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SEBASTIAN BARFORT

- research interests** My research interests lie at the intersection of political economy and political behavior. At present, I focus specifically on the link between economic outcomes and individuals' preferences for redistribution and social insurance. Methodologically, I am interested in using administrative data to assess and improve the statistical validity of survey research.
- appointments** Postdoctoral Researcher, 2016 –
 Department of Government, London School of Economics.
 Postdoctoral Researcher, 2015-16.
 Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen.
- education** Ph.D. Economics, University of Copenhagen, 2015.
 Dissertation: *Essays in Political Economics: Behavior, Selection and Preferences*.
 Advisor: David Dreyer Lassen.
 Committee: Sara Hobolt (London School of Economics) • Jon Fiva (University of Oslo) •
 Thomas Markussen (University of Copenhagen).
 M.A. Politics, New York University, 2013.
 M.Sc. Economics, University of Copenhagen, 2013.
 M.Sc. Political Science & Political Economy, London School of Economics, 2011.
 B.Sc. Economics, University of Copenhagen, 2010.
- teaching** *Social Data Science*. Lecturer and creator. University of Copenhagen, 2015-16.
 The objective of the course is to introduce students to working with large amounts of quantitative social science data and to provide an introduction to statistical techniques for prediction and classification.
Political Economics. Guest Lecturer. University of Copenhagen, 2014.
Micro- & Macroeconomics. Teaching Assistant. University of Copenhagen, 2009-13.
Microeconomics. Teaching Assistant. Copenhagen Business School, 2009-11.
- advising** M.Sc. students: Mikkel Keldmann (2016), Oskar Harmsen (2016).
 B.Sc. students: Simon Bjerg (2015).

- research** *Political Economy & Political Behaviour*
- Sebastian Barfort. “Subjective Expectations and Social Policy Preferences.” *Working paper*.
- Sebastian Barfort. “Does Partisanship Shape Economic Behavior? Evidence from Danish Micro Data.” *Work in Progress*.
- Sebastian Barfort, Nikolaj Harmon, David D. Lassen and Søren Serritzlew. “Government Architecture and Political Selection.” *Working paper*.
- Sebastian Barfort, Nikolaj Harmon, Frederik Hjorth and Asmus Leth Olsen. “Sustaining Honesty in Public Service: The Role of Selection.” *Submitted*.
- Survey Methodology*
- Sebastian Barfort. “Investigating the Causes and Consequences of Panel Bias Using Administrative Register Data.” *Working paper*.
- Sebastian Barfort and Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen. “What Determines Political Behavior on Facebook?” *Work in Progress*.
- writing** Columnist, *Zetland* (Danish newspaper). 2016 –
Columnist, *Finans* (Danish business newspaper). 2016.
- grants & awards** “Dishonesty and Self-Selection into Public Administration in Denmark”.
Co-investigator with Nikolaj Harmon (PI), Frederik Hjorth and Asmus Leth Olsen.
Funding from Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN): 297,000 DKK. 2014–2016.
- “Selection, Personal Motivation, and Corruption: Who Works in the Public Sector of the Least Corrupt Country in the World?”
Co-investigator with Nikolaj Harmon (PI), Frederik Hjorth and Asmus Leth Olsen.
Seed research funding from the Faculty of Social Sciences: 89,500 DKK. 2014.
- Fulbright scholarship for studies at New York University. 2011.
Outstanding Academic Achievement for best GPA, London School of Economics. 2011.
Best Dissertation award, London School of Economics. 2011.
- conference presentations** Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2014 (1) & 2015 (2).
Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association: 2014 (1) & 2015 (1).

**extra-
departmental
coursework
(selected)**

University of Copenhagen. 2011-15.

Bayesian Data Analysis • Bayesian Econometrics • Randomised Controlled Trials • Spatial Econometrics • Microeconomic Evaluation Methods.

Technical University of Denmark, Department of Computer Science. 2015.

Computational Data Analysis.

University of Aalborg, Department of Mathematics. 2014.

Computing with Data Using R.

University of South Carolina (Chapel Hill). 2014.

Large Scale Data Networks • Social Network Analysis • Introduction to Machine Learning.

University of Southern Denmark. 2013.

Software Carpentry.

New York University. 2011-13.

Quantitative Methods III • Quantitative Field Methods • Econometric Analysis of Panel Data

Columbia University. 2012.

Introduction to Data Science.

languages

Danish (native) • English (fluent) • Spanish (basic).

**programming
& scripting**

Statistical Software: Stata (8 years), SAS (7 years), R (6 years).

Programming languages: Python (2 years), bash (2 years).

Misc: git (3 years), GIS (3 years).

software

`mapdk`: R package for making choropleth maps of Denmark. Developer.

`taxdk`: R package to access tax information for Danish companies. Developer.

`dkstat`: R package to connect to the StatBank API in Statistics Denmark. Contributor.