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## Teaching Philosophy

As a university teacher and supervisor, I strive to improve students' academic skills and competencies. Successful teaching and learning not only relies on the teacher, but also on student's engagement and motivation to cooperate and share knowledge with each other. I strive to motivate students in creating a fruitful and constructive academic culture, and I believe it is important that students in my classes experience an open academic atmosphere.

A successful course is one that stimulates students' interest in a given subject area; assist in providing an overview, and through the use of good examples and cases illustrates how theories and concepts from sociology and political science can improve students understanding of social phenomena and problems, and guide empirical inquiries.

Over the years I have developed and used various teaching methods and techniques, such as case studies, project organized seminars, blended learning and online course activities. I am open-minded when it comes to utilizing different teaching methods and tools, however, it is important that teaching methods and activities fit the specific context of learning. The most important principle I have drawn is that good teaching is carried out through professional commitment and enthusiasm, and a desire to share academic knowledge and experiences with students and colleagues.

I have taught courses on a range of different academic levels. This involves undergraduate- (BSc), graduate- (MSc), and doctoral students (PhD). My teaching covers a variety of topics within the fields of social science epistemology, social science methodology, political science, sociology, and political sociology. My teaching activities include lecturing for large student audiences, seminar-based teaching, as well as individual supervision at all academic levels.

## Supervision of PhD and Masters

2007- Ph.D. supervisor: Malene Thøgersen 2008-2012; Malene B. Winther (co-supervisor) 2009-2013; Jon Lund Elbek 2012-; Bo Villumsen-

2016- Masters thesis supervision, MSc Sociology

2006-2015 Masters thesis supervisor, MA Journalism

2003-2016 Masters thesis supervisor, MSc, Political Science

2003-2004 Masters thesis supervisor, Social science program for upper secondary education

## Teaching

PhD level:

2013 Introduction to Qualitative Interviewing, (PhD course, Faculty of Humanities)

Masters level:

2013, 2015 Survey Methodology (quantitative) (MSc Political Science)

2012 Political participation (MSc Political Science)

2007-2008 Media sociology (MSc Political Science and Journalism)

2006 (October) SOCRATES-teacher and researcher at Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, La Sapienza Università di Roma

2003-2004 Political values in Denmark and Europe (MSc Political Science)

BSc level:

2019- Political Sociology (BSc Sociology)

2018- BSc project course (BSc Sociology)

2017- General Sociology (Almen Sociologi) (BSc Sociology)

2017- BSc-seminar supervisor (BSc Sociology)

2016-2017 Living conditions and life-modes (BSc Sociology)

2016 Problembased project work (BSc Sociology)

2011-2015 Methods III (BSc Political Science)

2005-2016 Sociology (BSc Political Science)

2001-2016 BSc-seminar supervisor (BSc Political Science)

2002-2004 Sociology of education (Diploma in Public Management)

1999-2007 Social science philosophy and epistemology (BSc Political Science)

1998-1999 Introductory Political Science (BSc Political Science)

1996-1997 Organization theory, The Danish University of Education

1994-1998 Social science, Odense College of Education  
1994-1998 Danish History and Society, Odense College of Education

## **Management and administration of education**

I have extensive experience in management and administration of education. I am vice head of department, at Sociology, Environmental and Business Economics, and previously I have held positions as Head of Study of the Political Science program (2007-2011), as member and chairman of the studies committee for the Political Science program (2005-2013), coordinator of the political science MSc-program.

I have served as a member of the steering group at the Centre for Teaching and Learning, SDU (2003-2007), and I have been member of various ad hoc committees and working groups dealing with educational issues, such as Committee for research-based teaching, Committee for Internationalization of Educations, and Working group for development of student competence profiles. I have also served as a Member (2007-2016) and Chairman of the board of The Danish University Extension (Folkeuniversitetet) in Odense (2010-2016).

I am a member of the corps of external examiners (censorkorpset) for the Danish Political Science programmes at the University of Copenhagen, University of Southern Denmark, Aarhus University. I am external examiner at the Public Management Programs and Global Studies, Roskilde University, and Public Management and Social Science programs, Aalborg University, and external examiner the Danish Sociology programs. I have served as external examiner on the following courses: Social Science Methods (AU, KU), Sociology (BSc political science) (AU, KU), BSc-written assignments (AU, KU), various MSc-Seminars (AU, KU), MSc-thesis (AU, KU, RUC, AAU).