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Short presentation

My research centers around comparative politics and historical political economy. In my PhD dissertation, I investigate the historical emergence of the modern state in medieval and early modern Europe. The project aims to trace the origins of the modern state and understand how central rulers managed to wrest coercive power from rival actors such as the nobility and the church.

I am currently formulating a new project tracing the historical origins and persistence of cultural norms and values related to gender. Gender roles have varied widely in different places and at different times. Yet, our understanding of why traditional gender roles have persisted over centuries (sometimes even millennia) remains limited. The project asks under what conditions traditional gender roles emerge and under what conditions they persist and/or change.

Qualifications

Political Science, MSc, University of Copenhagen
1 Sep 2016 → 1 Apr 2020
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Political Science, BSc, University of Copenhagen
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Political Science, PhD, University of Copenhagen
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Employment

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Research outputs

Mapping Local State Capacity

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The Creative Destruction of Feudalism: Plague and the Transition to Direct Rule

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The Dark Side of the Reformation: State-Building in the Age of Religious Competition

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Tracing the Origins of the Early Modern State: Introducing the Castles Data

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