

## Projekt oversigt / Project overview

IFS arbejder hele tiden på at skabe en tydelig sammenhæng mellem studerende og forskning. Som led i denne ambition tilbyder vi nu, at du som studerende kan skrive speciale i tilknytning til et af instituttets forskningsprojekter.

Herunder finder du en samlet liste over forskningsprojekter, du kan tilknyttes under dit speciale. Hvordan samarbejdet konkret kan se ud, afhænger af mulighederne inden for hvert projekt, dine ønsker og din specialeidé. Du er derfor meget velkommen til at kontakte den associerede forsker med dine overvejelser, spørgsmål eller forslag til samarbejdet.

IFS works continuously to create a clear connection between teaching and research. As part of this ambition, we now offer students the opportunity to write your MSc thesis in association with one of the department's research projects.

Below you find a collected list of research projects that you can write your master's thesis in association with. How you collaborate will depend on the possibilities within each project, your wishes, and your thesis idea. For more details, you should contact the associated researcher with your thoughts, questions, or suggestions for the collaboration.

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<p><b>Governing climate change in shipping: the role of the International Maritime Organization.</b></p> <p>The shipping industry is a major emitter of greenhouse gas emissions, but the International Maritime Organization (IMO), shipping's major regulatory body, has so far failed to address the problem. This is surprising considering that the IMO has managed to address other environmental problems and that even major shipping companies such as Maersk want to reduce shipping's emissions. This project explains the politics of environmental protection at the IMO and why the organization has so far failed to develop effective climate mitigation policies. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results. S</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger <a href="mailto:jbs@ifs.ku.dk">jbs@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</a></p>

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<p><b>Private actors in climate change: the case of Maersk and the maritime industry</b></p> <p>The shipping industry is a major emitter of greenhouse gas emissions. It is therefore conventionally believed that shipping companies oppose climate policies that would increase their business costs. Yet private companies are at the forefront of addressing climate change in shipping. Maersk, for example, leads a global initiative aimed at developing clean infrastructures on selected shipping corridors. This project explains why and how some private shipping actors address climate change. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results.</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger <a href="mailto:jbs@ifs.ku.dk">jbs@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</a></p>
<p><b>Strategizing the maritime: The role and function of contemporary maritime security strategies.</b></p> <p>Since 2021 maritime security strategies have mushroomed across the globe. In 2022 the UK published a refreshed strategy, and also the EU is in the process of revisiting its strategy. This project investigates how political actors draft strategies, with what effect drawing on contemporary practice theory. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results.</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger <a href="mailto:jbs@ifs.ku.dk">jbs@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</a></p>
<p><b>Small island states and the Indo-Pacific.</b></p> <p>How do small island states respond to the new pressures implied by new geopolitical thinking? How do they cope with the increasing militarization of the oceans. This project will investigate cases, such as Mauritius, Seychelles, Sri Lanka or Solomon Islands to identify the foreign policy repertoires that small states develop. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results.</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger <a href="mailto:jbs@ifs.ku.dk">jbs@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</a></p>

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<p><b>Port politics and the rise of geopolitical thinking.</b></p> <p>Why are states increasingly interpreting investments in port infrastructures as geopolitical instrument? This project investigates this question, by scrutinizing the port development strategies of China, UAE, and the European Union. The project will be part of the ocean infrastructure research group.</p>	<p>Students working with us will participate in regular research meetings and present their papers at our research workshops. We intend to organize one workshop where students can discuss their research ideas/proposal and one where they can discuss their research results.</p>	<p>Please contact: Jan Stockbruegger <a href="mailto:jbs@ifs.ku.dk">jbs@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/ocinfra/</a></p>
<p><b>Kandidaternes kampagner ved kommunal og folketingsvalg</b></p> <p>Kandidaternes kampagner – spørgeskemaundersøgelser ved KV09, KV13, KV17, KV21, FV11, FV15, FV19 om kampagner i alle år. I senere år også om opstilling/politisk rekruttering, om omkostninger ved at være i politik og oplevelse af chikane.</p>	<p>Studerende tilbydes at anvende data, men kun offentliggøre resultater efter nærmere aftale.</p> <p>Mulighed for at deltage og præsentere i et seminar efter aftale.</p>	<p>Please contact: Karina Kosiara-Pedersen <a href="mailto:kp@ifs.ku.dk">kp@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/</a></p>
<p><b>Politisk deltagelse, politisk rekruttering og partimedlemskab</b></p> <p>Partimedlemmernes aktivitet, forhold til partiet, politiske ambitioner osv. (spørgeskemaundersøgelse blandt danske partimedlemmer fra 2019, evt. sammenligning med 2012 og fra december 2022 skulle der også være adgang til international sammenligning)</p>	<p>Studerende tilbydes at anvende data, men kun offentliggøre resultater efter nærmere aftale.</p> <p>Mulighed for at deltage og præsentere i et seminar efter aftale.</p>	<p>Please contact: Karina Kosiara-Pedersen <a href="mailto:kp@ifs.ku.dk">kp@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/</a></p>

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<p><b>Chikane i politik</b></p> <p>Hvad er chikane, hvem oplever chikane og hvilken betydning har chikane – i politik? Allerede tilgængeligt er spørgeskemaundersøgelse blandt kommunalbestyrelsesmedlemmer i 2020 og FV22 kandidater. I løbet af F23 kommer også interview.</p>	<p>Studerende tilbydes at anvende data – men ikke offentliggøre resultater. Studerende tilbydes at deltage i forskningsgruppemøder ca. hver anden uge i F23. Resultaterne kan præsenteres ifm. international konference på instituttet 24.-25. maj 2023 (eller i efteråret 2023).</p>	<p>Please contact: Karina Kosiara-Pedersen <a href="mailto:kp@ifs.ku.dk">kp@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/centres/cvap/</a></p>
<p><b>Democratic Innovations in a Green Transition</b></p> <p>This project focuses on the Danish national climate citizens' assembly but is also interested in democratic innovations more broadly as well as the relationship between democracy and climate change. The project collaborates with both public and semi-public institutions to develop new insights on how to empower and improve citizen engagement in the green transition. Relevant questions and research projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who participates (and who doesn't) in green transition politics?</li> <li>• Advantages and disadvantages of using citizens' assemblies</li> <li>• The relation between civil society and the formal political system in a green transition</li> <li>• The limits of deliberative democracy</li> </ul>	<p>Please contact Lars Tønder for further information.</p>	<p>Please contact: Lars Tønder <a href="mailto:lt@ifs.ku.dk">lt@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://jura.ku.dk/cilg/research/democratic-innovations-in-a-green-transition-digt/">https://jura.ku.dk/cilg/research/democratic-innovations-in-a-green-transition-digt/</a></p>

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<p><b>Vital Politics: Rethinking Normativity in the Anthropocene</b></p> <p>This project focuses on the relationship between human and nonhuman modes of life within the context of the Anthropocene broadly understood. We work mostly from a political theory perspective but are also involved with activities involving artists and activists. Relevant questions and research ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The political implications of vitalism</li> <li>• The relation between humans and nonhuman in political theory (and political/social science)</li> <li>• Theories of the Anthropocene</li> <li>• Swarming as a new model of democracy?</li> </ul>	<p>Please contact Lars Tønder for further information.</p>	<p>Please contact: Lars Tønder <a href="mailto:lt@ifs.ku.dk">lt@ifs.ku.dk</a></p>
<p><b>“Bodies as Battleground: Gender, Images and International Security”</b></p>	<p>I welcome students who want to write on gender, security, and images (or two of those topics). Students are welcome to send me an email or come in my office hours to talk in more detail about their ideas. Students will – if they would like – be able to present their ideas and research to the researchers in the “Bodies as Battleground” research project at a one day event. I am available as a supervisor in Fall 2023, but not in the Spring 2023.</p>	<p>Please contact: Lene Hansen <a href="mailto:Lha@ifs.ku.dk">Lha@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/bodies-as-battleground/">https://politicalscience.ku.dk/research/projects/bodies-as-battleground/</a></p>

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<p><b>Translating ‘Resilience’ from the Global to the Local Scale</b></p> <p>This would be a project in the context of my current research on the 100 Resilient Cities initiative, which was initiated by the Rockefeller Foundation in 2013 in hopes of catalyzing urban transformations towards sustainability and a low-carbon future. With colleagues at the University of Toronto, we are exploring how the idea of ‘resilience’ has been circulated, contested, and translated in the 100 cities that were part of this initiative and whether/how this has shaped how the cities approach issues of climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p>	<p>Our project has a database of the resilience plans from the cities that could be analyzed through quantitative methods or discourse analysis. Students could also do a case study of one of the cities to look more closely at how they engaged with this transnational network and with what implications. Students could look at this through a global politics lens focused on transnational and multi-level governance. They could also take a more local perspective that focuses on issues of bureaucratic capacity for example.</p> <p>For a start, the student could inform me about their idea and we could talk about whether/how to connect them with the larger project.</p>	<p>Please contact: Michele Merrill Betsill <a href="mailto:m.Betsill@ifs.ku.dk">m.Betsill@ifs.ku.dk</a></p>
<p><b>Nature to the Rescue?</b></p> <p>I’m working with some colleagues to develop a new line of research on the politics of ‘nature-based solutions’ which have been proposed as a way to bring the climate and biodiversity agendas into alignment while also addressing social equity goals. We have identified a number of transnational initiatives led by non-state and sub-national actors that are attempting to develop programs and projects around this idea but in the process are presenting many different models of what a nature-based solution should be and how trade-offs should be managed when climate, biodiversity, and social goals cannot be achieved simultaneously.</p>	<p>Students interested in this topic could come talk to me and I could suggest some initiatives that they could use as case studies.</p>	<p>Please contact: Michele Merrill Betsill <a href="mailto:m.Betsill@ifs.ku.dk">m.Betsill@ifs.ku.dk</a></p>

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<p><b>Tech-international</b></p> <p>The global tech race between Silicon Valley in the US and Shenzhen in China is accelerating. Authoritarian states are undermining democracies through disinformation as well as cyber and traditional warfare, and Europe and its individual states are struggling to find their role in the digital world order. I'm interested in the global tech policy. I lead a research project on the EU's attempt to take back control with the mantra of 'digital sovereignty', a somewhat enigmatic vision, that has been embraced by a range of actors, not just the European Commission and NGOs, but several global tech companies themselves. I'm interested in supervising students working on such themes.</p>	<p>Please contact Rebecca Adler-Nissen for further information.</p>	<p>Please contact: Rebecca Adler-Nissen  <a href="mailto:ran@ifs.ku.dk">ran@ifs.ku.dk</a></p>
<p><b>Lobbying on Corona Policies in Denmark and beyond</b></p> <p><a href="#">InterCov Project</a> on Interest Representation during the pandemic. There is data from two waves of a cross-country survey to assess the effects of lobbying during the pandemic.</p>	<p>The student can get access to survey data (two waves of a cross- country dataset) and, for instance, add observational data to the existing data for the thesis. Presenting/discussing the resulting paper to/with the rest of the InterCov team could be an option..</p>	<p>Please contact: Wiebke Junk  <a href="mailto:Wiebke.junk@ifs.ku.dk">Wiebke.junk@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="#">InterCov Project   Wiebke Marie Junk (wiebkejunk.com)</a></p>

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<p><b>The strategic promotion of individual rights by the Court of Justice of the EU (comparative politics, quantitative methods, social media, MA thesis)</b></p> <p>The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU/ECJ) has risen to power as the de facto supreme court of the EU and is undoubtedly the world's most powerful international court. Yet at its origin, it was an economic court set up to monitor the EU Commission and member states' compliance with their common agreements. How and why did this evolution come about?</p> <p>In our project on litigation before the ECJ, we study the strategies that the Court has adopted. In particular, we argue that it has sized the role as a protector of individual rights and successfully convinced the legal community about the legitimacy of its claim.</p> <p>There are several approaches to test empirical implications of this argument. If you are interested in investigating how the Court promotes cases and how they are received, this project may be for you. A relevant line of inquiry is the Court's presence on social media.</p>	<p>As a collaborator, you will draw on the project's unique data as well as contribute to our ongoing data collection. The project will give you hands-on experience with (quantitative) research and a deeper understanding of key topics in comparative politics, and specifically judicial politics.</p> <p>To be included in this collaboration, you will apply with a draft research project (your future MA thesis) and a CV.</p>	<p>Please contact: Silje Synnøve Lyder Hermansen <a href="mailto:silje.hermansen@ifs.ku.dk">silje.hermansen@ifs.ku.dk</a></p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://siljehermansen.github.io">https://siljehermansen.github.io</a></p>
<p><b>The contemporary politics of health and gender: New issues, actors and ideas</b></p> <p>I am developing a new research agenda that aims to look at how medical science, politics, and gender co-constitute each other. This includes carrying out single and comparative case studies of new policy debates on issues like menstruation (eg. tampon tax, menstrual poverty), perinatal public health (ie. pre- and post-natal care), and gender affirming care. Data collection typically involves documentary data and semi-structured interviews with policy actors. The project draws on theories of welfare and policy regimes and will contribute to refining our understanding of how relations between the state, civil society, and experts are organized, and to with what gendered effects, in a wide range of countries.</p>	<p>Students interested in any aspect of this topic are welcome to get in touch with details of their ideas. Presenting the results of the research to colleagues and peers working on gender and politics in the department is an option.</p>	<p>Please contact: Emily St. Denny <a href="mailto:ed@ifs.ku.dk">ed@ifs.ku.dk</a></p>