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EMPLOYMENT Postdoc, Stanford University September 2023–August 2024
 Department of Political Science
 Carlsberg Foundation Internationalisation Fellow
 Postdoc, University of Copenhagen October 2022–August 2024
 Department of Political Science
 Fulbright scholar (visiting), New York University Fall 2021
 Department of Politics
 PhD Fellow, University of Copenhagen April 2018–October 2022
 Department of Political Science

EDUCATION PhD in Political Science, University of Copenhagen October 2022
 MSc in Political Science, University of Copenhagen April 2020
 Visiting student, Dartmouth College 2016/17
 BSc in Political Science, University of Copenhagen January 2016

RESEARCH
INTERESTS State formation · State capacity · Political development · Cultural persistence · Origins of gender roles · Evolution of social norms · Democracy/Autocracy · Comparative Politics · Historical Political Economy · Quantitative Methods · Causal inference · Data Science

PUBLICATIONS "Precolonial Centralisation, Traditional Indirect Rule, and State Capacity in Africa", with Jason Sorens. *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, vol. 56(2), 2018, pp. 195-215, DOI: 10.1080/14662043.2017.1404666

UNDER
REVIEW "Mapping Local State Capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa", with Gustav Agneman, Kasper Brandt, and David Sjöberg: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=4184751>
 Recipient of Quality of Government (QoG) Institute's Best Paper Award 2022

 "Taking Out the Church, Bringing In the State", with Jacob Hariri <https://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=4212473>

WORKING PAPERS	"No Centralization Without Population: The Black Death and European State-Building". <i>SSRN Working Paper Series</i> : https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4854446	
	"Using Large Language Models to Classify Cultural Heritage"	
	"Tracing the Origins of the Early Modern State: Introducing the <i>Castles</i> data", with Jacob Hariri. <i>SSRN Working Paper Series</i> : https://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=4212429	
	"The Rise of the Territorial State: Fortification of Borders", with Jacob Hariri	
	"The Coercive Origins of Cities", with Jacob Hariri and Jonathan Doucette	
WORK IN PROGRESS	"The Origins of Traditional Gender Roles and the Rise of the State"	
	"State Formation: Causes and Consequences", with Jacob Hariri	
	"Monopoly on Violence and Urban Development", with Jacob Hariri and Jonathan Doucette	
GRANTS AND AWARDS	Quality of Government (QoG) Institute's Best Paper Award	2022
	Carlsberg Foundation's Internationalisation Fellowship (\$75,000)	2022
	Fulbright Foreign Student Program, NYU (\$8,000)	2021
	Knud Højgaard's Scholarship (\$3,700)	2021
	Henry Shaw's Legat (\$5,000)	2016
	Oticon Foundation (\$2,500)	2016
	Knud Højgaard's Foundation (\$5,000)	2016
	KV Foundation (\$6,500)	2016
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS	American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting <i>Panel: State Building and War in Europe since 1200</i>	2023
	Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting <i>Panel: Cooperation, Conflict and Institutional Change in & Historical Perspective</i>	2023
	University of Gothenburg, Comparative Politics lunch seminar <i>Paper: Monopolizing Violence</i>	2023
	Lund University, Comparative Politics lunch seminar <i>Paper: The Dark Side of the Reformation</i>	2023
	American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting <i>Panel: The Deep History of States</i>	2022
	Danish Historical Political Economy Workshop <i>Paper: The Creative Destruction of Feudalism</i>	2022
	Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting <i>Panel: Shaping the State</i>	2022

	American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2019
	<i>Panel: Political Instability and the Deep History of State Making</i>	
	ECPR Joint Sessions	2019
	<i>State-Democracy Nexus in Historical and Comparative Perspective</i>	
	Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2019
	<i>The Rebuild State and the Emergent State</i>	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Master's thesis supervision (graduate), University of Copenhagen	Spring 2021
	Comparative Politics III (undergraduate) University of Copenhagen	Fall 2018 & 2019
	<i>Themes: State formation, Modernization theory, Democratic and authoritarian institutions, Social cleavages Social cleavages</i>	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association European Political Science Association Danish Political Science Association	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Research assistant <i>University of Copenhagen</i>	2016–2017
	Student assistant <i>FOA (Labor Union)</i>	2014–2015
	Student assistant <i>Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy, and Building</i>	2013–2014
REFERENCES	Dean Cooper-Cunningham Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen dcc@ifs.ku.dk	
	Jacob Gerner Hariri Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen jgh@ifs.ku.dk	