

# CV: Saila Naomi Stausholm

PhD fellow on the EU Horizon 2020 COFFERS project: “Combating Fiscal Fraud and Empowering Regulators” at Copenhagen Business School February 2017-May 2021

Dissertation topic: Tax competition and the international challenge of tax havens.

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## Education

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- 2017-2021 **Copenhagen Business School**  
PhD studies
- 2014-2017 **Copenhagen Business School**  
MSc. International Business and Politics (cand.merc.pol)  
GPA: 11.4/12 (class rank: 1 of 102)
- 2015-2016 **Barcelona Graduate School of Economics**  
Master of specialized economic analysis: International Trade, Finance and Development  
GPA: 7.9/10 (class rank: 16 of 49)
- 2012 **American University, Washington D.C.**  
Exchange semester
- 2010-2014 **Copenhagen Business School**  
BSc. International Business and Politics

## PhD courses

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- 2018 **Advanced Studies in International Economic Policy Research, Kiel Institute for the World Economy**  
Financial crises: topics and evidence w/ Carmen Reinhart
- ECPR Winter School – Bamberg, Germany**  
Methods of Modern Causal Analysis Based on Observational Data
- Copenhagen Business School**  
Advanced Econometrics  
Perspectives on business and politics
- 2017 **ECPR Summer School – Central European University, Budapest**  
Analysing qualitative data and Mixed-methods research in practice

## Teaching

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2015-present **Copenhagen Business School**  
Methods (panel data and fixed effects) – MSc course  
  
Political Economy of Development – BSc course  
International Political Economy – BSc course  
International Political Economy – MSc course  
Political Science – BSc course

## Professional experience

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2018 **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**  
3 m. Summer internship via competitive round, in the IMF Fiscal Affairs Department.  
Researching revenue implications of destination based cash flow taxation.

2017-2018 **International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)**  
3 m. Team leader for empirical research on tax incentives in mining for report for Intergovernmental Forum on Mining and Sustainable Development and OECD

2015 **Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**  
7 m. Assistant to the Department of Trade Policy and Economic Analysis

2013-2015 **Ministry for Economics and the Interior**  
1 y. 6 m. Assistant to the Department of International Economics

2013 **Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**  
6 m. Trainee at the Department for Economic Diplomacy at the Royal Danish Embassy, Washington, D.C.

## Volunteer positions

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2015 **Study board member, International Business and Politics (CBS)**

2010-2012 **Youth branch of political party**  
Member of national board. Organizer of more than 100 volunteers in 2011 general election. Author of large research projects on private debt, labour market and the educational system. Semi-finalist in Danish National Debating Championship.

2007-2010 **Danish Union of Upper Secondary School Students**  
Member of national board, then one year as a full time volunteer where I authored major policy papers and organized seminars for student council members. During large national campaigns, I was head coordinator for all contact with the press.

## Prizes and honours

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2018 **Fonnesbech prize**  
The award of 140.000 DKK is given annually to a PhD scholar at CBS whose research is estimated to be on an international top level.

- 2015            **Scholarships**
- Direktør Ib Henriksens Fond
  - Knud Højgaards Fond
  - Statsaut. revisor Oluf Chr. Olsen og hustru Julie Rasmine Olsens Mindefond
  - FUHU/DSEB fonden
  - Grosserer Holger Laage-Peterson og hustrus Fond
  - Hedorf fonden
  - Oticon fonden
  - Dansk Tennis Fond

2014            **Nominated for best BA thesis**  
BSc. International Business and Politics

### **Papers and work in progress**

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Murphy, Richard and Sailsa Stausholm (2017): *The Big Four: A study of opacity*. Report for European United Left/Nordic Green Left European Parliamentary group.

Readhead, Alexandra, Jaqueline Terrel Taquiri, Sailsa Stausholm and Iain Steel (forthcoming 2018): *The hidden costs of tax incentives in mining*. Intergovernmental Forum on Mining and Sustainable Development and OECD.

Stausholm, Sailsa N., 2017, *Rise of ineffective incentives: New empirical evidence on tax holidays in developing countries*, available at <https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/4sn3k/>

### **Conferences and presentations**

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Murphy, Richard, and Stausholm, Sailsa (2018): *Big Four Offshore: What We Can Learn from the Structure of the Global Big Four Accounting Firms*, presented to the International Studies Association, San Francisco, 4- 7. April 2018.

Stausholm, Sailsa (2018): *Give Us a Break: The Impact of Tax Holidays on Developing Countries*, presented to the International Studies Association, San Francisco, 4- 7. April 2018.

Stausholm, Sailsa (2017): *The Big Four: Secrecy and tax dodging*. Presented analysis of the Big Four accounting firms at public meeting arranged by MEP Matt Carthy, Dublin, Ireland, 18. July 2017.

Stausholm, Sailsa (2017): *Give us a break: the impact of tax holidays on developing countries*. Presentation at Tax Justice Network annual conference. City, University of London, 5-6. July 2017.

Stausholm, Sailsa (2017): *Fiscal convergence and divergence in Europe*. Presentation at 1st Biannual EU in European Affairs conference: Controversial approaches towards European solidarity – From burden sharing to integration. Bruxelles 22-23. May 2017

### **Interview and media**

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Christensen, Rasmus Corlin and Sails Stausholm (2017): *Paradisepapers bør føre til ny global skat*. Politiken, 16. november 2017

Reiermann, Jens (2017): *Syv måder at tackle migrantkrisen*. Mandag Morgen, 7. August 2017.

Lindstedt, Henrik (2017): *Revisorsjattar pekas ut som nyckelaktorer i skatteflykten*. Dagens ETC, 7. July 2017.