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Research Fields

Public Economics • Spatial Economics

I study how government policies shape the distribution of people, prices, activity and welfare across space, combining Danish administrative micro-data with quasi-experimental evidence and quantitative spatial models to evaluate policy counterfactuals.

Education

PhD in Economics

Copenhagen Business School

Copenhagen, DK

2024 – present

- Research stay: Humboldt University of Berlin, Chair of Econometrics (Prof. Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt), April–July 2026.
- Expected on the academic job market in fall 2027.

MSc in Advanced Economics and Finance

Copenhagen Business School

Copenhagen, DK

2021 – 2024

- Thesis: “Economic Consequences of the Hukou System: Migration Costs, Productivity, and Inequality in China.”

BSc in Physics

University of Copenhagen

Copenhagen, DK

2016 – 2020

- Thesis: “Disturbance and Diversity in Ecosystems with Competition for Space: Modeling Persistent Levels of *Acanthaster planci* Predation and Species Richness in Coral Communities.”

BSc in Business, Asian Language and Culture (Chinese)

Copenhagen Business School

Copenhagen, DK

2013–2016, 2020–2021

- Thesis: “Entry Barriers to FDI in Wind Energy Development in China: The Case of Curtailment.”

Research

“Jurisdictional Boundary Design: A Quantitative Analysis of Denmark”

Job Market Paper

- Treats the partition of space into local government jurisdictions as a policy instrument and presents evidence on the effects of the 2007 Danish municipal boundary reform. A planner’s problem over partitions, with probabilistic voting over local taxes and spending, decomposes the welfare effects of consolidation into scale, base pooling, preference heterogeneity and equalization-externality channels. A partial search over feasible maps reveals welfare-improving jurisdictional boundary designs.

“The Geography of Public Housing and the Dynamics of City Structure”

Draft

with David Jenkins and Ismir Mulalic

- Quasi-experimental evidence from a large-scale public housing privatization event and a dynamic quantitative urban model with mixed public and private housing, non-price rationing, endogenous consumption amenities and firm entry, estimated on Copenhagen granular panel data (1992-2016). Evaluates the effect of public housing on urban housing prices, spatial sorting, and consumption amenities.

Grants and Funding

ROCKWOOL Foundation

PhD project funding, 2024–present.

Presentations and Conferences

Aarhus University <i>3rd Nordic Meeting in Urban Economics (presenter)</i>	<i>Aarhus, DK</i> September 2026
Urban Economics Association <i>15th European Meeting (presenter and discussant)</i>	<i>Barcelona, ES</i> May 2026
Aalborg University / Villum Fonden <i>Urban Planning and Livability (presenter)</i>	<i>Copenhagen, DK</i> January 2026
IAB – Institute for Employment Research <i>2nd Workshop on Urban Labor Markets and Income Inequality (presenter)</i>	<i>Nuremberg, DE</i> December 2025
Department of Economics, Copenhagen Business School <i>Work-in-Progress Seminar (presenter)</i>	<i>Copenhagen, DK</i> April 2025

Experience

Department of Economics, Copenhagen Business School <i>Student Research Assistant</i>	<i>Copenhagen, DK</i> 2021 – 2022
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- Theoretical microeconomics; mathematical modelling and analysis; drafting of academic papers.

Skills

Programming	Python, MATLAB, Stata, $\LaTeX$.
Econometrics	OLS, MLE, GMM, PPML, structural estimation.
Data	Statistics Denmark (DST) administrative registers, GIS/spatial data.
Languages	Danish (native); English (fluent, TOEFL 113/120); Mandarin (upper intermediate).

Service and Additional Activities

PhD Representative	Student representative, Department of Economics, CBS (2026).
PhD Committee	Vice-chair, CBS (2026).
Junior Seminar	Co-organizer, Department of Economics, CBS (2025-2026).
Reading Groups	Co-founder and organizer, Philosophy of Economics (2024-2025); organizer, Spatial Economics (2025).

References

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