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Curriculum Vita (as of January 25, 2010)

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Personal information

Born August 27, 1970, in Haderslev, Denmark
Marital Status: Single, no children
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Primary research areas

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

Education

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

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, Aarhus School of Business, 2007-
External lecturer, School of Economics and Management, Aarhus University, 2006
External lecturer, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, 2006-
External consultant, Copenhagen Consensus, 2009

Teaching experience (academic)

International Economics, Development Economics, General Economics

Job and teaching experience (non-academic)

Assistant coach 1994-1996, Aarhus 1900 Triathlon

Coach 1996-2000, AGF swimming, responsible for talent development

Substitute teacher 1995-2001, Forældreskolen i Århus (primary school)

Languages

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

Publications

Journals with peer review

1. How Does Social Trust Lead to Economic Growth? Forthcoming in *Southern Economic Journal*.
2. A Different Rationale for Redistribution: A Comment. Forthcoming in *Journal of Happiness Studies*.
3. How does Social Trust lead to Better Governance? An Attempt to Separate Electoral and Bureaucratic Mechanisms. Forthcoming in *Public Choice*.
4. Do Elites Benefit from Democracy and Foreign Aid in Developing Countries? Forthcoming in *Journal of Development Economics*.
5. How Comparable are the Gallup World Poll Life Satisfaction Data? Forthcoming in *Journal of Happiness Studies*.
6. Social Trust and the Growth of Schooling. *Economics of Education Review*, vol. 28 (2009), 249-257. (Short, revised version of chapter two of my PhD thesis)
7. Social Capital and Happiness in the United States. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, vol. 3 (2008), 43-62.
8. The Growth-Inequality Association: Government Ideology Matters. *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 87 (2008), 300-308.
9. Social Trust and Fractionalization: A Possible Reinterpretation. *European Sociological Review*, vol. 24 (2008), 271-283.
10. Analyzing Trends in Subjective Well-Being in 15 European Countries, 1973-2002. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, vol. 9 (2008), 317-330. (With Nabanita Datta Gupta and Peder Pedersen)
11. On Decentralization and Life Satisfaction. *Economics Letters*, vol. 99 (2008), 147-151. (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)
12. Healthy and Happy in Europe? On the Association between Happiness and Life Expectancy over Time. *Social Science & Medicine*, vol. 66 (2008), 1750-1759.
13. Economic Freedom and Entrepreneurial Activity: Some Cross-Country Evidence. *Public Choice*, vol. 134 (2008), 307-328. (with Nicolai J. Foss) Also published as chapter 16 in Nicolai J. Foss (ed.), *Knowledge, Economic Organization, and Property Rights*. London:

- Edward Elgar (2009); and chapter 10 in Andreas Freytag and Roy Thurik (eds.), *Entrepreneurship and Culture*. Dordrecht: Springer (2009).
14. Cross-Country Determinants of Life Satisfaction: Exploring Different Determinants across Groups in Society. *Social Choice and Welfare*, vol. 30 (2008), 119-173. (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)
 15. How to Construct a Robust Measure of Social Capital: Two Contributions. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, vol. 9 (2007), 275-292. (With Gert T. Svendsen) *Awarded best paper in the JCPA 2007*.
 16. The Bigger the Better? Evidence of the Effect of Government Size on Life Satisfaction around the World. *Public Choice*, vol. 130 (2007), 267-292. (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)
 17. Determinants of Generalized Trust. A Cross-Country Comparison. *Public Choice*, vol. 130 (2007), 1-21. (Revised version of chapter three of my PhD thesis)
 18. The Multiple Facets of Social Capital. *European Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 22 (2006), 22-40. (Revised version of chapter one of my PhD thesis)
 19. Underlying Policies in the WTO, the Harbinson Proposal and the Modalities Agreement. *Revue Economique*, vol. 56 (2005), 1385-1412. (With Kim Martin Lind)
 20. Does Political Ideology Affect Economic Growth? *Public Choice*, vol. 123 (2005), 133-146.
 21. Hvem kan U-landene samarbejde med i den nye WTO-runde? *Nationaløkonomisk Tidsskrift*, vol. 141 (2003), 112-129. (With Kim Martin Lind)
 22. The Happy Few. Cross-Country Evidence on Social Capital and Life Satisfaction. *Kyklos*, vol. 56 (2003), 3-16.
 23. Where Do Developing Countries Go After Doha? An analysis of WTO positions and potential alliances. *Journal of World Trade*, vol. 36 (2002), 543-562. (With Kim Martin Lind)
 24. Counting In Social Capital When Easing Agricultural Credit Constraints. *Journal of Microfinance*, vol. 4 (2002), 17-36. (With Jarka Chloupková)
 25. Could Social Capital Help Czech Agriculture? *Zemědělská Ekonomika*, vol. 48 (2002), 245-249. (With Jarka Chloupková)

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

1. På sporet af den skandinaviske tillid. Forthcoming 2010 in Paul Hegedahl and Gunnar L.H. Svendsen (eds.), *Tillid: Grundlaget for Social Kapital*. Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag. (With Gert T. Svendsen and Gunnar L.H. Svendsen)
2. Tillid og Økonomisk Vækst. Forthcoming 2010 in Paul Hegedahl and Gunnar L.H. Svendsen (eds.), *Tillid: Grundlaget for Social Kapital*. Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag.
3. Ottar Hellevik (2008): *Jakten på den Norske Lykken*. *Norsk Statsvitenskapelig Tidsskrift*, vol. 25 (2009), 289-292.
4. Economic Growth. Chapter 20 in Gert T. Svendsen and Gunnar L.H. Svendsen (eds.), *Handbook of Social Capital*. London: Edward Elgar (2009). (*also available at SSRN*)
5. The Relation between Inequality and Happiness – do Subjective Perceptions Matter? Pp. 471-477 in *Values and Economy. Proceedings of the 32nd IAREP Conference*. Ljubljana: Filozofska Fakulteta (2007). (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)
6. Udviklingsbistand og Institutionel Kvalitet. *Økonomi & Politik*, vol. 80 (2007), 32-44.
7. *Basics of International Economics*. Copenhagen: Ventus. E-book available at www.ventus.dk.
8. Potential Coalitions and Convergence in the Doha Round. Pp. 142-161 in Eugenio Diaz-Bonilla, Søren E. Frandsen and Sherman Robinson (eds.), *WTO Negotiations and International Trade Liberalization: What's at Stake for Developing Countries?* Wallingford: CABI Publishing (2006). (With Kim Martin Lind)

9. Corruption Trends. Pp. 59-75 in Johan Lambsdorff, Markus Taube and Matthias Schramm, (eds.), *The New Institutional Economics of Corruption*. London: Routledge (2004). (With Martin Paldam)
10. EU's handelsinitiativer overfor udviklingslandene: Cotonou-aftalen og 'Everything but Arms' initiativet. Chapter 2 in: *Landbrugets Økonomi - Efteråret 2001 (Danish Agricultural Economy - autumn 2001)*, the Danish Research Institute of Food Economics (2001).

Working papers and notes

- Political Ideology on Economic Freedom across Canadian Provinces. Centre Emile Bernheim Working Paper 09-054. (With Niklas Potrafke) – under review
- The Spirit of Capitalism and Socialism: A Cross-Country Study of Ideology. Economics Working Papers 2009-18, Aarhus University. (With Martin Paldam) – under review
- On the Relation between Inequality and Happiness – do Political Norms Matter? MPRA working paper 19502; KOF Working Paper 09-245, ETH Zürich; University of Hamburg Economic Policy Working Paper 2009-027. (With Axel Dreher, Justina Fischer and Jan Schnellenbach) – under review
- Historical Trust Levels Predict Current Welfare State Design. Ratio Institute Working Paper 09-144. (With Andreas Bergh) – under review
- Does Religiosity Promote or Discourage Social Trust? Evidence from Cross-Country and Cross-State Comparisons. Ratio Institute Working Paper 09-142. (With Niclas Berggren, *available at SSRN*)
- The Growth Effects of Institutional Instability. Ratio Institute Working Paper 09-135. (With Niclas Berggren and Andreas Bergh, *available at SSRN*) – under review
- Formal Institutions and Subjective Wellbeing: Revisiting the Cross-Country Evidence. KOF Working Paper 08-192, ETH Zürich / EFI Working Paper 699, Stockholm School of Economics. (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer, *available at SSRN*) – under review
- Growth, Debt Burdens and Alleviating Effects of Foreign Aid in Least Developed Countries. Department of Economics, Working Paper 07-1, Aarhus School of Business. (With Christina Bjerg and Anne Holm) – under review
- How Does Social Trust Affect Economic Growth? Department of Economics, Working Paper 06-2, Aarhus School of Business. (*also available at SSRN*)
- Economic Growth and Institutional Reform in Modern Monarchies and Republics: A Historical Cross-Country Perspective 1820-2000. Department of Economics, Working Paper 08-15, Aarhus School of Business. (With Peter Kurrild-Klitgaard, *available at SSRN*)
- Social Trust and the Growth of Schooling. Department of Economics, Working Paper 07-6, Aarhus School of Business. (Revised version of chapter two of my PhD thesis)
- On Gender Gaps in Life Satisfaction: Does Discrimination Matter? EFI Working Paper 657, Stockholm School of Economics. (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)
- Economic Freedom and Entrepreneurial Activity: Some Cross-Country Evidence. SMG Working Paper 2006-15, Center for Strategic Management and Globalization, Copenhagen Business School. (With Nicolai J. Foss)
- Økonomisk Frihed og Iværksætteraktivitet – en Lande-Undersøgelse. Discussion Note, 22 January 2007, Center for Political Studies, Copenhagen. (With Nicolai J. Foss)
- The Determinants of Trust. Ratio Institute Working Paper 06-86. Contribution to the project *Markets, Morality, Trust and Growth* at the Ratio Institute, Stockholm.
- The Bigger the Better? Evidence of the effect of government size on life satisfaction around the world. Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich Economics Working Paper 05/44. (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)
- Cross-Country Determinants of Life Satisfaction. Exploring Different Determinants across Groups in Society. Swiss Institute for Business Cycle Research (KOF) Working Paper No. 145 (2006). (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)

- Cross-Country Determinants of Life Satisfaction. Exploring Different Determinants across Groups in Society. University of St. Gallen Working Paper 2005-19. (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)

Note that these two papers, although having the same name, rely on different data and estimation strategies!

- Life Satisfaction: Is there a Role for Policy? Discussion note, 29 September 2005, the Danish Center for Political Studies, Copenhagen. Also available as Policy Paper no. VI, European Enterprise Institute, Brussels.
- Political Ideology and Economic Freedom. Department of Economics, Working Paper 05-8, Aarhus School of Business. (revised version of chapter four of my PhD thesis)
- What Buys Happiness? Analyzing Trends in Subjective Well-Being in 15 European Countries, 1973-2002. IZA Discussion Paper no. 1716. (With Nabanita Datta Gupta and Peder J. Pedersen)
- Legal Quality, Inequality and Tolerance. Department of Economics, Working Paper 04-09, Aarhus School of Business.
- Inequality, Tolerance and Growth. Department of Economics, Working Paper 04-08, Aarhus School of Business.
- Corruption and Social Capital. Department of Economics, Working Paper 03-13, Aarhus School of Business.
- Measuring Social Capital. Is There a Single Explanation? Department of Economics, Working Paper 03-05, Aarhus School of Business. (With Gert Tinggaard Svendsen)
- Why Does the Northern Light Shine So Brightly? Decentralisation, Social Capital and the Economy. Working Paper 02-15, Aarhus School of Business. (With Gert Tinggaard Svendsen)
- Where Do Developing Countries Go After Doha. An analysis of WTO positions and potential alliances. FOI Working Paper 02/2002, the Danish Research Institute of Food Economics. (With Kim Martin Lind)
- Reaping the Gains from Trade: Constraints and Opportunities of Agricultural Credit Markets. Unit of Economics Working Paper 13/2001, the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University. (With Jarka Chloupková)
- From Lomé to Cotonou. The New EU-ACP Agreement. FOI Working Paper 14/2001, the Danish Research Institute of Food Economics. (With Ekaterina Krivonos)

Conference papers and unpublished papers (available on request)

- *Investigations in the Economics of Social Capital*. Unpublished PhD thesis, 2005.
- Do Leftwing Governments Meddle More With the Economy? Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, March 10-13, 2005.
- Globalization and Economic Freedom. Presented at the 2nd Danish International Economics Workshop, Aarhus, May 2006, at the Copenhagen Business School, June, 2006, and at the University of Copenhagen, November 10, 2006.
- Lobbying for Anti-Dumping Measures: Evidence from the European Union. Presented at the joint ASB-IWE conference, Kiel, December 18-19, 2008, ETSG, Rome, September 10-12, 2009, and the Danish Economics Association, January 8-9, 2010; to be presented at PEIO, Washington, January 28-30, 2010 (With Philipp Meinen, Jørgen Ulf-Møller Nielsen and Philipp Schröder)
- Ideological Interpretations of Easterlin's Income-Happiness Paradox: A Warning. Presented at IAREP/SABE, Paris, July, 2006.
- On the Determinants of Social Trust in the United States. Presented at the 2007 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April 12-15, 2007 and the 2008 meeting of IAREP, Rome, September 4-7, 2008. (*available at SSRN*)
- On Globalization and Human Rights: The Importance of Types of Globalization. Presented at the conference Beyond Basic Questions, Göttingen, October 10-11, 2008.

- Foreign Aid and the Real Price of Investments. Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Las Vegas, March 5-8, 2009, and the University of Bath, November 4, 2009. (*available at SSRN*)
- Further Evidence on the Association between Social Trust and Income Inequality.
- Political Ideology and the Structure of National Accounts in the Nordic Countries, 1950-2004. Presented at the annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Jena, March 27-30, 2008. – under review
- Politics and Privatization in Central and Eastern Europe: A Panel Data Analysis. Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Las Vegas, March 5-8, 2009. (With Niklas Potrafke, *available at SSRN*) – under review
- On the Income Elasticity of National CO₂ Emissions.
- Is Social Capital a Good Concept? Presented at Cinefogo conference, Aalborg, June 8-9, 2009; to be presented at the MPSA, Chicago, April 22-25, 2010. (With Kim Sønderskov)
- On Gender Equality and Life Satisfaction: Does Discrimination Matter? (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer) – under review
- Combating Corruption: On the Interplay between Institutional Quality and Social Trust. Presented at Symposium on Social Capital in European Regions, Innsbruck, April 22-24, 2008, and the annual meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, Vancouver, June 6-8, 2008. (*available at SSRN*) – under review
- Can Bribes Buy Protection Against International Competition? Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, March 30-April 2, 2006, KOF, Zürich, July 30, 2007, and at the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April 3-6, 2008. (*available at SSRN*)
- The Trust-Schooling Association: Re-Visiting the Demand Mechanism. (With Lena Pfister) – under review
- Institutional Quality and Political Ideology: Evidence from the OECD, 1984-2004. To be presented at the annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Izmir, April 8-11, 2010.
- The Productivity of Trust. Presented at the Beyond Basic Questions II conference, Zürich, May 22-23, 2009; to be presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Monterey, March 11-14, 2010. (With Pierre-Guillaume Méon)

Current projects / work in progress

- Towing the Party Line on your Home Turf? Re-Visiting Partisan Effects on Economic Freedom in the United States. (With Niklas Potrafke)
- Trust in Foreigners. (With Justina Fischer)
- Historical Correlates of Social Trust.
- Viking Trust. (With Gunnar Svendsen and Gert Svendsen)
- Does Social Trust Create Happiness?
- The Effects of Social Trust and Religiosity on Tolerance. (With Niclas Berggren)
- Isolation or Convergence in the WTO: the 2006 Suspension of the Doha Round. Paper presented at the PEIO conference in Monte Verità, February 4, 2008. (With Kim Martin Lind)
- Early Retirement and Subjective Well-Being – a Cross-Country Approach. Preliminary results presented at ISQOLS, Grahamstown, July 17-20, 2006 (With Nabanita Datta Gupta and Peder J. Pedersen)
- Equal Access to Education and Subjective Wellbeing. (With Axel Dreher and Justina Fischer)
- Do Perceptions of Control Influence how Domain Satisfactions are aggregated? Preliminary results presented at ISQOLS, San Diego, December 6-9, 2007
- The Gap between Rhetoric and Reality in the Discourse on Socio-Economic Rights. (With Jacob Mchangama)

- How Economic Freedom Variables moderate the Relation between Productivity and Entrepreneurship. (With Nicolai Foss)
- An Offer You Can't Refuse: Murder as an Enforcement Mechanism of Corrupt Deals. (With Andreas Freytag)

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

- Hønen eller ægget. *Weekendavisen*, December 11, 2009.
- Tillit i det multikulturelle samfund. *Minerva*, March 6, 2009.
- Tvivl om Obamas frihandelspolitik. *Danske Business*, February, 2009.
- Julen er også de gode sagers tyranni. *Politiken*, December 6, 2008.
- EU i Doha-runden. *Folk i Bevægelse*, October 2008.
- Uden tvivlen er der intet frit valg. *Information*, October 9, 2008.
- Sanders kontrol skader væksten. *Weekendavisen*, August 22, 2008.
- Holdånd: Har vikingerne gjort os lykkelige? *Politiken*, May 4, 2008.
- Forsvarets indkøb – hvad foregår det? *180 Grader*, April 21, 2008.
- Klimatold – til skade for næsten alle. *180 Grader*, February 12, 2008.
- U-landsbistand er penge ud af vinduet. *Information*, January 21, 2008.
- Den politiske sammenhæng mellem lighed og sammenhængskraft. *180 Grader*, December 13, 2007.
- Giv en hånd til Afrika(s militær). *180 Grader*, October 15, 2007.
- Forbrug der hæmmer. *180 Grader*, September 12, 2007.
- Klimadebat uden konsensus. *180 Grader*, August 16, 2007.
- Måske en af de dyreste valgsejre nogensinde. *180 Grader*, June 27, 2007.
- Flere penge ud ad vinduet. *Nyhedsavisen*, June 11, 2007.
- Når gode viljer gør ondt i ulandene. *180 Grader*, May 16, 2007.
- Ulandenes særlige ønsker. *Berlingske Tidende*, April 26, 2007.
- Airbus' medfødte problemer. *Berlingske Tidende*, March 22, 2007.
- Bistanden ødelægger sig selv. *Berlingske Tidende*, March 6, 2007.
- Den globale skolegårde. *Berlingske Tidende*, February 22, 2007.
- Misforståelser om iværksætteri. *Berlingske Tidende*, February 20, 2007. (With Nicolai J. Foss)
- Dansk økonomi presset af globaliseringen. *Berlingske Tidende*, January 25, 2007.
- Nej, lykken er ikke høj skat. *Politiken*, January 3, 2007.
- Drop Østtaftalen. *Berlingske Tidende*, December 28, 2006.
- Liberaliseringen er gået i hårdknude. *Berlingske Tidende*, November 30, 2006.
- Langtfra enighed. *Weekendavisen*, November 24, 2006.
- Ulandshjælp – ikke en løsning, men del af problemet. *Internationalt Nyt*, November 2006.
- Ulandshjælp har ingen reel virkning. *Berlingske Tidende*, November 2, 2006.
- Globaliseringens udfordringer. *Berlingske Tidende*, September 21, 2006.
- Dumpet i økonomi. *Weekendavisen*, September 8, 2006.
- Politisk makværk anno 2006. *Berlingske Tidende*, July 10, 2006.
- Regeringen vil styre kreativiteten efter sovjetisk model. *Dagbladet Ingeniøren*, December 1, 2005.
- Sovjet-tænkning i dansk forskningspolitik. *Berlingske Tidende*, November 25, 2005.
- Ulandsbistand er desværre en del af problemet. *Berlingske Tidende*, July 23, 2005.
- Mod uretfærdig verdenshandel. *Berlingske Tidende*, May 25, 2005. (With Niels Westy Munch-Holbek)
- Tillid er godt. *Weekendavisen*, April 21, 2005.
- Har du penge... *Weekendavisen*, March 10, 2005.
- Hvad er der i vejen med bøffer fra Brasilien? *Weekendavisen*, September 12, 2003. (With Niels Westy Munch-Holbek)
- EU's sukkerpolitik: Hul i Hovedet! Invited column, *Forum*, September, 2003

- Er EU's landbrugsreform svindel? *Information*, August 9, 2003. (With Niels Westy Munch-Holbek)
- Kære EU – se mod syd. *Information*. December 24, 2002.
- Udenlandske investeringer skaber fremgang i Ulande. Short article posted on www.mod-attac.dk

Other professional activities, awards and more

- Refereeing for *American Political Science Review*, *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, *Brazilian Journal of Applied Economics*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics e-journal*, *Economics of Education Review*, *European Economic Review*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *International Economic Journal*, *International Sociology*, *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *Journal of Health Psychology*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, *Management Research News*, *MIT Press*, *Økonomi & Politik*, *Pearson Education Publishers*, *Public Choice*, *Regional Studies*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Routledge*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Taylor & Francis*, *World Development*.
- External examiner, Cambridge University, Massey University.
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Public Choice*.
- Member of the Executive Board, the European Public Choice Society, 2007-2010.
- Member of the Board, the Danish Center for Political Studies, Copenhagen.
- Lecturer and member of the programme committee, the Danish University Extension, Aarhus.
- Fellow programme 2009, the Montpellierin Society.
- Commentator, [180 Grader](http://180Grader.com).
- Commentator and editor, www.punditokraterne.dk.
- Recipient of the 2007 Statoil Prize for research in economics.
- Listed in *Who's Who in the World* since the 2009 edition.