economic Reforms Alleviate Subjective Well-Being Losses of Economic Crises? *Journal of Happiness Studies*, vol. 15 (2014), 163-182.

Contributions to books, reports, proceedings and journals without peer-review

1. The Political Economy of Trust. Forthcoming in Roger Congleton, Bernard Grofman and Stefan Voigt (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2. Social Trust and Economic Growth. Forthcoming in Eric M. Uslaner (Ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Social and Political Trust*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
3. William Easterly's Challenge to the Development Community. Chapter 4 in William Easterly (Ed.), *The Economics of International Development: Foreign Aid versus Freedom for the World's Poor*. London: Institute of Economic Affairs (2016), 55-72.
4. Tillid og Velfærdsstaten. *Tidsskrift for Professionsstudier*, vol. 22 (2016), 22-28.

Working papers and notes (not published in journals)

- And Yet It Grows: Crisis, Ideology, and Interventionist Policy Ratchets. IFN working paper 1135. (With Martin Rode) – under review
- Burying the Bumblebee Once and for All: Does Big Government Hurt Growth Less in High-Trust Countries? IFN working paper 1119. (With Andreas Bergh) – under review
- Did Africa's First Choices Matter? Persistent Growth Effects of Leaders at Independence. IFN working paper 1090. (With Christina Mangaard Jørgensen) – under review

- Trust us to Repay: Social Trust, Long-Term Interest Rates and Sovereign Credit Ratings. IFN working paper 1039. (With Andreas Bergh) – under review (third round)
- Trust and Identity in a Small, Post-Socialist, Post-Crisis Society. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 6828. (With Zeljko Bogetic, Arye Hillman and Milenko Popovic) – under review
- Types of Foreign Aid. Department of Economics and Business, Working Paper 2013-08, Aarhus University. (*available at SSRN*)

Conference papers and unpublished papers (available on request)

- Democratic Transitions and Institutional Change: What's Behind the Association? Presented at the annual meetings of the European Public Choice Society, Cambridge, April 3-6, 2014. (With Martin Rode, *available at SSRN*) – under review
- When does Government Ideology Matter? Evidence from Subjective Well-Being in Europe. Presented at the annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Groningen, April 7-10, 2015. – under review
- Stolper-Samuelson With Democratization. Presented at the 10th Danish International Economics workshop, Aarhus, June 12-13, 2014 and the WINIR conference, Greenwich, September 11-14, 2014. (With Martin Rode) – under review (second round)
- The Determinants of Emergency Constitutions. Presented at the annual meetings of the Public Choice Society, San Antonio, March 12-15, 2015 and the European Association of Law and Economics, Vienna, September 17-19, 2015. (With Stefan Voigt)
- Who Likes Whom in Europe?
- Regime Types and Regime Changes: A New Dataset. (With Martin Rode) – under review
- The Effect of Coups d'états on Repression. Presented at the Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics, Heidelberg, June 3-4, 2016; and the annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Budapest, April 19-22, 2017. (With Katharina Pfaff)
- Wellbeing and Entrepreneurship: Using Establishment Size to identify Treatment Effects. Presented at Steninge workshop, Steninge, June 1-4, 2017. (With Nicolai Foss)
- How Persistent is Life Satisfaction? Evidence from European Immigration. (With Niclas Berggren, Andreas Bergh and Shioro Tanaka)
- Dealing with Disaster - Analyzing the emergency constitutions of the U.S. states. (With Stefan Voigt) – under review
- Why do Military Dictatorships Become Presidential Democracies? Presented at The Political Economy of democracy and Dictatorship, Münster, February 22-24, 2017.

Current projects / work in progress

- The British Disease and the Cure of Mrs. Thatcher. (With Gert T. Svendsen)
- Are We Measuring Press Freedom Correctly? (With Andreas Freytag)
- Institutional Shocks and Economic Crises. Presented at the Australasian Public Choice Conference, Melbourne, December 5-6, 2014, the 2015 IFN Stockholm conference, Vaxholm, June 11-12, 2015; the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, November 20-23, 2015; and Ruhr-Universität Bochum, January 13, 2016.
- The Macroeconomic Cost of Gender Discrimination. (With Pierre-Guillaume Méon)
- When Are Lifestyle Policies Acceptable? A View from Behavioural Political Economy with an Application to Tobacco Policy. Presented at the annual meetings of the Public Choice Society, Fort Lauderdale, March 10-12, 2016 (With Viktoria Obolevich)
- Happiness among the Homeless: Sleeping with one Eye Open. (With Emilie Lav, Kasper Iversen and Per Lav Madsen)

- Why Do Governments Call a State of Emergency? – On the Determinants of Using Emergency Constitutions. Presented at the European Association of Law and Economics, Bologna, September 15-17, 2016. (With Stefan Voigt)
- Religious Freedom and Economic Growth. (With Niclas Berggren)

Non-academic journals, op-eds in newspapers and other outlets (mostly in Danish)

- Mistillid til politikere er sundt for demokratiet. *Børsen*, August 3, 2017.
- Disse regler bør aldrig ignoreres i handelsaftaler. *Børsen*, July 20, 2017.
- Ny lufthavnsplan er infrastrukturel nonsens. *Børsen*, July 6, 2017.
- Voldsomt energiforbrug er kinesisk akilleshæl. *Børsen*, June 22, 2017.
- Tro aldrig at seriøse økonomer er profeter. *Børsen*, June 8, 2017
- Flere kommer i arbejde hvis politikerne gør mindre. *Børsen*, May 11, 2017.
- Ønsker vi lighed – eller at gøre folk mere ens? *Berlingske Tidende*, April 21, 2017. (With Otto Brøns-Petersen)
- Lær at forstå hvorfor vi skal deles om arbejdet. *Børsen*, April 20, 2017.
- Vis respekt for de handlende – så bliver vi rige. *Børsen*, March 30, 2017.
- Drop myten om den jobskabende infrastruktur. *Børsen*, March 16, 2017.
- Obama og Bush gjorde Trump mere magtfuld. *Børsen*, March 2, 2017.
- Her er fremtidens nye store markeder. *Børsen*, February 16, 2017.
- Særbehandling er hverdag i velfærdsstaten. *Børsen*, February 2, 2017.
- De lavtlønnede er globaliseringens vindere. *Børsen*, January 5, 2017.
- Kære politikere, læs noget Schumpeter. *Børsen*, December 5, 2016.
- LA stiller lappeløsningerne af skatten til skue. *Børsen*, November 14, 2016.
- Begge fløje misforstår international handel. *Børsen*, October 31, 2016.
- Vores økonomiske uvidenhed gør os fattigere. *Børsen*, October 24, 2016.
- Hold op med at tro på Julemanden, vismænd. *Børsen*, October 17, 2016.
- Alle kneb gælder i den politiske skattejagt. *Børsen*, September 26, 2016.
- Yes, Minister er det perfekte billede på Skat. *Børsen*, September 8, 2016.
- Den bedste plan er ofte ikke at have en plan. *Børsen*, August 30, 2016.
- Innovation og vækst er reguleret ihjel. *Børsen*, August 15, 2016
- Skal din investering ud af Erdogans Tyrkiet? *Børsen*, July 25, 2016.
- Italiens Renzi har to kriser at vælge mellem. *Børsen*, July 18, 2016.
- Sådan kender du politisk forskel på økonomer. *Børsen*, July 11, 2016.
- Udfaldet af brexit blæser stadig i vinden. *Børsen*, July 4, 2016.
- Kun troværdige politikere kan tale væksten op. *Børsen*, June 20, 2016
- Højere udgifter giver ikke mere velfærd. *Børsen*, May 9, 2016.
- Regeringens væksts-køn hænger ikke sammen. *Børsen*, May 2, 2016.
- Danmark hutler sig nedad ranglisterne. *Børsen*, April 26, 2016.
- Med Brexit får sydeuropæerne magten i EU. *Børsen*, March 11, 2016.
- Det grandiose EU-projekt fremmedgør folk. *Børsen*, March 1, 2016.
- Lighedsprædikanter glemmer den sociale arv. *Børsen*, February 26, 2016.
- Oxfam skaber illusioner om rigdom. *Børsen*, February 16, 2016.
- Ren nonsens i ny ulighedsrapport. *Børsen*, February 3, 2016.
- Her er de bedste nationaløkonomer. *Børsen*, January 7, 2016.
- Rystende ringe forskning om ulighed. *Børsen*, September 23, 2015.
- Markedsdominans er en flygtig affære. *Børsen*, August 28, 2015.
- Det afrikanske marked rummer stor variation. *Børsen*, August 5, 2015.
- Politikere lytter nogle gange til vismændene. *Børsen*, July 30, 2015. (With Anne Kristensen)
- Mindre politik giver bedre politik. *Børsen*, July 8, 2015.
- Frihandel letter byrderne. *Børsen*, June 5, 2015.
- Det offentliges økonomiske helbred fylder alt. *Børsen*, April 28, 2015.
- Foreign Aid – A Helping Hand? *EA Magazine*, Spring 2015.

- Ansvarlighed hæmmer ikke væksten. *Børsen*, March 24, 2015.
- Svært at se hvad Tsipras vil opnå. *Børsen*, February 23, 2015.
- Deflation er ingen anledning til bekymring. *Børsen*, February 16, 2015.
- Farlig tro på fremtidens vindervirksomhed. *Børsen*, February 9, 2015.
- Eurozonen er ikke et optimalt valutaområde. *Børsen*, February 3, 2015.
- Alt det man ikke ser på topmødet i Davos. *Børsen*, January 26, 2015.
- Arrogante og uvidende politikere ser bort fra fakta. *Børsen*, January 14, 2015.
- I Østeuropa har markedsøkonomierne sejret. *Børsen*, December 30, 2014.
- Vismænd er naive om dagpenge. *Børsen*, November 26, 2014.
- Alt for kontroversiel til Nobel-prisen. *Børsen*, November 10, 2014.
- Klassisk liberalisme er også liberalisme. *Information*, October 27, 2014 (with Ryan Smith and Niels Westy)
- Putins sanktioner og troværdighed. *Børsen*, October 24, 2014 (with Philipp Schröder).
- Vrøvl fra ældresagen om velfærdsstaten. *Børsen*, September 10, 2014.
- Når politikere afpresser virksomheder. *Børsen*, August 29, 2014.
- Venstres plan er ligeså substansløs som reality-tv. *Børsen*, August 4, 2014.
- Gammeldags ansvarlighed fungerer for Østeuropa. *Børsen*, July 28, 2014.
- Uddannelse er ikke altid svaret på vækstbehovet. *Børsen*, July 14, 2014.
- Økonomer tvinger ikke politikere til noget. *Børsen*, July 7, 2014
- Journalistisk vrøvl om Danmarks velstand. *Børsen*, July 18, 2014.
- Gode embedsmænd er vigtigere end gode love. *Børsen*, May 27, 2014.
- Planloven gør folk fattigere. *Børsen*, April 22, 2014.
- Dårlige alternativer til den danske model. *Børsen*, April 10, 2014.
- Det var jo ikke meningen. *Børsen*, March 24, 2014.
- Valutafonden sjusker med uligheden. *Børsen*, March 12, 2014.
- Kirkens tragiske kamp mod markedet. *Børsen*, March 3, 2014.
- Hvor velstående er vi danskere egentlig? *Børsen*, January 31, 2014.
- Nye jagerfly og skadelige modkøb. *Børsen*, January 6, 2014.

Other professional activities, awards and more

- Refereeing for (among others) *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *European Economic Review*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Sociological Review*, *International Sociology*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Political Studies*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *World Development*.
- PhD-committee and external examiner, Cambridge University, Massey University, Radboud University Nijmegen, University of Hamburg, University of Heidelberg, University of Cantabria, University of Alicante, University Jaume I (Castellon), Erasmus University Rotterdam, Queensland University of Technology, Charles University, University of Copenhagen.
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Public Choice*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*.
- Fellow, CesIFO, Munich, Institute for Research in Economic and Fiscal Issues, Brussels.
- Member of the Academic Advisory Council, Institute of Economic Affairs, London.
- Associate Fellow, Center for Political Studies, Copenhagen.
- Affiliated researcher, Institute for Research in Economic and Fiscal Issues.
- Lecturer and member of the programme committee, the Danish University Extension, Aarhus.
- Commentator and editor, www.punditokraterne.dk.

- Recipient of the 2007 Statoil Prize for research in the social sciences.