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Academic employment

2023–present Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University
2021–2023 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 & Henrikas Bartusevičius (2024). Group-Based Injustice, but Not Group-Based Economic Inequality, Predicts Political Violence Across 18 African Countries. *Social Psychological and Personality Science* 15 (7): 747–758. [link](#)
2. Sakstrup, Casper (2023). When Strength Becomes Weakness: Precolonial State Development, Monopoly on Violence, and Civil War. *Comparative Political Studies* 56 (14): 2131–2164. [link](#)
3. 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](#).
4. 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](#)
5. 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](#)

6. 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

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

Reports

8. Kristensen, Kristian Søby & Casper Sakstrup (2016). *Russian Policy in the Arctic after the Ukraine Crisis*, published in English and Danish, Copenhagen: Centre for Military Studies. [link](#)
9. Sakstrup, Casper, Johannes Kidmose & Jette Steen Knudsen (2015). *Samfundsansvar – Aktuell 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](#)

Work in progress

10. Sakstrup, Casper & Kristina Jessen Hansen. (Ir)rational Responses to Costs in War? A New Conceptual Framework.
11. Qvist, Jeppe F., Subhasish Ray & Casper Sakstrup. Historical conflict and contemporary political violence in India.
12. Sakstrup, Casper & Jakob Tolstrup. The Dictator's Foreign Policy: Personalism and leader characteristics.
13. Florczak, Christoffer & Casper Sakstrup. Mapping small state diplomacy: Danish diplomat postings 1810 – 1922.
14. Sakstrup, Casper. Scenario research as a basis for policy recommendations: Potentials and Pitfalls.
15. Sakstrup, Casper. Kausalitet i scenarieforskning: Konsekvenser for udenrigs- og sikkerhedspolitiske analyser [Causality in Scenario Research: Consequences for Foreign and Security Policy Analyses].

Op-eds

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

Teaching

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| 2025 | Research Design. Lecturer. MA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2025 | EU og International Politik [EU and International Relations]. Lecturer. BA course, 4th semester, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2024 | International Politics and Diplomacy. Lecturer and coordinator. MA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2024 | Research Design and Semester Project. Lecturer. MA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2024 | EU og International Politik [EU and International Relations]. Lecturer. BA course, 4th semester, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2024 | Politiske Institutioner [Political Institutions]. Lecturer and coordinator (with Dominik Schraff). BA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2024 | Topical seminars within displacement, mobility and refugee studies. Lecturer. MA course. Global Refugee Studies (Copenhagen). Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2023 | International Politics and Diplomacy. Lecturer and coordinator. MA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2023 | Research Design and Semester Project. Lecturer. MA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2023 | Politiske Institutioner [Political Institutions]. Lecturer and coordinator (with Dominik Schraff). BA course, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 2023 | International Politik [International Relations]. Lecturer. BA course, 5th semester, 10 ECTS. Department of Politics and Society, Aalborg University |
| 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 |

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| 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

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| 2022–2023 | 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 |

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| 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

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| 2023 | Workshop presentation. Inequality, Democracy, and Development. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University |
| 2023 | Conference presentation. Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nyborg |
| 2022 | Workshop presentation. Workshop on Empirical Research in Peace and Conflict. The German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies and Aarhus University, Sandbjerg |
| 2022 | Conference presentation. Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nyborg |
| 2021 | Workshop presentation. Conflict and Regime Workshop, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University |
| 2021 | Conference presentation. Danish Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vejle |
| 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

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| 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

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| 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. |

Media and outreach

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| 2024 | Co-organizer and speaker, Perspektiver for fred i en konfliktfyldt verden [Perspectives for peace in a conflict-ridden world], public debate with researchers, practitioners, and politicians, Aalborg 13 March 2024. Arranged in collaboration with the Danish United Nations Association, Northern Jutland. |
| 2022 | Interview. Jacobsen, Johannes (2022). "Forsker: Der er kun to udveje for en diktator som Putin", Nordjyske, 14 March 2022. link |
| 2022 | Speaker, Debat om krigen i Ukraine [Debate about the war in Ukraine], public debate with researchers, politicians and media, Aalborg 1 March 2022. Nordjyske and Aalborg University. link |

Other job experiences

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| 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