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Statement of Pedagogical Philosophy

I teach at all levels in nearly all educational programs at the Department of Political Science and Public Management, University of Southern Denmark, ranging from introduction to political science to specialized courses on public policy and decision making at the MSc level and at various mid-career programs. Alongside with that, I supervise graduate and doctoral students of political science as well as younger colleagues at early career stages.

I apply multiple teaching techniques in class room such as regular lectures, group discussions, inductive case teaching, exercises and simulations in classes on, for example, the politics of budgeting, decision making and political communication. I enjoy debating the substance and topics with my students, engage in the dialogue and feel energized after a class that has gone well. In 2011, I received the Teacher of the Year prize at the Department of Political Science and Public Management, awarded on the basis of anonymous student evaluations.

Teaching development

In 2008, I finished the training program for young teachers at the University of Southern Denmark and conducted in relation to that a project that aimed at strengthening the dialogue with students in the classroom. I also participated in a course on case-teaching methods and regularly develop my own case-teaching materials to be used in, for example, classes on public policy.

I have, on several occasions, been involved in developmental projects at the Department of Political Science and Public Management. As a member of the study board, and coordinator of the BSc program in political science, I had the responsibility of reforming the BSc program in political science in 2009-2010. In 2017-2018, I was a member of a departmental task force appointed to develop and recommend models for a thorough reform of the MSc program in political science. In 2010-2011, I participated in the development of and contributed with two chapters to a public policy textbook, which is now published in its third edition and used widely in all Danish political science teaching programs. I also initiated, in 2009, an annual graduate ceremony for students of political science.

Courses taught

MSc in Political Science

Political Decision Making Theory

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2004 → 31/12/2006

Special Seminar on the Local Government Reform

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2005 → 31/12/2005

The Politics of Welfare State Reform

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2007 → 31/12/2015

Comparative Public Policy

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2008 → 31/12/2008

The Politics of Inequality

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2017 → ...

BSc in Political Science

Introduction to Political Science

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2008 → 31/12/2011

BSc seminars - Public Administration, Public Policy, Comparative Welfare State Research

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2008 → ...

Public Policy

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2012 → ...

BSc in Journalism

Public Policy and Economics

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2012 → 31/12/2013

Politics and Administration

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2013 → ...

MSc in Public Management / MSc in Public Leadership

Theories of Political Decision Making and Negotiations

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2008 → 31/12/2014

Politics and Management in the Public Sector

Michael Baggesen Klitgaard
01/02/2017 → ...