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Academic employment

2021–Present Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University
2019–2021 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
2014–2015 Research Assistant, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen
2012–2014 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen

Education

2015–2019 PhD in Political Science (three-year programme), Aarhus University
- 1 December 2015 - 30 November 2018. Defended 8 March 2019
- Principal supervisor: Jakob Tolstrup. Co-supervisor: Svend-Erik Skaaning
- Committee: Jacob G. Hariri, Jun Koga Sudduth, and Derek Beach (chair)
2011–2014 MSc in Political Science, University of Copenhagen & Aarhus University
2008–2011 BSc in Political Science, Aarhus University

Peer-reviewed articles

1. Sakstrup, Casper & Jakob Tolstrup (2022). To Intervene or Not to Intervene? Democratic Constraints on Third-Party Support in Civil Wars. *Government and Opposition* 57 (1): 126–147. [link](#).
2. Bokobza, Laure, Suthan Krishnarajan, Jacob Nystrup, Casper Sakstrup & Lasse Aaskoven (2021). The Morning After: Cabinet Instability and the Purging of Ministers after Failed Coup Attempts in Autocracies. *The Journal of Politics*: 1–36. [link](#)
3. Sakstrup, Casper (2021). What's going on Next Door? Irregular leader change in neighboring countries, uncertainty, and civil war. *Journal of Peace Research* 58 (3): 539–53. [link](#)
4. Sakstrup, Casper & Kristina Jessen Hansen (2021). Revisiting the Emotion-Risk Interaction: Do Anger and Fear Moderate the Impact of Risk on Public Support for War? *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 33 (4): 1012–1023. [link](#).

Dissertation

5. Sakstrup, Casper (2019). *Third-party Involvement in Civil War: Causes and Consequences*, PhD Dissertation, Aarhus: Forlaget Politica. [link](#)

Reports

6. Kristensen, Kristian Sjøby & Casper Sakstrup (2016). *Russian Policy in the Arctic after the Ukraine Crisis*, published in English and Danish, Copenhagen: Centre for Military Studies. [link](#)
7. Sakstrup, Casper, Johannes Kidmose & Jette Steen Knudsen (2015). *Samfundsansvar – Aktuel anvendelse i og fremtidig relevans for det danske forsvar af samfundsansvarsbegrebet* [Corporate Social Responsibility – Current application and future relevance of the corporate social responsibility concept for the Danish Defence], Copenhagen: Centre for Military Studies. [link](#)

Working papers

8. Sakstrup, Casper. When Strength Becomes Weakness: Precolonial State Development, Monopoly on Violence, and Civil War.
9. Sakstrup, Casper. Kausalitet i scenarieforskning: Konsekvenser for udenrigs- og sikkerhedspolitiske analyser [Causality in Scenario Research: Consequences for Foreign and Security Policy Analyses].
10. Sakstrup, Casper & Kristina Jessen Hansen. Escalation of Commitment or Rational Responsiveness to Costs in War? A New Typology.
11. Sakstrup, Casper. The Dictator's Foreign Policy.
12. Sakstrup, Casper. Scenario research as a basis for policy recommendations: Potentials and Pitfalls.

Op-eds

13. Sakstrup, Casper (2021). "Mens vi talte om corona", Weekendavisen, 9 March 2021.
14. Schaub, Gary & Casper Sakstrup (2014). "Hvorfor flyver russerne aggressivt over Østersøen?", Jyllands-Posten, 17 December 2014.
15. Sakstrup, Casper (2013). "Reform med tvivlsom gevinst", Jyllands-Posten, 28 November 2013.
16. Sakstrup, Casper (2009). "Hurra for det brede forsvarsforlig", Jyllands-Posten, 5 July 2009.

Teaching

- 2022 European Policies, Economics and Society. Lecturer. MA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University
- 2021 Contemporary International Conflicts. Lecturer. BA course, 5 ECTS, 3rd semester. Language and International Studies, Aalborg University
- 2021 Political Institutions: Western Countries, the European Union and International Organizations. Teaching Assistant. Bachelor, 10 ECTS, 4th semester. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2020 Sammenlignende statskundskab: Stat, regimer, og udvikling [Comparative Political Science: State, Regimes, and Development]. Teaching Assistant. Bachelor, 10 ECTS, 3rd semester. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2020 Political Institutions: Western Countries, the European Union and International Organizations. Teaching Assistant and examiner. Bachelor, 10 ECTS, 4th semester. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2019 Sammenlignende statskundskab: Stat, regimer, og udvikling [Comparative Political Science: State, Regimes, and Development]. Teaching Assistant and examiner. Bachelor, 10 ECTS, 3rd semester. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2019 Political Institutions: Western Countries, the European Union and International Organizations. Teaching Assistant and examiner. Bachelor, 10 ECTS, 4th semester. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2017 Kvantitativ konfliktforskning: Intervention, krig og alliancer [Quantitative Conflict Research: Intervention, War, and Alliances]. Course coordinator, teacher, and examiner. Master, 10 ECTS. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2016 International politik [International Relations]. Teaching Assistant. Bachelor, 10 ECTS, 4th semester. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2013 International politik [International Relations]. Teaching Assistant. Bachelor, 20 ECTS, 5th semester. Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen
- 2012 International politik [International Relations]. Teaching Assistant. Bachelor, 20 ECTS, 5th semester. Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen
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Courses

- 2017 Advanced Quantitative Empirical Methods. PhD course. Course leader: Allan Würtz. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2017 Causal Case Study Methodology – Small-n Research Designs. PhD course. Course leader: Derek Beach. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2016 Beyond OLS: Categorical, Choice, and Count Models. PhD and MA course. Course leader: Tobias Böhmelt. Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex, UK

- 2016 Mathematics for Social Scientists (part 1). PhD and MA course. Course leader: Christopher Saker. Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex, UK
- 2016 Academic Writing. PhD course. Course leader: Sören Johnson. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2016 The Dynamics of Civil War and International Conflict. PhD course. Course leaders: Scott Gates and J.T. Checkel. PRIO Research School on Peace and Conflict, Oslo, Norway
- 2016 Social Research as a Craft. PhD course. Course leaders: Robert Klemmensen and Kees van Kersbergen. Aarhus University and University of Southern Denmark

Conference and workshop presentations

- 2021 Conference presentation. Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vejle
- 2021 Workshop presentation. Conflict and Regime Workshop, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2020 Workshop presentation. Political Regimes and Their Correlates, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2019 Conference presentation. Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2019 Conference presentation. Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vejle
- 2018 Conference presentation. J Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Verona, Italy
- 2018 Workshop presentation. Political Behavior Workshop, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2017 Workshop presentation. Workshop on International Dimensions of Political Instability and Conflict, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2017 Conference presentation. Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vejle
- 2017 Conference presentation. International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, USA
- 2016 Conference presentation. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Philadelphia, USA
- 2016 Conference presentation. European Political Science Association General Conference, Brussels, Belgium

Grants

- 2020 Research grant for survey experiments (40,000 kr.), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2019 Research grant for survey experiments (45,000 kr.), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
- 2018 Grant for research stay at University of Essex (15,000 kr.), Augustinus Fonden
- 2018 Grant for research stay at University of Essex (15,000 kr.), Knud Højgaards Fond

2018 Grant for research stay at University of Essex (10,000 kr.), Oticon Fonden

Other academic activities

2020–2021 Chair of the Postdoc and Assistant Professor group, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University

2018 Visiting Scholar (4 months), Department of Government, University of Essex, UK

2017 Co-organizer, two-day workshop on International Dimensions of Political Instability and Conflict, funded by the Conflict and Democratization project (CODE), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University

2015 Fieldwork in Moscow. Interviewing Russian policy makers, journalists, and experts, together with Kristian Sjøby Kristensen for a report on Russian arctic policy.

Other job experiences

2013–2014 Student Assistant, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen

2010–2013 Student Assistant & Project Responsible, Arla Foods global head office, Viby J.

2012 Intern (6 months), Political affairs section, Embassy of Denmark, Seoul, South Korea

2007 Conscripted Sailor (9 months), the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, Danish Navy

Hobbies

- Sailing
 - Travelling
 - Old cars and motorbikes
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