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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. When Strength Becomes Weakness: Precolonial State Development, Monopoly on Violence, and Civil War. Accepted for publication in *Comparative Political Studies*.
2. 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](#).
3. Bokobza, Laure, Suthan Krishnarajan, Jacob Nystrup, Casper Sakstrup & Lasse Aaskoven (2022). The Morning After: Cabinet Instability and the Purging of Ministers after Failed Coup Attempts in Autocracies. *The Journal of Politics* 84 (3): 1437–1452. [link](#)
4. 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): 539–553. [link](#)
5. 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

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

Reports

7. 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](#)
8. 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

9. Sakstrup, Casper & Henrikas Bartusevičius. Group-based injustice motivates, whereas group-based inequality dissuades, political violence.
10. Sakstrup, Casper & Kristina Jessen Hansen. (Ir)rational Responses to Costs in War? A New Conceptual Framework.
11. Sakstrup, Casper. The Dictator's Foreign Policy: Elite cohesion and institutional checks.
12. Sakstrup, Casper. Scenario research as a basis for policy recommendations: Potentials and Pitfalls.
13. Sakstrup, Casper. Kausalitet i scenarieforskning: Konsekvenser for udenrigs- og sikkerhedspolitiske analyser [Causality in Scenario Research: Consequences for Foreign and Security Policy Analyses].

Op-eds

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

Teaching

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| 2022 | Research Design and Semester Project. Lecturer. MA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2022 | International Politics and Diplomacy. Lecturer. MA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |

2022	International Politik [International Relations]. Lecturer. BA course, 5th semester, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University
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. Department of Culture and Learning, 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

Courses

2022	University Pedagogical Programme for assistant professors. AAU Learning Lab, Aalborg University
2021–2022	Competence Development in Social Data Science (CompUP). CALDISS and CLAUUDIA, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Aalborg University
2021	SwitchR. Course leader: Kristian Kjellmann. CALDISS, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Aalborg University
2021	Web scraping and text analysis using R. Course leader: Christoffer Florczak. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University

- 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. 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
- 2012 Kursus i undervisningspædagogik [University Teaching Course]. The Teaching and Learning Unit of Social Sciences, University of Copenhagen

Conference and workshop presentations

- 2022 Workshop presentation. Workshop on Empirical Research in Peace and Conflict. The German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies and Aarhus University, Sandbjerg
- 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 Søbby 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