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## Short presentation

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Ultimately, I am interested in why some countries are richer than others are. This interest has brought me to focus on religion and its' consequences for society. Religion obviously influences our internal values and beliefs, but also the institutions that surround us. My research is mainly empirical and I use datasets spanning thousands or millions of individuals or companies across several societies. My general research interests are political economy, cultural values, economic growth, and institutions.

## Education

2013 Maternity leave (9 months)  
2011 PhD in Economics, University of Copenhagen (defended Nov, 2011).  
Thesis title: "Why are Some Countries Richer than Others?"  
Examiners: Sascha O. Becker (Warwick), Mark Gradstein (Ben-Gurion), David Dreyer Lassen (Copenhagen, chair).  
Supervisor: Carl-Johan Dalgaard.  
2010 Maternity leave (12 months)  
2008 Visiting PhD student, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.  
2006 M.Sc. in Economics, University of Copenhagen.  
2003-04 Visiting Master student, University of Victoria, Canada.  
2002 B.Sc. in Economics, University of Copenhagen.

## Academic and Professional Positions

2013-17 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen  
2012-13 Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen  
2007-08 Head of Section, The Ministry of Finance  
2005-06 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen

## Publications

### The power of religion

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**Trade and Development: Lessons from Vietnam's Past Trade Agreements**

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