CURRICULUM VITAE - CAROLINE DE LA PORTE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHY

Caroline de la Porte studies the political and institutional transformation of European governance, focusing on how political actors shape policies and governance instruments. Her broader research agenda examines why and how major societal challenges, such as demographic ageing, but also geopolitical insecurity and the green transition, are reshaping the politics of European integration. Her current research adopts a multi-level perspective to examine the EU's evolving role in social regulation and gender equality, including how European policies interact with national institutions and businesses to shape the opportunities and constraints citizens face in combining paid work, care and life outside work.

CURRENT RESEARCH POSITION

2025- Full Professor in Public Policy and Government, Dept. of International Economics, Government and Business, Copenhagen Business School

PREVIOUS RESEARCH POSITIONS AT UNIVERSITIES

2016 – 2025 Professor (w. special responsibility), Dept. of International Economics, Government & Business (EGB), Copenhagen Business School

2016-2018 Professor (w. special responsibility) & Head of Dept., Dept. of Business & Politics, Copenhagen Business School

2014–2016 Associate Professor, Dept. of Business and Social Sciences, Roskilde University

2007-2014 Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science & Public Management, University of Southern Denmark. **Start date** 01.08.2007.

1999-2004 Researcher, Observatoire social européen (OSE), Brussels, Belgium

1999-2001 Researcher, Globalism and Social Policy Programme, Brussels, Belgium/Helsinki, Finland

EDUCATION & TITLES

2008 PhD, SPS Department, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

2003 MSc in Research, SPS Department, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

1996 MA in Sociology, Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (Honours)

1994 BA in Social sciences, Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (SELECTION)

2026-2027 Science Communication and Public Engagement Training, Royal Academy of Science, Copenhagen, Denmark.

2017-2018 Leadership Development, CBS Executive, Copenhagen, Denmark

2009 Formal training in Phd Supervision, University of Southern Denmark

2007-2008 Formal training in pedagogy for university professors, University of Southern Denmark

INSTITUTIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

2016-2018 Head of Department, Department. of Business & Politics, CBS

2013-2016 Member of Academic Council, Department of Business and Society, Roskilde University

2011-2013 Member of Study Board in Political Science & Public Administration, SDU

GRANTS (SELECTION)

2026-2027 PI 'The EU as a socially progressive regulatory welfare state? policies, outcomes and citizens', project CF24-2238 (150.000 EUR), Carlsberg Foundation personal monograph grant (**end date** 30.08.2027, awarded 2024).

2025-2028 PI 'AGILE work-life balance: citizens, policies, businesses', Velux core group, project VEL73850 (800.000 EUR), Velux Foundation. w/ three post-docs (M. Alvariño, Y. Kim, & B. Mataloni)

2020-2024 WP lead 'Fair Working Conditions' in *The Future of EU social citizenship* (EUSocialCit) EU Horizon, project 870978 (3.2 M EUR of which 450.000 EUR for CBS), w/ 1 full-time post-doc (Z. Im) & 2 part-time post-docs (B. Pircher & D. Szelewa).
Output under my research lead: 1 deliverable, 4 journal articles, 2 chapters, 6 policy interventions.

2018-2024 WP lead 'Gender & labour markets' in *Reimagining Norden in an Evolving World* (ReNEW) NORDFORSK project no. 86036 (6 M EUR, of which 1 M EUR for CBS), w/2 full-time post-docs (C. Schütze & J. Felbo-Kolding).
Output under my research lead: 1 special issue, 2 journal articles, 1 co-edited OUP volume, 2 chapters.

DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

2022-current PhD Supervisor for Bethany Houghton, 'Climate Change Responsibility: A Sociological Jurisprudential Approach to Responsibility for Climate Change Harms to Non-Human Natural Living Entities', Law Department, Free University of Amsterdam (expected submission December 2026)

2022-2026 PhD Supervisor for Anna di Palma, 'Digitalisation of Italy in comparative perspective', Department of Management and Production Engineering, Polytechnic University of Turin (Excellent)

2020-2024 PhD supervisor for Anders Hentschel 'Social Policy Coordination within the European Semester : EU Policy Recommendations & Domestic Responses', Bremen International School of Social Science, University of Bremen (Cum Laude)

2018-2021 Primary PhD supervisor for PhD Niels Fuglsang 'The Politics of Economic Models', Department of Business and Politics, CBS.

2007- 50+ Master theses, SDU, RUC and CBS.

PHD ASSESSMENT

2026 Member in PhD Jury for Silvia Naydenova, University of Warwick.

2025 Member in PhD Jury for Elena Zacharenko, Tampere University.

2024 Member in PhD Jury for Henri Haapanala, University of Antwerp.

2021 Member in PhD Jury for Ioanna Christodoulaki, Boston University.

2020 Chair of PhD Jury for PhD Suen Wang, Copenhagen Business School.

2017 Chair of PhD Jury for PhD Magnus Hansen, Copenhagen Business School.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH TRAINING (OVERVIEW)

Extensive teaching experience at undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels, including courses in European integration, EU governance, applied policy analysis, labour markets and social policy, research design, qualitative methods.

Experience in doctoral research training, supervision, academic and pedagogical mentoring.

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES (SELECTION)

2024 Evaluator for Horizon Europe Framework Programme.

2020 Chair of Evaluation Committee, 'Democratic governance in a turbulent age' NORFACE, https://www.norface.net/program/governance/, 17,6 million euros.

2020 Evaluator, Mid-term Evaluation for Swedish Research Council of international recruitment programme, ca. 180 million euros.

ACADEMIC SERVICE (SELECTION)

2025- Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of European Social Policy*

2024- Chair, Danish selection committee for the College of Europe.

2023-2025 Chair (w/ J. Kvist), 'Velnet' Board (Danish research network of welfare research)

2016 – 2020 Chair, the Danish European Community Studies Association (DK-ECSA)

2020 - Board Member, Nordic European social policy association (ESPAnet)

2019- Member, School of Transnational Governance, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence-Pisa

2009-2016 Board Member, European Social policy Association (ESPAnet)

2008 - Assessment of qualifications for 20+ positions (Phd, post-doc, associate professor, Professor) for CBS, Roskilde University, Forsvars Akademiet, University of Milan, Polytechnic University of Turin, KU Leuven, Helsinki University, University College Dublin, University of Edinburgh, University of Bath.

SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS

EU policy coordination and the Open Method of Coordination (OMC)

My first research strand examines the politics underpinning the emergence, development and impact of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC). Key publications include:

- de la Porte, C. and Palier, B. (2022) "The politics of European Union social investment initiatives", in Garritzman, J., Hauserman, S. and Palier, B., *World Politics of Social investment,* Oxford University Press, 132-170.
- de la Porte, C. (2011). "Principal-agent theory and the Open Method of Co-ordination: the case of the EES." *Journal of European Public Policy*, 18(4), 485–503.
- de la Porte, C., Pochet, P. & Room, G. (2001), "Social Benchmarking, Policy-Making and New Governance in the EU." *Journal of European Social Policy*, 11(4), 291–307

EU economic and fiscal governance

My second research strand examines the political and institutional transformation of the aims, instruments and enforcement mechanisms of EU socio-economic governance. It investigates how these political alterations – from austerity-driven to expansionary – change the process of European integration. Key publications include:

- Armingeon, K., de la Porte, C., Heins, E. and Sacchi, S. (2022). Voices from the past: economic and political vulnerabilities in the making of next generation EU. *Comparative European Politics* (20), 144 – 165.
- de la Porte, C. & Jensen, M. D. (2021). "The Next Generation EU: An analysis of the dimensions of conflict behind the deal." *Social Policy & Administration*, 55(2), 388–402.
- de la Porte, C. & Heins, E. (2015). "A new era of European Integration? Governance of labour market and social policy since the sovereign debt crisis." *Comparative European Politics*, 13(1), 8–28.

EU social regulation and gender equality

My third research strand examines the transformation of EU social governance, towards binding regulation. Focusing on the Work-Life Balance Directive, I investigate the political dynamics driving this shift, the political responses of member states, the influence of the directive on father-specific leave, and the potential of EU regulation to advance gender equality.

Key publications include:

- de la Porte, C., Im, Z., Pircher, B., Ramos Martin, N., & Szelewa, D. (2023). An examination of 'instrumental resources' in earmarked parental leave: The case of the work–life balance directive. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 33(5), 525- 539.
- de la Porte, C., Im, Z. J., Pircher, B. & Szelewa, D. (2023). "The work life balance directive: Institutional change of father-specific leave across member states." *Social Policy & Administration*, 57(4), 549–563.
- de la Porte, C., Larsen, T. & Szelewa, D. (2020). "The work-life balance directive: Towards a gender equalizing EU regulatory welfare state? Denmark and Poland compared." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 691(1), 84–103.

KEY-NOTES IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (SELECTION)

01/2026 *The war-welfare trade-off in public opinion : signs of a new era ? 10the anniversary meeting o the Italian economic sociology conference (SISEC)* Florence, Italy.

09/2024 *The EU's work-life balance directive : opportunities and constraints for gender equality*, European labour law conference, Lisbon, Portugal.

07/2022 *The European pillar of social rights : towards upwards social convergence across the EU ?* Foundation for International Studies on Social Security, Sigtuna, Sweden

09/2018 *A new era of governing social policy via the EU ?* ESPAnet, Vilnius, Lithuania

PRACTITIONER and POLICY INTERVENTIONS (SELECTION)

11/2026 Keynote speaker, *The impact of the EU's work-life balance directive*, European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Brussels, Belgium. Target audience: MEPs.

03/2024 Keynote speaker, *Denmark as a model country in the implementation of directive 2019/1158 on work-life balance for parents and carers,* EU association of employment lawyers, Copenhagen, Denmark. Target audience: professional labour lawyers.

03/2024 Speaker *Europe's Social Turn : Contemporary EU Social and Labour Market Policy,* Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS). Target audience: practitioners, bureaucrats, diplomats, social partners.

01/2024 Speaker *Social europe and work-life balance*, New Year's Progressive Yearbook launch, Foundation for European Progressive Studies, Brussels, Belgium & online. Target audience : high-level EU-level politicians, advocates and experts.

12/2023 Speaker *Danish Flexicurity model in an EU perspective*, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Finland. Target audience: experts.

04/2023 Speaker (based on written report) *Social Inclusion and the Implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights*, Belgian EU Presidency to the Social Affairs Council, Brussels, Belgium (and online). Target audience: high-level policy-makers at EU level.

09/2022 Expert training on *Nordic family policy*, Copenhagen, Denmark. Target audience: High-level civil servants (from the Netherlands).

01/2020 Keynote speaker *EU social policy and implications for the Danish model*,
New Year's political debate. Target audience: all Danish MEPS and ca. 40 journalists, Copenhagen, Denmark.

09/2019 Keynote speaker *European pillar of social rights and the economy of well-being*
Finnish EU presidency of the Social Affairs Council, Helsinki, Finland. Target audience: academics and practitioners.

01/2019 Keynote speaker *EMU reform or dismantlement*, Public debate organized with think-tank Europa. Target audience: academics and practitioners.