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## Short presentation

In my research, I study the role of social group attachments in political behaviour and opinion formation. What are the social and psychological mechanisms that draw members of social groups towards similar opinions, perceptions and behaviours? It is towards this question that my research seeks to contribute.

More specifically, I use quantitative analysis of survey and administrative data to examine how group identity shapes perceptions and evaluations of the economy. Theories of economic voting traditionally focus on the role of macroeconomic indicators (e.g. GDP) and personal economic indicators (e.g. income) for how voters judge the government's performance. Drawing on the rich empirical and theoretical literature on social identity theory, my research seeks to develop and examine a novel theory of economic voting that is based on perceptions of how salient social groups perform economically, rather than the individual or the economy as a whole.

Besides this theoretical focus, my main academic interest is causal inference and advanced quantitative methods. I take a strong interest in new developments within quasi-experimental designs but also model-based causal inference with observational data. With regards to the latter, I work within the tradition of Judea Pearl with a focus on directed acyclic graphs, structural causal modelling and g-estimation. Of particular interest is causal mediation analysis, marginal structural models with inverse probability of treatment weighting and sequential g-estimation. In addition, I have an interest in causal inference for social networks and peer effects.

My academic background is broadly social scientific with a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from University of Warwick and an MSc in Sociology from the University of Oxford. Throughout both degrees I've specialised in quantitative methods, applied philosophy and political sociology.

My PhD project is supervised by Frederik Hjorth (main supervisor) and Peter Thisted Dinesen (co-supervisor).

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Office Hours: Tuesday 11 - 12

## Qualifications

MSc Sociology, Distinction, University of Oxford  
2020 → 2021  
Award Date: 26 Sep 2021

BA(Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics, First Class, University of Warwick  
2017 → 2020  
Award Date: 26 Jun 2020

## Employment

### PhD fellow

Department of Political Science  
København K  
1 Sep 2023 → nu

### Danish and Comparative Politics – Behavior, Institutions, and Methods

København K, Denmark  
31 Aug 2021 → nu

### PhD Student

Department of Political Science  
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31 Aug 2021 → 30 Nov 2023

**Research assistant**

University of Warwick

Coventry, United Kingdom

1 Jan 2019 → 1 Jun 2019