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Employment

Aarhus University, Denmark

Postdoc, Department of Political Science   Nov 2023–

Education

University of Essex, United Kingdom

PhD, Department of Government   Oct 2020–Jan 2024

MRes, Department of Government   Oct 2018–Sep 2020

Capital Normal University, China

BA, College of Political Science and Law   Sep 2014–Jun 2018

Research

Published

3. Supporting Environmental Protection in Good and Bad Economic Circumstances (with Tobias Böhmelt). 2024. *Environmental Politics* 33 (2): 302–320

2. Policy Diffusion and the Interdependent Fuel Taxes. 2023. *Climatic Change* 176 (12): 160

1. Trade and the Government Underfunding of Environmental Innovation. 2023. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 13 (4): 575–586

Under Review

1. Good for the Economy, Good for the Planet? How Foreign Direct Investment Affects Protected Areas (with Ana Carolina Garriga)
   • R&R in *International Interactions* (Resubmitted in Dec 2024)

In Progress

6. Policy Idea Sharing among Politicians: Evidence from Field Experiments (with Roman Senninger)
   • First experiment: Data collected
   • Second experiment: Under design

5. The Consequences of Energy Insecurity and the Cost-of-Living Crisis for Vote Choice and Climate Policy Preferences (with Liam F. Beiser-McGrath)
   • Policy brief, Why Sunak's Net Zero Rollback Won't Pay Off, published on *LSE Blogs* on Oct 10, 2023

4. Public Support for the "Loss and Damage" Fund: Climate Responsibility or Immigration Control? (with Muhammad M. Hussain)
   • Pilot data collected

3. Regional Inequalities and Support for Place-Based Climate Policies (with Liam F. Beiser-McGrath and Sophia Stutzmann)
   • Data collected

2. Housing Support for Climate Action

1. Retraining and Labor Market Inequality in the Green Transition (with Sophia Stutzmann)
   • Funded by PIREAU – Platform for Inequality Research at Aarhus University

Grants

PIREAU Seed Funding (Aarhus) – ca. €12,700	2025
Departmental Small Research Grants (Aarhus) – ca. €8,700	2024–25
Summer Centennial Center (APSA) Research Grant – ca. €2,310	2023
APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant – ca. €380 (declined)	2023
ESSEXLab Seedcorn Funding – ca. €3,500	2023
Proficio Conference Funding (Essex) – ca. €1,160	2023
Departmental Conference Funding (Essex) – ca. €1,070	2023

Teaching

Certificate

Diploma – Aarhus University Pedagogical Programme (150 Hours)	Autumn 2024

Aarhus

Instructor of Record – Understanding Chinese Politics and China's Impact on the World (master's)	Autumn 2025
Instructor of Record – Comparative Climate Politics (master's)	Spring 2025
Instructor (with Tobias Widmann and Simon T. Karg) – Introduction to R (for academic staff)	Jan 2025
Discussion Class Teacher – Political Institutions (bachelor's)	Spring 2024

Essex (Department of Government)

Q-Step Assistant Lecturer – Advanced Quantitative Political Analysis (bachelor's)	Full Year 2022/23
Assistant Lecturer – Advanced Research Methods (master's)	Spring 2023
Discussion Class Teacher – Conflict Analysis (bachelor's)	Spring 2022

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

Instructor of Record (with Martin C. Steinwand) – Spatial Econometrics	2024–
Instructor – Introduction to R for Session 2	2022–23
Teaching Assistant – Spatial Econometrics	2022–23
Teaching Assistant – Longitudinal Data Analysis	2022
Teaching Assistant – Introduction to GIS, Geospatial Data and Spatial Analysis	2021

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

EPSA	2022–24
MPSA	2022, 2024
Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG)	2023
Annual Duck Family Graduate Workshop on EPG	2023
Essex PhD Workshop on Political Challenges	2023
ISA	2022
EPG Online	Autumn 2021
Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop	Autumn 2021

MISCELLANEOUS

Reviewing

British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, International Interactions, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences

Affiliations

iCLIMATE: Aarhus University Interdisciplinary Centre for Climate Change	2024–
Centre for Social and Economic Network Analysis (SENA), University of Essex	2022–23

Additional Training

EITM Europe Summer Institute – Text as Data: Theory and Application	2021
Essex Summer School – Applied Bayesian Analysis for the Social Sciences	2021
Essex Summer School – Bayesian Analysis for the Social and Behavioural Sciences	2019
Essex Summer School – Generalised Linear Models	2019
IPSA-NUS – Time Series and Spatial Analysis	2018
PKU-UMich – General Designs and Sensitivity Analysis for Causal Inference	2018
ISPA-HSE – Applied Regression Analysis	2017

Skills

R, Stata, QGIS, GeoDa, Qualtrics, QuestionPro, Git, LaTeX