

# **Christian Bjørnskov**

## **Curriculum Vita** (as of 30 December, 2019)

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### **Personal information and education**

Born 27 August, 1970, in Haderslev, Denmark  
High school, Haderslev Katedralskole, 1986-1989  
MSc (Economics), Aarhus University, 2001  
“Aspects of Microcredit”, thesis advisor: Martin Paldam  
PhD (Economics), Aarhus School of Business, 2005  
“Investigations in the Economics of Social Capital”, thesis advisors: Gert Tinggaard Svendsen and Martin Paldam

### **Primary research areas**

Social Trust and Informal Institutions  
Public Choice / Political Economy  
Subjective Well-Being and Life Satisfaction

### **Job experience (academic)**

Researcher, Agricultural Policy Research Division, the Danish Research Institute of Food Economics, 2001-2002  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Aarhus School of Business, 2005-2007  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Business, Aarhus University, 2007-2013  
Professor, Department of Economics, Aarhus University, 2013-present  
External lecturer, School of Economics and Management, Aarhus University, 2006  
External lecturer, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, 2006-2010  
External consultant, Copenhagen Consensus, 2009  
Visiting Professor, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, April-August 2010  
Visiting Professor, University of Heidelberg, 2016-2019  
Affiliated researcher, Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN), Stockholm, January 2015-present

## Teaching experience (academic)

Courses: International Economics, Development Economics, Political Economy / Public Choice, Public Economics, General Economics, Institutional Economics

Current PhD students: Andrea Sàenz de Viteri (at Universidad de Navarra, September 2016-), Martin Štrobl (September 2019-)

Previous PhD students: Philipp Meinen (April 2010 - July 2013), Sylvanus Afesorgbor (August 2012 – November 2015), Viktoria Obolevich (second advisor, August 2014-December 2017), Yohannes Ayele (February 2015-June 2018), Andrea Páramo Florencio (September 2016-August 2019), Ruby Elorm Agbenyega (October 2015-September 2019)

## Languages

Fluent in Danish (native) and English; good knowledge of German, Swedish and Norwegian; some knowledge of French

## Selected publications

### Journals with peer review

1. Corruption, judicial accountability and inequality: unfair procedures may benefit the worst-off. Forthcoming in *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. (With Niclas Berggren)
2. Why do Military Dictatorships Become Presidential Democracies? Mapping the Democratic Interests of Autocratic Regimes. Forthcoming in *Public Choice*. (WP-version available)
3. Regime Types and Regime Change: A New Dataset on Democracy, Coups, and Political Institutions. Forthcoming in *Review of International Organizations*. (With Martin Rode)
4. Do Social Rights Affect Social Outcomes? *American Journal of Political Science*, vol. 63 (2019), 452-466. (With Jacob Mchangama, WP-version available)
5. The Architecture of Emergency Constitutions. *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, vol. 16 (2018), 101–127. (With Stefan Voigt)
6. Institutions, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Growth: What Do We Know? And What Do We Still Need to Know? *Academy of Management Perspectives*, vol. 30 (2016), 292-315. (With Nicolai J. Foss, WP-version available)
7. Economic Shocks and Subjective Well-Being: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment. *World Bank Economic Review*, vol. 30 (2016), 55-77. (With Jacob Gerner Hariri and Mogens Kamp Justesen, WP-version available)
8. Constitutional Verbosity and Social Trust. *Public Choice*, vol. 161 (2014), 91-112. (With Stefan Voigt, WP-version available)
9. Is Social Capital a Good Concept? *Social Indicators Research*, vol. 114 (2013), 1225-1242. (With Kim Sønderskov, WP-version available)
10. Combating Corruption: On the Interplay between Institutional Quality and Social Trust. *Journal of Law and Economics*, vol. 54 (2011), 135-159. (WP-version available at SSRN)
11. How does Social Trust lead to Better Governance? An Attempt to Separate Electoral and Bureaucratic Mechanisms. *Public Choice*, vol. 144 (2010), 323-346.

12. Do Elites Benefit from Democracy and Foreign Aid in Developing Countries? *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 92 (2010), 115-124.
13. Determinants of Generalized Trust. A Cross-Country Comparison. *Public Choice*, vol. 130 (2007), 1-21.
14. The Happy Few. Cross-Country Evidence on Social Capital and Life Satisfaction. *Kyklos*, vol. 56 (2003), 3-16.

### **Contributions to books, reports, proceedings and journals without peer-review**

1. Populism: Three Approaches to an International Problem. *Economic Affairs*, vol. 39 (2019), 273-281. (Book review)
2. The Political Economy of Trust. Chapter 32 in Roger Congleton, Bernard Grofman and Stefan Voigt (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2019), 628-648.
3. Social Trust and Economic Growth. Chapter 22 in Eric M. Uslaner (Ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Social and Political Trust*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2018), 535-555.
4. Corruption Trends. In Johan Lambsdorff, Markus Taube and Matthias Schramm, (eds.), *The New Institutional Economics of Corruption*. London: Routledge (2004), 59-75. (With Martin Paldam)
5. EU's handelsinitiativer overfor udviklingslandene: Cotonou-aftalen og 'Everything but Arms' initiativet. In *Landbrugets Økonomi - Efteråret 2001 (Danish Agricultural Economy - autumn 2001)*, the Danish Research Institute of Food Economics (2001), ch. 2.

### **Working papers and notes (not published in journals)**

- Catalan Secession and the Political Economy of Social Trust. IFN Working Paper no. 1301. (With Miguel Ángel Borrella Mas and Martin Rode) – under review
- Coups, Regime Transitions, and Institutional Quality. IFN Working Paper no. 1281; and Baylor University Research Working Paper no. 2019-8. (With Daniel L. Bennett and Stephan F. Gohmann) – under review (second round)
- Does Economic Freedom Boost Growth for Everyone? IFN Working Paper no 1276. (With Andreas Bergh) – under review (second round)
- Coups, Regime Transition, and the Dynamics of Press Freedom. IFN Working Paper no 1226; ILE Working Paper no. 15, 2018; CESifo Working Paper no. 7198. (With Andreas Freytag and Jerg Gutmann) – under review
- Burying the Bumblebee Once and for All: Does Big Government Hurt Growth Less in High-Trust Countries? IFN working paper 1119. (With Andreas Bergh) – under review (second round)

### **Conference papers and unpublished papers (available on request)**

- Profiting from Natural Disaster? Inquiring into the Effectiveness of Emergency Constitutions. Paper presented at the 2016 annual conference of the European Association for Law and Economics (in Bologna) and the 2016 annual meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Washington DC, November 19-21. (With Stefan Voigt) – under review
- The Effect of Coups d'états on Repression: Are all Coups Alike? Presented at the Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics, Heidelberg, 3-4

- June, 2016; and annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, 19-22 April, Budapest, 2017. (With Katharina Pfaff) – under review (third round)
- Populism and Constitutional Reform in Latin America and the Caribbean. Presented at the annual meetings of the Public Choice Society, Charleston, 1-4 March, 2018; the Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, Gengenbach, 27-28 July, 2018; and the annual conference of the Southern Economic Association, Washington DC, 17-20 November, 2018. (With Andrea Sáenz de Viteri) – under review
  - Civic Honesty and Cultures of Trust. – under review
  - Social Trust and Patterns of Growth.
  - Economic Freedom and CO<sub>2</sub> Kuznets Curves. To be presented at the annual meetings of the Public Choice Society, Newport Beach, 12-14 March, 2020, and the annual meetings of the Association for Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, 3-6 April, 2020.
  - Late Colonial Antecedents of Modern Democracy. Presented at the Australasian Public Choice Conference, Brisbane, 9-10 December, 2019. (With Martin Rode)

### Current projects / work in progress

- Institutional Shocks and Economic Crises. Presented at the Australasian Public Choice Conference, Melbourne, 5-6 December, 2014, the 2015 IFN Stockholm conference, Vaxholm, 11-12 June, 2015; the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, 20-23 November, 2015; Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 13 January, 2016; the College of Charleston, 28 February, 2018; and Deakin University, 20 November, 2019.
- Coups, Regime Changes, and Inequality. (With Bodo Knoll and Martin Rode)
- Freedom of Expression and Social Conflict. To be presented at the Danish Public Choice Workshop, Copenhagen, 24 January, 2020. (With Jacob Mchangama)
- Responding to What? Counterterrorist Legislation in Comparative Perspective. (With Stefan Voigt)
- Good Coups, Bad Coups. To be presented at the fourth Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, Münster, 27-29 February, 2020. (With Lena Gerling and Stefan Voigt)

### Non-academic journals, op-eds in newspapers and other outlets in 2019 (mostly in Danish)

- Politikerne har lært forbløffende lidt af 2010ernes kriser. *Berlingske Tidende*, 28 December, 2019.
- De økonomiske eksperter er upopulære men vigtigere end nogensinde. *Børsen*, 19 December, 2019.
- Topchefers forslag om grundlov truer det frie valg. *Børsen*, 5 December, 2019.
- Er argentinske tilstande sandsynlige i Nordeuropa? *Børsen*, 21 November, 2019.
- 30 år efter murens fald er der store forskelle i Østeuropa. *Børsen*, 7 November, 2019.
- Den aktive industripolitik var desværre ikke død. *Børsen*, 24 October, 2019.
- Streaming-skat er i praksis en told. *Børsen*, 10 October, 2019.
- Ministrenes baggrund er afgørende for Danmarks fremtid. *Børsen*, 26 September, 2019.
- Von der Leyen har ikke lært af amerikanske fejl. *Børsen*, 12 September, 2019.
- Politikerne holder hånden over DSB. *Børsen*, 29 August, 2019.
- Desværre for Kina lægger Hong Kong de gyldne æg. *Børsen*, 26 August, 2019.

- Junckers dilemma. *Weekendavisen*, 16 August 2019. (With Otto Brøns-Petersen)
- Vælgere bør forholde sig til fakta – ikke ideologi *Børsen*, 1 August, 2019.
- Kampen mod skattely gør os fattigere. *Børsen*, 18 July, 2019.
- Det offentlige driver de private initiativer ud af markedet. *Børsen*, 4 July, 2019.
- Handelsbalancer er ligegyldige. *Børsen*, 20 June, 2019.
- Omkostningerne ved de mange valgløfter er enorme. *Børsen*, 6 June, 2019.
- Sverige klarer sig langt bedre end Danmark. *Børsen*, 23 May, 2019.
- Piloternes krav kan blive dødsstødet for SAS. *Børsen*, 2 May, 2019.
- De politiske “succeser” gør sjældent en forskel. *Børsen*, 25 April, 2019.
- Det er de fattige, der har vundet mest på globalisering. *Råson*, 15 April, 2019. (with Niels Westy)
- Den økonomiske lobbyisme vinder indpas. *Børsen*, 11 April, 2019.
- Hvis folk vidste, hvad deres skattekroner faktisk gik til, ville deres støtte til velfærdsstaten forsvinde. *Børsen*, 28 March, 2019.
- Ingen økonomisk logik i Løkkes nye EU-forslag. *Børsen*, 14 March, 2019.
- Selv med høj uddannelse kan ikke alle tilhøre eliten. *Børsen*, 28 February, 2019.
- Da Fidel Castro stjal Cubas fremtid. *Berlingske Tidende*, 16 February, 2019. (with Niels Westy)
- EU's væksteffekt er beviseligt uimponerende. *Børsen*, 14 February, 2019.
- Hvorfor tillader vi ikke kommunale forskelle? *Børsen*, 31 January, 2019.
- Flere og flere dygtige danskere forlader landet. *Børsen*, 17 January, 2019.
- 2019 bliver et økonomisk usikkert år. *Børsen*, 3 January, 2019.

## Other professional activities, awards and more

- Refereeing for (among others) *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Sociological Review*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Business Venturing*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Political Studies*, *Public Choice*, *Review of International Organizations*, *The Economic Journal*,
- PhD-committee and external examiner, Cambridge University, Massey University, Radboud University Nijmegen, University of Hamburg, University of Heidelberg, University of Cantabria, University of Alicante, University Jaume I (Castellon), University of Rovira i Virgili, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Queensland University of Technology, Charles University, University of Southern Denmark, University of Copenhagen, University of Groningen.
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Public Choice*, *Economic Affairs*
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*.
- Fellow, CesIFO, Munich, Associate Fellow, Center for Political Studies, Copenhagen, Affiliated researcher, Institute for Research in Economic and Fiscal Issues.
- Member of the Academic Advisory Council, Institute of Economic Affairs, London.
- Member of the Executive Board, the European Public Choice Society, 2007-2010.
- Lecturer, member of the programme committee, and member of the board, the Danish University Extension, Aarhus.
- Recipient of the 2007 Statoil Prize for research in the social sciences.